



PLAYING BALL WITH RIPKEN » Above, Jonathan Floretil instructs Mia Denson during the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation's first monthly clinic in September at Baker Field in Naples. Fifty kids learned how to play ball during the clinic, which was attended by students of the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County, Youth Haven and Grace Place. The program is funded by a grant from the Naples Children & Education Foundation, founders of the Naples Winter Wine Festival. At right, Chris McGourty. Photos by Charlie McDonald/ special to SW FL Parent & Child



IMPROVING BIRTH RALLY »

Moms, dads and kids campaigned with the Southwest Florida BirthNetwork for improved birthing in the National Rally for Change on Labor Day, Sept. 3. The organization aims to have "all maternal healthcare providers practice evidence-based care," according to its website, and thus reduce unnecessary inductions and cesareans. Photos by Megan DiPiero Photography/special to SW FL Parent & Child