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COD Provides Free Pop-Up Playground in Coachella

PALM DESERT, CA — College of the Desert's Early Childhood Education program will provide a free pop-up playground for children up to age 10 and their families on Saturday morning. The event will also serve as a children's book drive.

What: COD Early Childhood Education students helping children develop physical, language and thinking skills through play

When: 9 a.m. to Noon on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017

Where: Coachella Veterans Park, 1515 6th St., Coachella

More Information: The public pop-up playground will feature recycled materials that will help develop physical, language and thinking skills for children up to age 10 who will learn through play under the tutelage of College of the Desert's Early Childhood Education students. The event – featuring art, physical, and math and science activities – will show families and the community how free or inexpensive materials can develop such skills in children.

The Pop-Up Playground will also serve as a children's book drive, so everyone is encouraged to bring new and used books for donations.

How to cover: If you're interested in covering this photogenic event, please let us know by 11 a.m. Friday by contacting via email James Meier at <u>JMeier@collegeofthedesert.edu</u> or phone at (760) 773-2589 (office) or (760) 848-8230 (cell).

About College of the Desert:

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