



Strengthening Family Connections Through Free Community Resources

Engaging with children of all ages in meaningful ways strengthens family bonds and supports their educational success. Santa Clara County offers a wealth of free opportunities for parents and caregivers to connect with their children, whether through reading, exploring, or simply spending quality time together.

Libraries as Learning Hubs

Local libraries offer free storytimes, cultural events, and homework help. The Santa Clara County Library District (scclid.org) and San José Public Library (sjpl.org) provide access to books, educational programs, and even free museum passes through their [Discover & Go program](#).

Outdoor Exploration

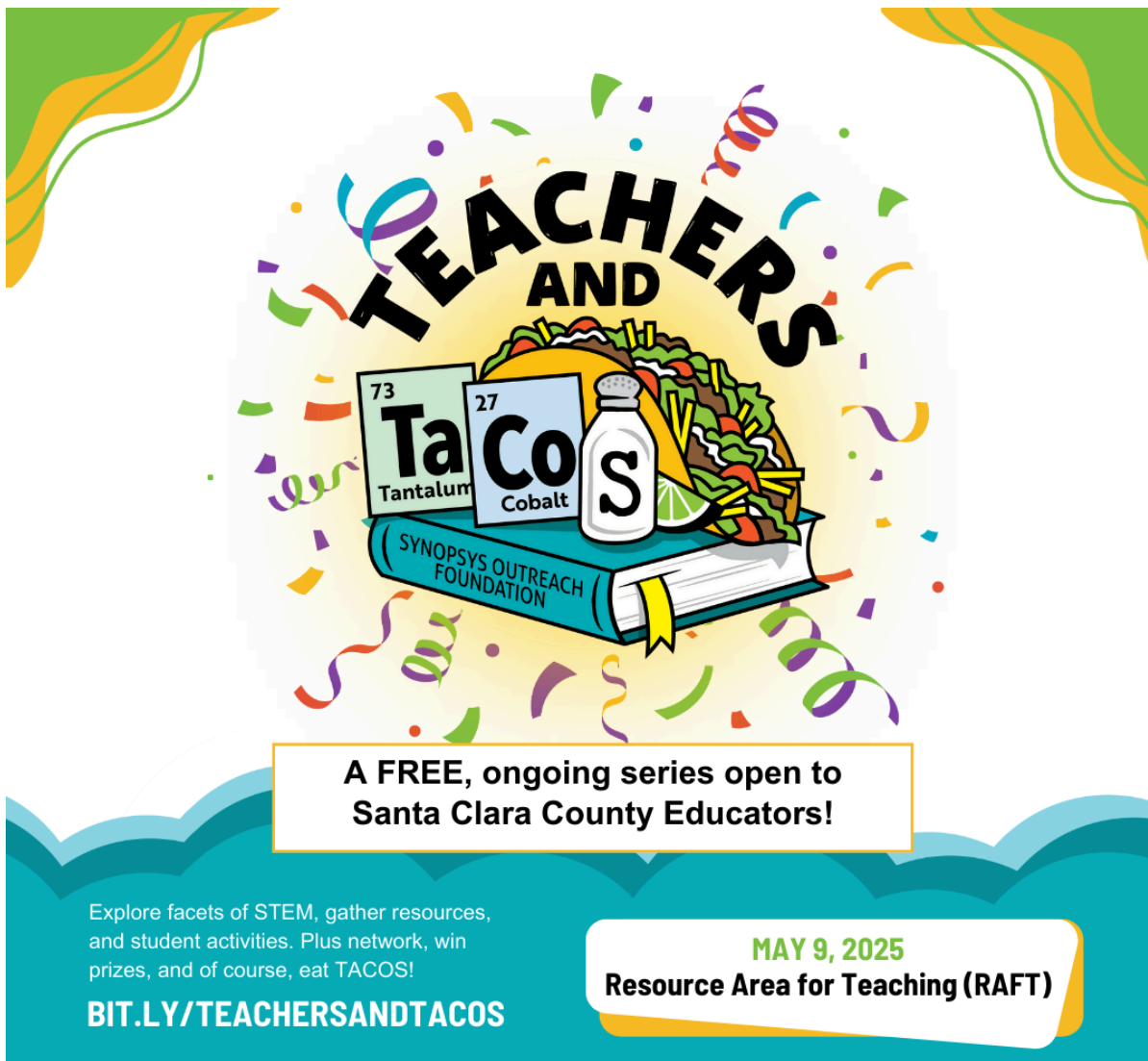
Spending time in nature is a great way to connect. Santa Clara County Parks (parkhere.org) offer free guided hikes, family-friendly events, and opportunities to learn about local wildlife.

Community Events & Workshops

First 5 Santa Clara County (<https://first5parents.org/>) provides workshops and playgroups that support early childhood development.

By taking advantage of these resources, families can create lasting memories while fostering a love of learning.

Community News and Resources

A colorful graphic for the 'Teachers and Tacos' event. At the top, the words 'TEACHERS AND' are written in large, bold, black letters. Below them, a large, detailed taco is shown, filled with various ingredients like lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, and meat. In front of the taco are three periodic table elements: Tantalum (Ta, atomic number 73), Cobalt (Co, atomic number 27), and Sulfur (S). A salt shaker with the letter 'S' on it is also present. The entire scene is set against a background of colorful confetti and streamers. Below the graphic, a white box contains the text 'A FREE, ongoing series open to Santa Clara County Educators!'. At the bottom, a teal banner contains the text 'Explore facets of STEM, gather resources, and student activities. Plus network, win prizes, and of course, eat TACOS!' and the URL 'BIT.LY/TEACHERSANDTACOS'. To the right of the banner, a white box contains the date 'MAY 9, 2025' and the text 'Resource Area for Teaching (RAFT)'.

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MAY 9, 2025
Resource Area for Teaching (RAFT)



Teachers and Tacos

Calling all teachers in Santa Clara County! Get together for outdoor activities, networking opportunities, and most importantly, free tacos and supplies throughout the school year.

For details, visit: <https://outreach-foundation.org/programs/teachers-tacos/>



2025 Heart & Soles Run Volunteers

Are you looking for a fun way to give back to your community? The Heart and Soles Run seeks volunteers on Race Day (May 10) and Packet Pickup (May 9). Help support this event by giving out shirts and bibs, assisting runners along the course, or handing out water, snacks, and medals. It's a great way to be part of this event that benefits local youth health and nutrition programs—even if you don't feel like running!

Sign up now at heartandsolesrunsv.com/volunteer



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LEARN ABOUT THE HOUSING ORDINANCES IN SAN JOSÉ

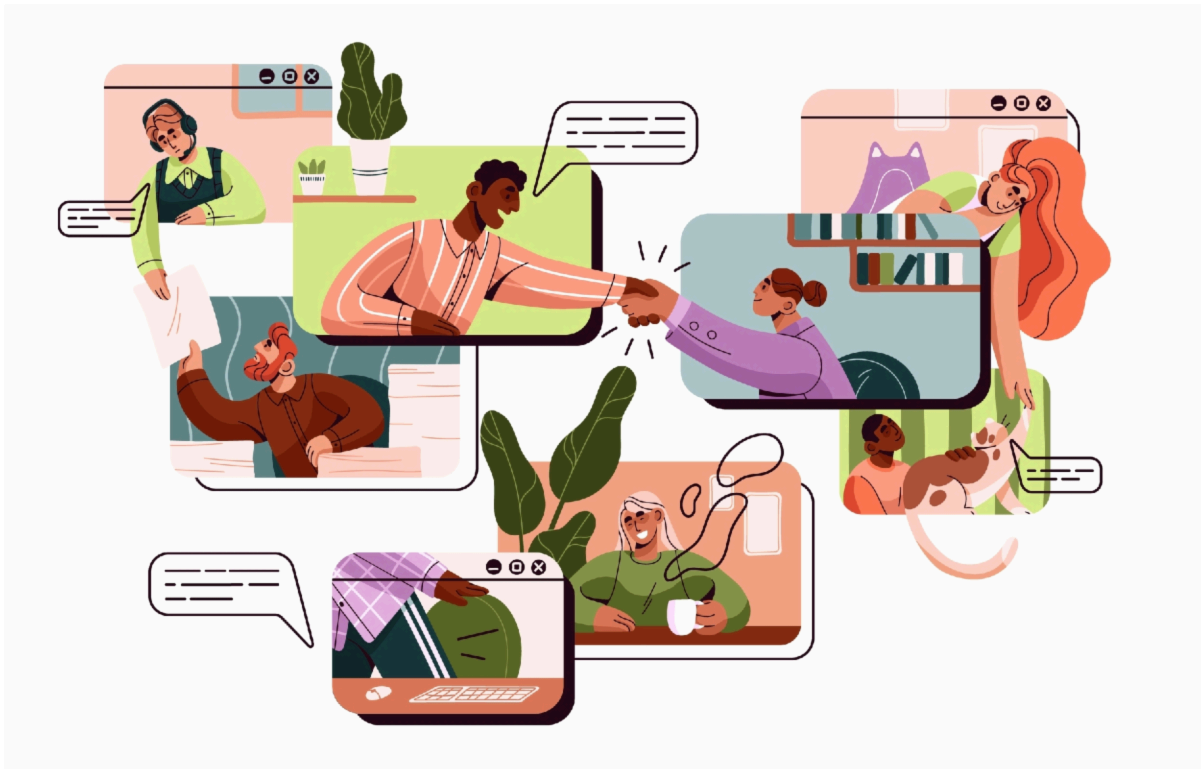
Learn more at sanjoseca.gov/rentalrights

San Jose Housing Resources

There are many City ordinances and State laws governing the rights and obligations of residential tenants and landlords.

To learn which San José housing ordinances apply to you, visit: <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments-offices/housing/housing-rental-rights>

SCCOE Events and Resources



TOSA & Instructional Coaches Network Meeting

The SCCO# invites all Instructional Coaches, Mentors, and Teachers on Special Assignment (TOSAs) to the 2024-2025 TOSA & Instructional Coaches Network Meeting. Develop leadership skills, learn more about supporting teachers with content, and network with other instructional leaders.

For more information and to register, visit <https://sccoe.to/TOSA>



Expository Reading and Writing Curriculum Introductory Training Series

Join us for the Expository Reading and Writing Curriculum Introductory Training Series and learn evidence-based, engaging strategies aligned with the CA Common Core Standards for English Language Arts and English Language Development. Become familiar with the ERWC pedagogy and investigate rhetorical reading, writing, and inquiry processes.

The event will be held on the below dates from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 8 Upper Ragsdale Drive, Monterey.

- May 2 and 3, 2025
- June 9 and 10, 2025

To learn more and register,

visit: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/999f5e9b803c4b5c8de8a58b25ad8ce0>

District Resources

ETHNIC STUDIES

Virtual Professional Learning Workshop Series



This Ethnic Studies Professional Learning Workshop Series empowers educators and leaders to implement equity-centered, culturally sustaining pedagogy. Using the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum and California History-Social Science Framework, this virtual series provides tools to create inclusive K-12 programs, fostering collaboration, best practices, and capacity building for administrators, teachers, and school leaders.

Workshop Dates:

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 3-4:00 p.m. | Thursday, March 6, 2025 3-4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 3, 2025 3-4:30 p.m. | Thursday, May 8, 2025 3-4:30 p.m.

Workshop Cost: \$40 per person

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- Session Three: Implementation on April 3, 2025, from 3 to 4:30 p.m.
- Session Four: Connections Resources and Collaboration on May 8, 2025, from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

To register, visit: <https://sccoe.to/EthnicStudies2025>

**There is a fee associated with this workshop.*

Mental Health & Wellness VIRTUAL SPRING SYMPOSIUM



Nakeya T. Fields

Collective Care in
Schools: Building
Support Systems
that Heal



Liz Cruz

Parent Engagement
and Education



Melissa Rubio

Expanding Culture
Change through
Restorative
Practices



Maria Vogel

What Would You
Do? Exploring Real-
Life Scenarios with
LGBTQIA+ Students
and Clients

Friday, April 4, 2025 | 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

LEARN MORE & REGISTER FOR THE FREE SYMPOSIUM:
sccoe.to/mhw-spring-symposium-registration

Mental Health & Wellness Virtual Spring Symposium

The SCCOE Educator Preparation Programs Department's Mental Health & Wellness Branch invites school-based mental health practitioners, administrators, and multidisciplinary teams to our free Virtual Spring Symposium on April 4, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM.

- The theme is "Collective Care in Schools: Building Support Systems that Heal."
- Gain expert-led training on student and parent engagement and wellness strategies.
- Connect with professionals committed to fostering mental health and success in schools.

To learn more and register, visit: <https://sccoe.to/mhw-spring-symposium-registration>

SECONDARY TEACHERS

ELEVATE YOUR CO-TEACHING PRACTICE



Secondary Teachers: Elevate Co-Teaching Practice

Join us for the virtual Community of Practice (CoP) series designed for secondary teachers in elevating their co-teaching practices. These sessions will be presented by Heather Anderson from the Innovation Collaborative.

CoP Session Dates and Topics:.

- Thursday, April 17, 2025 | Establish Parity in the Classroom: Foster an equal partnership to create a balanced classroom environment.
- Thursday, May 15, 2025 | Explore Effective Co-Teaching Models: Discover and implement various co-teaching models that maximize instructional impact.

To register, visit: <https://sccoe.to/Co-Teaching>

Health and Wellness



CDC's Drug-Free Communities Support Program

CDC's Drug-Free Communities Support Program is the nation's leading effort to mobilize communities to prevent youth substance use.

Find out how your community can get involved: <https://bit.ly/4fByUZM>



SCCLD Reading Program

The Reading Program of SCCLD offers FREE 1-on-1 tutoring for adults who want to achieve their lifelong goals and improve reading, writing, speaking and listening skills (<https://scclld.org/reading-program/>). Pairs meet for weekly tutoring either online or in-person at an SCCLD location for 2 hours a week for at least 6 months.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer literacy tutor, please register for a Tutor Orientation on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at Gilroy Library. There will be two orientations, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Please submit an online form to register: <https://tinyurl.com/9znahmdj>

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