



Center for Early Learning

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The Center for Early Learning:

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Our Vision: a community where
all children have the foundation to flourish.

The Building Blocks for Life

We believe that every child deserves the best possible start in life.

Children begin learning the minute they are born, and positive early life experiences are the building blocks for their future success.

To set their children up for success, families must be able to access the care, education and resources their children need.



A Foundation to Flourish

The Center for Early Learning is committed to ensuring that babies and young children in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties get the best possible start in life. We promote solutions that make healthy child development and high-quality early education available to all families, so that every child has the foundation to flourish.

The Path to Success

The Center for Early Learning is devoted to action on behalf of expectant parents, children (from birth to age eight), and their families. **We work to:**



Activate leadership

We partner with elected and government officials, civic leaders, foundations and nonprofit organizations to enact policy and put in place programs that support young children, and to identify and take actions that promote healthy child development and education.

Our successful Choose Children initiative during the 2018 California gubernatorial primary and elections helped make sure that our next governor would serve as a champion for young children.



Catalyze investment

We leverage our position in philanthropy to facilitate greater investment in young children from both private funders and government. We serve as a trusted resource for donors and foundations across the nation.

CEL commissioned research to determine how to expand philanthropic investment in early care and education. The report offers a roadmap for how leaders in the early childhood field can motivate and maintain long-term investment for their work to support children and families.



Support innovation and spread knowledge

We provide resources and expertise, test new ideas, conduct research and spread information that advance solutions and policies that can make a real difference in the lives of children.

The Big Lift is a bold early learning program that aims to lift up the children of San Mateo County and beyond by providing quality preschool, summer learning programs, and supporting ongoing family engagement and school attendance.



The Results

 Our Kindergarten Readiness handbook has supported **100,000 families'** transition to kindergarten

 The Big Lift helped **3,418 San Mateo County students** from Pre-K to second grade increase their literacy skills over the summer

 Raising A Reader San Mateo provides **5,000 young children** with high-quality books every year

 Thanks in part to CEL's Child Care and Preschool Facilities Taskforce, San Mateo County now has **more housing and business leaders** championing the need for more child care in our region

 **78 principals** from **26 local school districts** boosted their early childhood knowledge and systems skills as part of The Leadership Academy — a three-part training series

 Thanks in part to CEL's Choose Children campaign, California has a **governor** who is making **early childhood** a pillar of his administration



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