

Guiding Principles

Four principles guide the work of the San Mateo Partnership:

Inclusiveness: The Partnership endeavors to involve all aspects of the San Mateo community. Our membership and procedures reflect equity and cultural responsiveness.

Outcome-Focused: Clearly defined, achievable, outcome-focused priorities form the cornerstone of all our efforts.

Leveraging Current Resources:

The Partnership aims to leverage existing resources in order to improve the effectiveness of service delivery in our community.

Community Building:

Through our collaborative efforts, we aim to build a sense of community commitment to meeting the needs of San Mateo's children and families.

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San Mateo Partnership—Kids and Families 1st is a joint undertaking of the City of San Mateo and the San Mateo-Foster City School District.

Our vision is to maximize the opportunities for success for our community's children and families through improving collaboration, leveraging existing resources, and ultimately creating new approaches to delivering services.

Research indicates that the tools and behaviors leading to success in life are established at a very young age. The Partnership therefore focuses its efforts upon children from birth to age 8 and their families.

Each year the Partnership involves the community in a planning process to develop the year's **Agenda for Kids and Families**. The priorities identified in the Agendas guide the work of the Partnership's various task forces.

The success of the San Mateo Partnership is due to the volunteer efforts of dedicated community members!

Partnership Involvement

Membership in the San Mateo Partnership is open to all community members and organizations committed to the success of children and families.

The **Organizational Structure** of the Partnership is designed to provide a variety of opportunities for involvement in the Partnership's goals and activities.

Community members are involved in the Partnership in one or more of the following ways:

Advisory Council members promote the Partnership's agendas and evaluate the progress of the agendas.

Task Force members plan or implement specific aspects of the Partnership's agendas.

Support Partners are agencies, groups or organizations which collaborate with and support the San Mateo Partnership.

Implementation Supporters are community members who join in some aspect of the Partnership's work.

Community Network members are individuals who are interested in the Partnership's work.

The Partnership recognizes the need for flexibility in Partnership involvement. Members of the Partnership therefore choose the level(s) of involvement that best fit their interests and availability.

Partnership Funding

The Partnership's efforts are funded through:

1. **Peninsula Partnership for Children, Youth and Families**
The San Mateo Partnership is one of six city-wide partnerships in San Mateo County that receives federal funding distributed by the Peninsula Community Foundation's *Peninsula Partnership for Children, Youth and Families*.

2. **City of San Mateo and San Mateo-Foster City School District**

The City and School District jointly provide both financial support and staff leadership to the San Mateo Partnership's efforts.

3. **Community Support**

Partnership and community members donate volunteer time and/or financial support to further the work of the Partnership's Agendas.