



IMPACT Weekly

April 30, 2025

From the moment they are born, children are learning and growing—building the skills that shape their future. With 90% of brain development happening before age five, early childhood is a critical time for nurturing care and support. Quality childcare programs—whether at a center, family childcare home, preschool, or transitional kindergarten—help children build the academic, social, and emotional foundations for lifelong success.

Finding the right fit for your family can feel overwhelming, but you don't have to do it alone. The [Santa Clara County Childcare Resource & Referral \(R&R\) Program](#) is here to help. Their free services connect families to licensed childcare options that meet your needs, whether you're looking for a certain location, schedule, or language support.

Worried about the cost? R&R can also guide you to financial assistance programs, such as subsidized early learning, California State Preschool, Head Start, and more.

Visit the R&R website, call (669) 212-5437, or email childcarescc@sccoe.org to start your search. If your child is four, ask about free transitional kindergarten programs too!

Your child's bright future starts today.

Community News and Resources



Walden West Garden Volunteer Day 2025

Join us on May 17, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for a morning of volunteering in the Walden West Garden! We'll be helping with garden maintenance tasks like weeding, watering, mulching, and planting. We'll also have a couple of special projects to improve the space. Breakfast and tools will be provided by the Walden West Foundation. Please bring a refillable water bottle, long sleeves, pants, and closed-toe shoes. Registration is required.

To Register, visit: <https://www.ultracamp.com/info/sessionDetail.aspx?idCamp=968&idSession=519218&campCode=1mS>



The Unity Youth Conference 2025: Rewriting Our Stars is a youth-led event designed to empower, uplift, and inspire young people to take control of their futures and become change-makers in their communities. Through interactive workshops and peer-led discussions, the conference provides a platform for youth to explore identity, wellness, leadership, and advocacy. This year's theme emphasizes the power young people have to reshape their narratives, break cycles, and define success on their own terms.

The Unity Youth Conference is set to take place at SCCOE Ridder Park on June 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Looking to host a workshop at the conference? Fill out the application by May 12 at 11:59 p.m.

To register, visit: <https://sccoe.to/uyc2025>

SCCOE Events and Resources

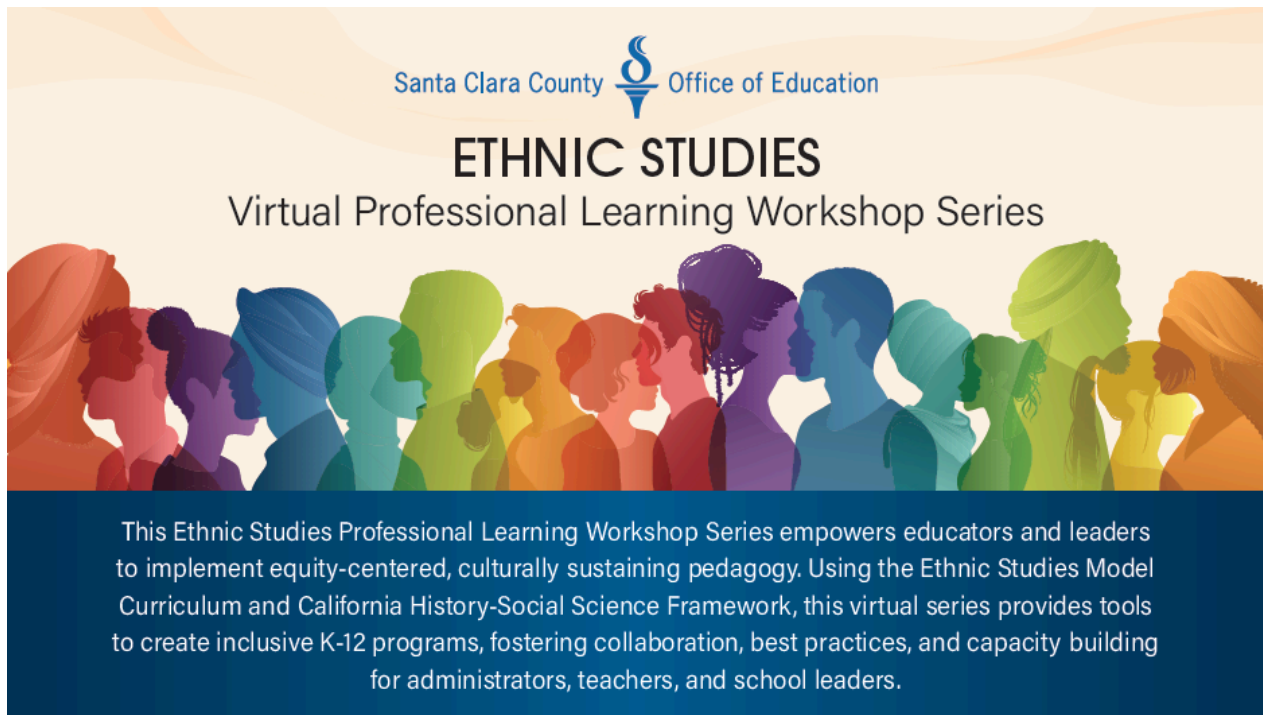
A vibrant poster for the EdTECH for Innovation Conference 2025. The background is a deep space scene with stars, nebulae, and a glowing orange planet on the right. In the center, two diverse students, a girl with curly hair and a boy with glasses, are smiling and wearing backpacks. The text 'EdTECH for Innovation Conference 2025' is prominently displayed in yellow and white. Below it, the tagline 'Bridging the STEM Gap Through Teacher Empowerment' is written in white. A yellow banner on the left says 'FREE'. At the bottom, the date and time 'July 25, 2025 • 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.' and the location '1290 Ridder Park Drive, San Jose, CA 95131' are listed. Logos for Santa Clara County Office of Education and Synopsis Outreach Foundation are in the bottom left. A yellow button at the bottom right says 'Register: sccoe.to/EdTech4Innovation'.

EdTech for Innovation Conference

The SCCOE invites you to the EdTech for Innovation Conference on July 25, 2025, from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM at the Santa Clara County Office of Education. This free event is open to all TK–12 educators and offers a day of innovation, collaboration, and hands-on learning. Join us for a keynote address by Dee Lanier, Lead Experience Designer and co-author of Promises and Perils

of AI in Education. The event will feature educator-led sessions focused on real-world STEM integration, as well as opportunities to reimagine what's possible in your classroom. Connect with leading tech organizations and explore interactive stations with hands-on STEM activities.

For more information or to register, visit: <https://sccoe.to/EdTech4Innovation>



Santa Clara County Office of Education

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

Ethnic Studies Virtual Professional Learning Workshop Series

Join us for our Ethnic Studies Virtual Professional Learning Workshop series. Using the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum and California History-Social Science Framework, this virtual series provides tools to create K-12 programs, fostering collaboration, best practices, and capacity building for classroom teachers, site administrators, and district leaders. Designed to support schools and districts at any stage of implementation, the series offers expert guest panels and valuable resources that even seasoned programs will find transformative.

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.*

District Resources



Santa Clara County
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INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE

*Through the School Employee
to Teacher Program*

Receive a **\$4,000 scholarship per year** to
complete your bachelor's degree and earn
a preliminary teaching credential.

ELIGIBILITY

*Current and former
classified employees
in Santa Clara and
Alameda counties.*

**LEARN MORE &
APPLY NOW!**

EDUCATOR
PREPARATION
PROGRAMS

<https://sccoe.to/school-employee-to-teacher>



Classified School Employee Teacher Credential Grant Program

Are you a current or former classified employee in Santa Clara or Alameda County? If you're pursuing or planning to enroll in a Preliminary Teaching Credential program, you may be eligible for a \$4,000 annual scholarship to support your journey!

Take the next step in your educational career and make a lasting impact on students!

Learn more and apply now: <https://sccoe.to/school-employee-to-teacher>



MODEL CURRICULUM

Summer Institute

July 28 - 31, 2025 • Irvine, CA

Four days supporting K-12
California teaching teams committed to amplifying
Cambodian, Hmong, and Vietnamese American
voices in education.

Engage with Model Curricula

Collaborate & Strategize

Earn a Stipend

Register by May 26, 2025



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** select sessions presented by SCCOE **



Model Curriculum Summer Institute 2025

The Orange County Department of Education is hosting the Model Curriculum Summer Institute on July 28 - 31, 2025. Gain a deep understanding of the Cambodian American Studies, Hmong History and Cultural Studies, and Vietnamese American Experience Model curricula.

Participating educators will receive a stipend for travel and lodging.

Submit your application by May 26, 2025.

To learn more or to register visit: <https://sites.google.com/ocde.us/mc-summer-institute/home>

Health and Wellness



SCCPHD Happy Teeth Event

Join the County of Santa Clara Public Health Department for the 3rd annual Happy Teeth Event, hosted by Santa Clara Valley Healthcare! Free dental screenings and fluoride varnish treatments will be provided for youth ages 0 to 18, all foster youth ages 0 to 26, and all pregnant people.

Come learn about why oral health is important, how to prevent cavities in our children, and how to get connected to dental insurance. Food boxes, activities for kids, and oral health products are available at the event.

For more information, visit: <https://publichealth.santaclaracounty.gov/happy-teeth-event>



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May is Mental Health Awareness month. To all parents and caregivers navigating youth mental health challenges, we see you.

NAMI Basics OnDemand offers trusted guidance—free, online, and at your own pace. You don't have to navigate this journey alone.

nami.org/basicsondemand

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Working collaboratively with school and community partners, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is a regional service agency committed to serving, inspiring, and promoting student and public school success. *The SCCOE is a premier service*

organization driven by core values: students first, collaboration, and innovation. For more information about the Santa Clara County Office of Education, please visit www.sccoe.org and follow us @SCCOE on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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