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**Kidango Opens New Preschool in Pleasanton
*Preparing Children for Kindergarten & Beyond***

Pleasanton, CA. July 8, 2009. Kidango, a local children’s organization, announced today that it began providing services at its newest child development center; the Kidango Bernal Preschool Center located at 4667 Bernal Road in Pleasanton, adjacent to the Pleasanton Unified School District administrative office. The Kidango Bernal Center will provide full day preschool programs to 48 children ages 2-5 years old.

Quality early education and nurturing child care will be provided by Kidango’s credentialed, professional and caring teaching staff. Janja Colic, Kidango Bernal Center Director, will lead the Center’s educational team. Colic brings with her 30 years of experience in the field of early education, seven of which she has spent with Kidango. She completed all her core university requirements prior to entering the field, is CPR and First Aid Certified and is highly regarded by children, parents and colleagues alike. “It is important to forge strong and open relationships with parents, so that we can all work together to ensure that their children are happy and well prepared for Kindergarten and beyond,” said Colic.

Kidango has 30 years of experience in child development and its preschool programs promote social-emotional growth, cognitive development and hands-on learning so children are well-prepared for Kindergarten and future life success. The Bernal Center has learning areas that were specifically designed to create stimulating, attractive and functional spaces so that all children have the opportunity to learn through play. The learning environment is licensed by Community Care Licensing and provides a safe and home-like setting, while the curriculum is designed to fit each child’s specific needs and interests.

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Parents looking for a strong preschool program are encouraged to call Kidango at 1-800-262-4252 to set up a facility tour or an enrollment appointment. Spots will fill up quickly at the Kidango Bernal Center, so parents are encouraged to call today. Kidango does operate all year long, but special summer curriculum, including fun outdoor activities will take place over the next few months and it is anticipated that the Bernal Center will be fully enrolled shortly after the start of Pleasanton Unified Academic School Year.

Kidango will host an open house and ribbon cutting in late September and will keep the community informed of all upcoming events. Kidango is excited to have a new location in the City of Pleasant and looks forward to providing Pleasanton families with a safe and educational preschool program. Kidango hopes to build strong relationships with the families, schools, and businesses in the community.

For more information on the Bernal Center please contact Camille E. Llanes at 510-897-6912 or at cclanes@kidango.org.

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About Kidango

Kidango, Inc. is a private, not-for-profit children's agency. It began as Tri-Cities Children's Centers, Inc. in 1979 and at inception there were 90 children and families being served at one center in Fremont. As a leader in early care and education, Kidango offers a wide variety of programs to meet the diverse needs of children 0-12 years of age and their families. Currently there are 38 centers throughout the Bay Area and the agency is continuously expanding to meet the growing needs of children and families. Today more than 2,500 children and families are served in the Alameda, Santa Clara, and San Francisco counties each year.

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