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## **BUF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IN PLAINFIELD LAUNCHES WEBSITE IN SPANISH**

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BUF Health and Human Services (BUF) is pleased to officially announce the launching of their website in Spanish: <http://bufnj.org/es/about-black-united-fund.html>. BUF operates two pre-school facilities, an afterschool program and a summer camp in Plainfield, NJ. Approximately 80 percent of the community serviced by BUF's facilities is of Latino decent.

BUF strives to provide a culturally supportive environment with appropriate translation services as reflected by having a bilingual website, allowing immigrant parents to stay engaged in their child's education. Additionally, at BUF we understand that contact with people of similar ethnic and cultural backgrounds minimizes the stress and isolation experienced by many new immigrants.

"One can find an English and a Spanish speaking teacher in all our classrooms, as classes are taught in English and Spanish," stated BUF President and CEO Sondra Clark, "Sometimes lessons are taught only in Spanish to give English speaking students the opportunity to learn and practice another language."

"We are committed and in tune with the needs of the community we service," said Ms. Clark, "We believe that effective early childhood education has to be culturally competent and must address the diversity within the immigrant population it services."

BUF will be hosting a Back to School Health Fair sponsored by Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield, Saturday, September 14, 2013 from 12-5 p.m.

The Horizon Health Team will provide the following services to adults 19 and older:

- Health screenings (blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose)
- Sun exposure analysis
- Nutrition and exercise- their care-a-vans have TVs and meeting areas to educate people on the importance of a healthy lifestyle
- Dancing for Your Health- a program that encourages people to use dance as a fun and no-cost form of exercise

BUF Health and Human Services (BUF) goal is to support children in their active explorations and to help them to become self-confident, independent and inquisitive learners. Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) since April 2004, BUF provides an environment rich in materials to explore and learn. To schedule a site visit at one of our locations, please call 908-561-0123 or email at [sclark@bufhhs.org](mailto:sclark@bufhhs.org).