

Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Office of Children and Families Policy Workplan

Core Objective 1	Strategies	Projects	Developmental Stage	Milestones/Deliverables	Start Date	End Date	Key Partners/ Participants
<p>Policy and Analysis: Follow and advocate for local, state, and federal policies that will facilitate an equity-forward and data-driven agenda that identifies the most critical needs of children and families as well as promising practices and sustainable funding that have demonstrated measurable positive outcomes.</p>	<p>Identify and summarize countywide needs of and services for children and families.</p>	<p>Advise on the Santa Clara County Children’s Data Book.</p>	<p>All ages</p>	<p>Contributions to the published Santa Clara County Children’s Data Book.</p>	<p>June 2023</p>	<p>June 2024</p>	<p>Kids in Common</p>
		<p>Advise on the Santa Clara County Children’s Budget.</p>	<p>All ages</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contributions to the published Santa Clara County Children's Budget. Development of a pilot program to gather data and enhance existing information in the Children’s Budget. 	<p>July 2023</p>	<p>June 2024</p>	<p>Office of Budget and Analysis; Office of Diversity, Equity, and Belonging</p>
		<p>Create OCFP Strategic Plan that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of relevant local planning documents and data. Inventory of countywide community engagement efforts that involve children and families. Utilization of the Santa Clara County Children’s Budget to collect detailed information on County funding and services for children. Recommendations to address priority issues facing children and families, gaps and redundancies in funding, and children’s services. 	<p>All ages</p>	<p>Release of Strategic Plan document.</p>	<p>September 2023</p>	<p>June 2024</p>	<p>County agencies and community partners</p>
	<p>Monitor, identify, and support children and family legislation, funding, and policy issues relevant to Santa Clara County.</p>	<p>Maintain clearinghouse that tracks current local, state, and federal legislation, funding, and policies related to children and families to inform the County’s potential support.</p>	<p>All ages</p>	<p>Maintenance of a regularly updated clearinghouse that tracks local, state, and federal legislation and policy.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Intergovernmental Relations team; County Administration</p>

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	Participate in local, state, and national collaborations.	Participate in relevant meetings and workgroups related to state, local, and national legislation, funding, and policies important to children and families in Santa Clara County.	All ages	Provision of updates on participation and successful partnerships.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Local and state children and families policy organizations
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Core Objective 2	Strategies	Projects	Developmental Stage	Milestones/Deliverables	Start Date	End Date	Key Partners/Participants
Collaboration and Partnerships: Cultivate and increase collaboration across County agencies and with community partners to improve outcomes for children and families using data- and evidence-based strategies.	Serve as source for information on County priorities, policy resources, and new initiatives for children and families.	Maintain OCFP website.	All ages	Maintenance of current updates on the News and Resources pages of the OCFP website.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Division of Equity and Social Justice
	Uplift the needs and experiences of children/youth and families in Santa Clara County.	Create storytelling videos.	All ages	Topic-specific storytelling videos that describe the needs of children and families and experiences with pilot initiatives.	Ongoing	Ongoing	County Communications teams; systems partners
	<u>Partnerships:</u> Participate in collaborations across County agencies and with community partners to understand needs and address programmatic and policy priorities.	Participate on County and other regional advisory bodies with the goal of advancing children and family well-being.	All ages	Summary of participation and engagement activities for Annual Report.	Ongoing	Ongoing	County agencies; community partners
	<u>Youth voice:</u> Promote and facilitate youth voice in County decision-making.	Staff the Youth Task Force (YTF).	13 to 18	Support of YTF annual retreat, followed by development of a workplan and monitoring of annual goals and accomplishments.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Youth serving on task force; Board of Supervisors (BOS); Clerk of the Board

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Core Objective 3	Strategies	Projects	Developmental Stage	Milestones/Deliverables	Start Date	End Date	Key Partners/ Participants
Strategic Issues and Initiatives: In partnership with County agencies and other organizations, facilitate the implementation of promising new initiatives that will support and strengthen early interventions and preventative practices.	Plan, implement, and evaluate pilot services that support expanding access to quality early care and education.	Childcare workforce development: TK Teacher Equity pilot.	0 to 5	Facilitation of application and support for qualified credential candidates (September 2023 through June 2024).	July 2022	June 2024	FIRST 5 Santa Clara County (FIRST 5)
		Childcare workforce development: Apprenticeship pilot focused on bringing diverse individuals into the early learning and care field.	0 to 5	Launch of second cohort of Associate Teacher Apprentices (fall 2023) and new cohort of Teacher Apprentices (fall 2024).	July 2022	June 2026	FIRST 5
		Childcare workforce development: Shared Services Alliance.	0 to 5	Hosting of first conference (fall 2023) and second conference (fall 2025); delivery of shared services (July 2024 through June 2026).	July 2022	June 2026	FIRST 5
		Research options and costs and make recommendations associated with adding 0-5 childcare at County facilities and investing in increased early care and education resources in surrounding communities.	0 to 5	Completion of Santa Clara County Early Childcare and Education Blueprint; report to BOS (spring 2024).	August 2022	June 2024	Facilities and Fleet Department; FIRST 5; Santa Clara County Office of Education; local city departments
		Develop childcare and early education infrastructure grant program to support center-based and family childcare home providers to expand childcare slots.	0 to 13	Notice of Funding Availability released (September 2023); grant monitoring (October 2023 through October 2026 or when all projects have been completed).	June 2023	December 2026	Valley Health Foundation
		Provide evaluation and policy support for Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI) pilots serving young mothers and trans parents.	0 to 5	Development of an evaluation framework and participation in local GBI policy discussions.	Ongoing	Ongoing	County Administration; Social Services Agency; Young Women's Freedom Center

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	Plan, implement, and evaluate pilot services that promote academic achievements and reduce truancy for students in Santa Clara County.	Monitor and support learning academies to provide Afro-centric tutoring and educational supports for students struggling or wanting to maintain excellence in academics.	4 to 19	Student surveys conducted (fall-winter 2023 and July 2024); end-of-year summary of participation and services.	July 2021	July 2024	Bible Way Christian Center; Emmanuel Baptist Church; Maranatha Outreach Center
	Plan, implement, and evaluate pilot support for at-risk youth engaged and formerly in the foster care and juvenile justice systems.	Through Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), identify needs and supports for youth transitioning from detention to their local schools.	11 to 18	Inclusion of student transition needs in MOU that includes school districts.	August 2022	June 2024	County Counsel; Probation Department; SCCOE; school districts
	Plan, implement, and evaluate pilot services that support expanding access to quality mental health and well-being services for children/youth and families.	Assist in evaluation of funding for expanded wellness center models at Santa Clara County schools.	5 to 18	Evaluation updates included in regular reports from the Behavioral Health Services Department (BHSD) on school-based behavioral health services to BOS and Children, Seniors, and Families Committee.	Ongoing	Ongoing	BHSD