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## Parenting Newsletter Fall 2012



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### **AVANCE takes part in NBC's Third Annual Education Nation Summit**

AVANCE shared with a national media audience how our program has successfully taught and helped struggling parents develop strategies critical to their child's development.

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### Reflections of an AVANCE-Austin Parent Graduate

Maria Campista was depressed with a low self-esteem and rarely felt like leaving her house before she enrolled in parenting classes at AVANCE-Austin in the fall of 2011. The 37 year old mother of three children was hopeless and struggling to help her youngest child, Jose, a three year old living with a speech impediment. "The AVANCE program was exactly what I needed," Campista explained. [Continue Reading](#)



## Featured Tip

### Giving Up The Pacifier

Ten clever ways to get your child to give up the pacifier.

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## Extra Extra!

The last few months AVANCE affiliates across the county have made headlines. [Click here](#) or on the image below to read their stories.

**AVANCE in the News!**

## Trick or Treat!

Check out these family safety tips for a fun Halloween. [Click here](#) or on the image below to read more.

## Parenting Resources

[Parenting Quiz](#)

[Putting children on the path to a healthy future](#)

[Dehydration and your children](#)

[Study finds children who watch age-appropriate media sleep better](#)

## AmeriCorps & AVANCE

Cynthia Roman enrolled in the AVANCE Parent-Child Education Program and GED classes thanks to direction from her sister-in-law. After receiving her GED with AVANCE, Cynthia applied to serve as an AmeriCorps member. Her service with AmeriCorps has encouraged her to accomplish her personal and educational goals while at the same time allowing her to serve as a role model for her children. [Continue Reading](#)



## Bernanke Champions Early Learning

On July 24th, in a video message during the Children's Defense Fund national conference in Cincinnati Federal Reserve Chairman, Ben S. Bernanke, shared a strong message in support of high quality early childhood education. [Click here](#) or on the image below to watch the video.





## Top Nonprofit

NerdWallet recently named AVANCE one of the top nonprofit organizations for at-risk youth in the nation! NerdWallet is a personal finance website that gives unbiased recommendations on credit cards, personal finance, gas prices, discounts and more. [Continue Reading](#)



## Careful what you cut

Join the Be Careful What You Cut campaign, and help spread the irrefutable economic case for why cutting children from the budget now will cost all of us more later on.

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## Now Accepting Proposals



The submission deadline for the Unlocking America's Potential Project Grant is October 15th, 2012. To learn more and download/view the Request for Proposal [click here](#).

## Our Mission

AVANCE's mission is to unlock America's potential by strengthening families in at-risk communities through effective parent education and support programs.

## Our Vision

We envision a future where we live in a world where children and parents advance to their full potential, transforming the communities in which we live.

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