



# SANTA CLARA COUNTY Early Learning MASTER PLAN

## FACILITIES WORKING COMMITTEE FACT SHEET

Ensuring that all young children from birth through third grade have access to high quality learning environments

The Santa Clara County Early Learning Master Plan has goals in six strategic areas, including **facilities**. (The others are: family engagement and leadership, data management, articulation and alignment, workforce and quality.)

The vision of the Facilities Committee is to ensure that every facility serving children from birth through third grade is of high quality, accessible and supports the learning and development of all children.

### The Committee's purpose is to:

- Develop a system that ensures planning and funding needs for quality facilities are met;
- Raise awareness about the importance of facilities in supporting children's development and learning;
- Ensure that early learning facilities are given the same priority as curriculum; and
- Offer technical assistance to new and existing providers to increase the quality and quantity of early learning sites in the county.

### Strategic Objectives for the Facilities Committee

- Develop a business plan to create a Santa Clara County Early Learning Facilities Fund;
- Create a resource library that prospective and current providers can access to assist in facility and business development;
- Conduct surveys on zoning, fire and land use regulations with local governments and share findings with providers; and
- Identify and recruit new committee members.



## How to get Involved

Become an official partner of the Facility Committee by:

- Sharing your knowledge and expertise in facilities and/or business development;
- Joining our network;
- Adding informational materials to our resource library; or
- Attending one of our meetings. (Call 408-453-3606 for the meeting schedule.)



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*The **Santa Clara County Early Learning Master Plan** is a countywide plan that also serves as the early learning strategy for SJ2020. Early learning sets the foundation for the educational continuum, which is critical for student achievement and long-term success. High quality early learning enables students to develop the skills they need to succeed in school; helps to reduce the readiness gap, which turns into the achievement gap; correlates to higher levels of education, and ultimately employment; and lowers the rate of incarceration.*

## Selected Partners Include:

- Artik Architecture
- Bonnie Henry Commercial Real Estate
- City of Mountain View, Youth Services
- City of San Jose, Early Care and Education Services
- Estrella Family Services
- Inclusion Collaborative
- Kidango
- Local Early Education Planning Council of Santa Clara County
- Local Investment in Child Care (LINCC)
- Santa Clara County Office of Education Head Start/Early Head Start
- Small Business Development Corporation
- Santa Clara County Child Care Coordinating Council
- STF Development

*The **Early Learning Master Plan** was unveiled in fall 2010 after a year-long community engagement process that involved local school districts, early education professionals, community members, civic leaders, community colleges and universities, business representatives and other stakeholders. To learn more about our work, go to [www.sccoe.org](http://www.sccoe.org) and click on **Early Learning Plan** under **Featured Programs and Services**.*

