



Message from the County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mary Ann Dewan

Hello everyone,

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Youth suicide is a preventable public health problem, yet it occurs at high levels in California and nationwide. More important than ever, parents, teachers, healthcare providers, and youth must learn and understand the key elements of youth suicide prevention. The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated the teen mental health crisis. According to the [CDC](#), the number of people having thoughts of suicide and experiencing depression has nearly doubled as compared to the years before the pandemic.



Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has several valuable resources for us to reference, including (1) [Know the Warning Signs and Risk Factors of Suicide](#), (2) [Being Prepared for a Crisis](#), and (3) [Navigating a Mental Health Crisis](#). In the meantime, through honest conversation and assisting youth who need it, we can help prevent suicides and save lives. Suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, or background. Pain and trauma aren't always obvious, but many people who have thoughts of suicide show some signs. The signs may appear in conversations, through their actions, or in social media posts. Individuals may make statements about feeling hopeless, helpless, or worthless, showing a deepening depression, taking unnecessary risks, or exhibiting self-destructive behavior. Other signs may include:

- changes in eating or sleeping habits
- frequent or pervasive sadness
- withdrawal from friends, family, and regular activities

- frequent complaints about physical symptoms often related to emotions, such as stomachaches, headaches, fatigue, etc.
- a decline in the quality of schoolwork
- preoccupation with death and dying

If you observe one or more of these warning signs, especially if the behavior is new, or has increased, consider telling the child or person how important they are to you. Validate their feelings and express empathy. And, don't be afraid to talk openly about your concern. These four steps may help with your support:

1. Have a planned conversation: Before starting a conversation with someone you are concerned about, be prepared. Have a list of crisis resources on hand. Practice what you will say. Plan the conversation when you won't be in a hurry and can spend time with the person.
2. Listen to understand, express concern, and reassure: Listen to the person's reasons for both living and dying. Validate that they are considering both options and underscore that living is an option for them. Steer away from closed, yes/no questions, especially ones that may indicate you want "No" for an answer. Open-ended questions may provide a greater understanding of the situation.
3. Create a safety plan: Ask the person if they have access to any lethal means (weapons, medications, etc.) and help remove them from the vicinity. (Another friend, family member, or law enforcement agent may be needed to assist with this.)
4. Get Help: If you feel the situation is critical, take the person to a nearby Emergency Room or walk-in psychiatric crisis clinic, or call 9-1-1. Do not put yourself in danger; if you are concerned about your safety, contact 911.

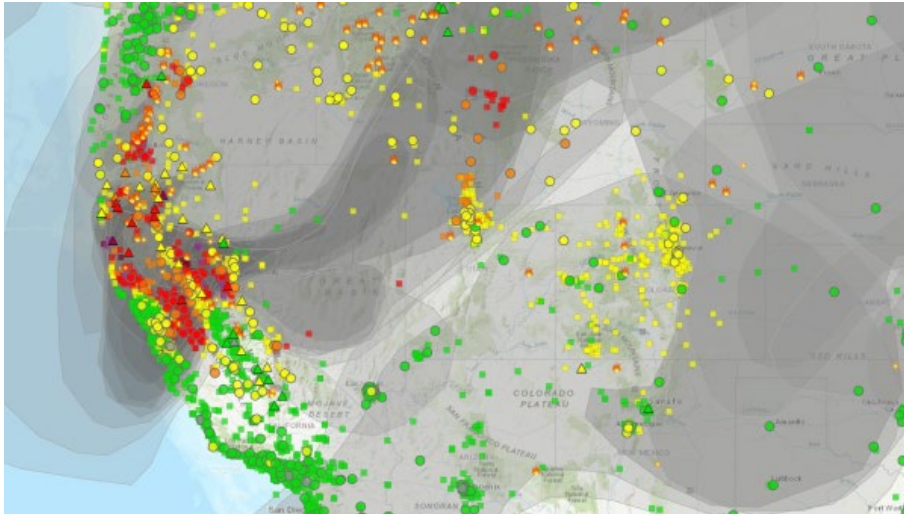
In addition, the Santa Clara County Suicide & Crisis Hotline (SACS) has a 24-hour, toll-free, confidential suicide prevention hotline. Highly-trained volunteer Crisis Phone Counselors are available seven (7) days a week for phone intervention and emotional support. In addition, SACS provides a cost-free, drop-in Survivors of Suicide Support Group (SOS) where adults who have lost a loved one to suicide can meet weekly to process some of the thoughts and feelings they experienced resulting from their loss.

For the meeting times, place, and further information about SACS, please call 408) 885-6216.

Be well,

Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools

Health & Wellness



Tracking AQI

As we track drift smoke and air quality, please visit <https://fire.airnow.gov> for the latest levels.

Practice HEAT SAFETY Wherever You Are

Heat related deaths are preventable. Protect yourself and others from the impacts of heat waves.

Job Sites
Stay hydrated and take breaks in the shade as often as possible.

Indoors
Check up on the elderly, sick and those without AC.

Vehicles
Never leave kids or pets unattended - LOOK before you LOCK

Outdoors
Limit strenuous outdoor activities, find shade, and stay hydrated.

weather.gov/heat



Heat Safety

An additional COVID-19 dose is currently available to people who are immunocompromised

estimated **3%** of people

Conditions include:

- Active treatment for solid tumor and hematologic malignancies
- Solid organ transplant and immunosuppressive therapy
- Within 2 years of CAR-T cell or hematopoietic stem transplant
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (DiGeorge, Wiskott-Aldrich syndromes)
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Active, long-term treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or immune suppressants



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Additional COVID-19 Dose

Vaccinating older children can help keep younger ones safe.




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Vaccinations are Safe

The County of Santa Clara and the Silicon Valley Small Business Development Center invite applications for the



SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM FOR COVID-19 PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Grants of up to \$5,000 for small businesses to protect employees, customers, and the public from COVID-19. Eligible costs include:

- Installation or upgrades of air circulation and filtration systems;
- Protective shields at registers and contactless ordering or payment systems;
- Hand sanitizer, handwashing stations, and personal protective equipment for employees (e.g., face coverings, gloves, face shields);
- Construction or operation of outdoor seating or service areas;
- Paid time for employees to get tested or vaccinated;
- And other expenses to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission or exposure


 Get more information and apply online!
www.svsbdc.org/sc-covid-grant
 Call for more information: (408) 256-2217
 Information available in:
 English • 中文 • Español • Tiếng Việt • Tagalog

Deadline to apply: September 7, 2021

The Small Business Grant Program for COVID-19 Protective Measures is funded by the County of Santa Clara.






Small Business Grants

In Conversation with the County

COVID-19 & SCHOOLS

A virtual session with an update from experts and an opportunity to ask questions.





Wednesday September 1 at 2:30 pm

LIVE ON:

- Facebook: @sccpublichealth
- YouTube: SCCPublicHealth

Submit your questions before the webinar by

- Email: COVID19@eoc.sccgov.org
- Facebook Messenger: @sccpublichealth



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sccgov.org/coronavirus

In Conversation with the County

Santa Clara County Weekly Vaccine Schedule



Week of August 29 - September 4, 2021

Vaccines are free, easy, and safe. You do not need health insurance and all immigration statuses are eligible. Staff are onsite to support language needs and disability access.

Drop-in/no appointment needed at all of the following vaccine sites:

San Jose

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, Expo Hall
Sat-Mon 8:30am-3:45pm
Tues-Wed 1pm-8pm
 2542 Monterey Hwy, Gate D, San Jose, CA 95111
 Entrance for individuals with disabilities: 344 Tully Road, San Jose, CA 95111

Valley Specialty Center
Mon-Fri 9:30am-5pm
 751 S. Bascom Avenue, Bldg. Q, San Jose, CA 95128

Emmanuel Baptist Church
Tues-Fri 9am-6pm
 467 N. White Road, San Jose, CA 95127

North East Medical Services
Mon, Wed, & Fri 2pm-4pm
 1870 Lundy Ave, San Jose, CA 95131

Story Rd HUB*
Sun 8/29 9am-4pm
Fri 9/3 3pm-7:30pm
Sat 9/4 9am-4pm
 1775 Story Road, San Jose, CA 95122

Sun Pharmacy
Mon-Fri 9pm - 4pm
Sat 9/4 9am-1pm
 2559 South King Road, San Jose, CA 95122

Advance SJ Pharmacy
Mon-Fri 9am-5:30pm
 2331 Montpelier Drive, Suite A-10 San Jose, CA 95116

Medical Offices of Dan Hopner, MD, Rom Romero, PA
Mon-Fri 10am-2pm
 2060 Aborn Road, Suite 100 San Jose, CA 95121

SV Pride
Sun 8/29 12pm-6pm
 1 Paseo de San Antonio San Jose, CA 95113

Escuela Popular
Mon 8/30 4pm-7pm
 149 N White Rd, San Jose, CA 95127

San Jose (continued)

Piedmont Middle School
Tues 8/31 2:30pm-6:30pm
 955 Piedmont Rd, San Jose, CA 95132

The Hispanic Foundation
Tues 8/31 3:30pm-5:30pm
 14271 Story Rd, San Jose, CA 95116

Night Clinic - Del Monte Park
Tues 8/31 5pm-9pm
 806 W Home St, San Jose, CA 95126

VTA Corporate Office
Wed 9/1 9am-2pm
 3331 North First St, San Jose, CA 95134

Sacred Heart Community Center*
Wed 9/1 10am-5pm
 1381 S 1st St, San Jose, CA 95110

Sunrise Middle School
Wed 9/1 4pm-7pm
 1149 E Julian St, San Jose, CA 95116

Tafatolu Church
Thurs 9/2 10am-5pm
 2510 Alvin Ave, San Jose, CA 95121

Shirakawa Middle School
Thurs 9/2 3pm-7pm
 665 Wool Creek Dr, San Jose 95112

Holy Families Episcopal Church*
Sat 9/4 3pm-7pm
 5938 Hyland Avenue, San Jose 95127

Alviso

Alviso Car Show
Sat 9/4 10am-3pm
 Hope Street, between Liberty and Gold St. Neighboring address: 1621 Gold St, Alviso, CA 95002

Santa Clara

Mission College
Mon 8/30 10am-5pm
 3000 Mission College Blvd Santa Clara, CA 95054

Campbell

Night Clinic - DT Campbell*
Fri 9/3 5pm-9pm
 275 E. Campbell Ave, Campbell, CA 95008

Cupertino

De Anza College
Tues 8/31 12pm-7pm
 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd, Cupertino, CA 95014

Gilroy

Eliot Elementary
Wed 9/1 4pm-7pm
 475 Old Gilroy St Gilroy, CA 95020

San Ysidro Park*
Wed 9/1 5pm-7:30pm
 7700 Murray Ave, Gilroy, CA 95020

Hollister

Casa de Fruta
Tues 8/31 1pm-6pm
 10021 Pacheco Pass Hwy, Hollister, CA 95023

Los Gatos

Wellness Pharmacy
Mon-Fri 10am-6pm
Sat 9/4 10am-3pm
 14777 Los Gatos Blvd #101 Los Gatos, CA 95032

Mountain View

Google Charleston East/Devcon Construction
Thurs 9/2 12pm-2pm
 1890 Shoreline Blvd, Mountain View, CA 94043

Waldorf School of the Peninsula*
Fri 9/3 3pm-5:30pm
 180 N Rengstorff Ave Mountain View, CA 94043

Sunnyvale

Bishop Elementary*
Thurs 9/2 9am-3pm
 450 N Sunnyvale Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94085

*3rd doses available to eligible individuals

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This Week's Vaccine Schedule

Community News and Resources

SIGN UP
 TO RECEIVE SANTA CLARA COUNTY
 EMERGENCY ALERTS THROUGH...



WWW.SCCFD.ORG/RSG

Sign Up for ALERT SCC



CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE FIRE SUMMARY TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2021

TODAY THERE ARE **14,341** PERSONNEL
BATTLING **15** ACTIVE LARGE WILDFIRES THAT
IN TOTAL HAVE BURNED **1,830,307** ACRES

RESOURCE BREAKDOWN:
STATE, LOCAL, TRIBAL AND FEDERAL
RESOURCES ASSIGNED TO
ACTIVE WILDFIRES

- 1,100** ENGINES
- 300** HANDCREWS
- 326** BULLDOZERS
- 376** WATERTENDERS
- 116** HELICOPTERS



More than 14,300 firefighters remain on the frontlines of 15 active large wildfires that have burned more than 1.83 million acres. Get the latest on these incidents at: <https://fire.ca.gov/incidents/>

"Stroll & Roll Back to School"
Elementary Poster Contest
Grades 1-6
MTI MINETA TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE

BECOME A School Nurse!
HEALTH OFFICE
Santa Clara County Office of Education

Mineta Transportation Institute Elementary Poster Contest

Become a School Nurse

THE POWER OF DEMOCRACY

The Power of Democracy: The Civil Grand Jury

SCC Civil Grand Jury



Santa Clara County
Office of Education

**Schools
are *hiring!***

Classified Job Fair

Saturday, September 25



Paraeducators • Administrative Assistants • Custodians
Maintenance Workers • Drivers • Food Service Workers

www.sccoe.org/jobfair


Classified Job Fair




VTA Restarts Light Rail Service

VTA will be operating limited light rail service starting Sunday, August 29th.

VTA will not collect fares on light rail only, starting August 29 through September 12. For more information, visit: <https://www.vta.org/blog/vta-restarts-light-rail-service>




Now Hiring





SANTA CLARA
COUNTY PARKS


PARK RANGER SUPERVISOR

\$109,457.92 - \$133,078.40 Annually









The Park Ranger Supervisor at Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation is responsible for assisting the public in the use of County parks, its recreation facilities, resources, and to plan, organize and direct park personnel in day-to-day operations, protection, and improvement within the County Regional Park System.

The Park Ranger Supervisor is distinguished from the Manager of Park Ranger Operations in that the Manager of Park Ranger Operations is primarily responsible for the administration of the ranger operations of the entire County Regional Park System and is the second level personnel manager, whereas the Park Ranger Supervisor is responsible for the day-to-day operation and full first line supervision of employees within an assigned region in the County Regional Park System.

The Park Ranger Supervisors work in coordination and collaboration with Parks staff across all divisions to ensure completion of short and long-term goals in line with the department's mission.

For complete job description, employment standards and to apply please visit www.sccjobs.org

Job Posting will close on September 20, 2021

Hiring: Santa Clara County Parks

Apply for up to \$2,500 to **#StopHate** in our communities!

**Mini grant applications open
August 30, 2021.**

- Promote cross-cultural understanding
- Conduct bystander intervention trainings
- Build allyship
- Have courageous conversations about hate and bias



DESJ
Division of Equity
& Social Justice

For more information:
sccgov.org/grant-stop hate

SCC Stop Hate Grants

Are you working on civic engagement projects related to [#StopHate](https://twitter.com/StopHate) in our communities? Apply for a mini grant of up to \$2,500! Engage and educate young minds, foster community belonging, share stories or amplify your existing efforts. Learn more or apply at sccgov.org/grant-stop hate

Rethinking What School Could Be With KQED and Soundtrap

Online Workshop
September 15
4-6pm PT



Register Today!

#YouthMediaChallenge

KQED and [Soundtrap](#) are joining forces for a Rethink School #YouthMediaChallenge - To learn about this project, including hands-on audio production experience, visit <http://bit.ly/RethinkSchool-091521>.

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As refugees, we found a better life with the help of teachers like you.

Jan Hurnh

Twelve Ways to Support Afghan Refugee Students (Opinion)

Four teachers with experience teaching refugee students share their suggestions.

edweek.org

Education Week Resources

Many U.S. schools may soon welcome Afghan refugees into their classrooms. Education Week has collected helpful resources and suggestions for supporting Afghan students from teachers who have worked with #ELL and refugee students.

JOIN THE GETTING TO ZERO (GTZ) YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD!

SUBMIT AN
APPLICATION TODAY!

STDs and HIV continue to have a disproportionate impact on certain populations.

This school year, get involved in STD/HIV health planning and make a difference in your community.

All Santa Clara County students grades 9-12 welcome to apply.

EARN INCENTIVES:

- Earn Getting to Zero swag (sweatshirt, t-shirt, water bottle, and more) for your active involvement in the Youth Advisory Board!
- Receive invaluable professional experience in the public health field!

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

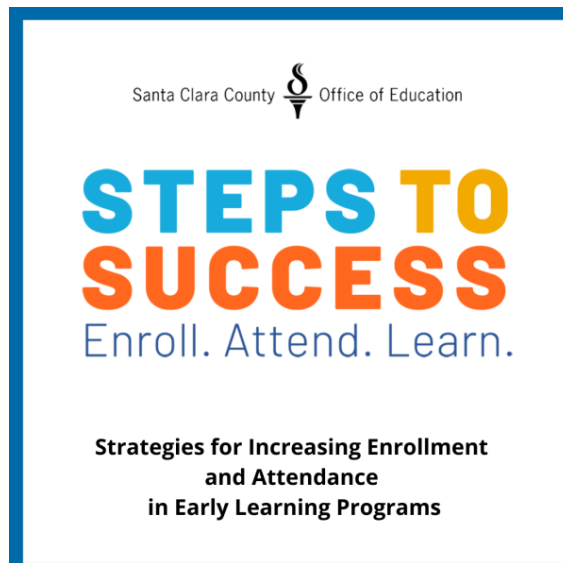
- Program & materials development
- Community health promotion
- Career development
- Networking opportunities



Email GettingtoZeroSCC@phd.sccgov.org for an application and more information.
Submit your application by **September 15, 2021**.

Applications will be reviewed **August** through mid-**September** for the term that begins in October 2021, and **your application must be submitted by September 15, 2021** to be considered. Students **grades 9-12** who live, work, or attend school in Santa Clara County may qualify.

Getting to Zero



Steps to Success campaign

Learn about the Steps to Success campaign and how it can help local schools engage families and promote long term success for our earliest learners. Interact with the Steps to Success Toolkit – a resource for school leaders to communicate with families and inform school site efforts to address enrollment and attendance.

- Learn about the impact of enrollment and consistent attendance in children’s lives
- Hear about the findings from the Steps to Success family input groups who guided the development of key messaging ideas to reach families in Santa Clara County
- Access outreach and attendance resources developed through the County’s Steps to Success campaign
- Collaborate with colleagues to exchange best practices around increasing attendance and enrollment in early learning programs

To register: <https://sccoe.to/S2SLearn>

Upcoming Workshop
The Fair, Accurate, Inclusive, Respectful (FAIR) Education Act: What You Need to Know About the Law and How to Implement it With Ease



To Register: <https://bit.ly/3xfk8Cp>

****Please note: There is a fee associated with this event.
FAIR Act PD*

The logo for the Computer Science Community of Practice features a stylized globe with a white outline, set against a dark blue background. Below the globe is a white graphic of an open book. Underneath the book, the text 'Computer Science Community of Practice' is written in a white, sans-serif font.

Computer Science
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2021-2022 Computer Science Community of Practice



Did you miss the SCCOE's 2021 Summer Grant Writing Series?

**Recordings can be accessed on the
Grants and Partnerships Office webpage.**

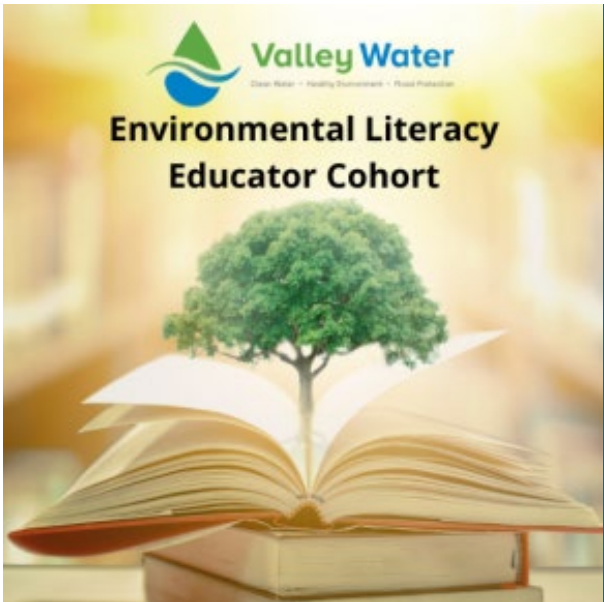
<https://sccoe.to/grantsoffice>

2021 Summer Grant Writing Series

The Santa Clara County Office of Education Grants and Partnerships Office offered a summer learning series focused on writing grant proposals. If you missed the live training session, but are interested in watching the recordings they can be accessed on the Grants and Partnerships Office webpage - <https://sccoe.to/grantsoffice>.

Available sessions are:

- Grant Writing Basics (1 hour)
- Developing Logic Models for Grant Proposals (30 minutes)
- Developing Measurable Outcomes for Grant Proposals (30 minutes)
- Building a Grant Proposal Budget (30 minutes)



Environmental Literacy Educator Cohort



TOSA & Instructional Coaches Network Meeting

MindShift

'Trauma Is A Lens, Not A Label': How Schools Can Support All Students

By Nimah Gobir Jul 12 [Save Article](#)



Mindshift/KQED Article

Announcements

There are no announcements for this week.

About the Santa Clara County Office of Education

Working collaboratively with school and community partners, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is a regional service agency that provides instructional, business, and technology services to the 31 school districts of Santa Clara County. The County Office of Education directly serves students through special education programs, alternative schools, Head Start and State Preschool programs, migrant education, and Opportunity Youth Academy. The SCCOE also provides academic and fiscal oversight and monitoring to districts in addition to the 22 Santa Clara County Board of Education authorized charter schools. For more information about the Santa Clara County Office of Education, please visit www.sccoe.org.

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