

CAC + CYW: The Partnership for Children

Where healing and health begin

Co-located Partners:

The *Child Advocacy Center of San Francisco (CAC)* a program of the San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Center, & the *Center for Youth Wellness (CYW)*

Target Population: San Francisco's children & families

Location: 3450 Third Street, San Francisco

Organizational Leaders:

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NEED

Our children face danger in the very places meant to nurture them – at home, in school, and in our neighborhoods. The consequences are staggering. Chronic childhood stress and exposure to violence has a ripple effect in nearly all aspects of our children's lives - impacting everything from their ability to concentrate in school to increasing their risk of chronic physical and mental health problems. As a result, our children, our families, our schools and our communities suffer.

Despite significant investments in children, San Francisco continues to grapple with these dire outcomes. Every year, 6,000 incidents of child abuse are reported and 10,000 children are exposed to violence in San Francisco. Countless more go undetected.

No center in San Francisco is designed for early identification and comprehensive bio-psychosocial response to the effects of violence in childhood. Navigating the system is twice as hard for families in crisis. No center addresses everything from primary health care to educational supports to acute intervention for child victims of abuse.

It's time for a new approach.

LEADERSHIP

The Partnership for Children is made possible through the vision and steadfast leadership of:

- **Lisa Stone Pritzker**, an advocate for children throughout the country, whose long-term commitment and vision have helped create comprehensive services for the wellbeing of vulnerable youth.
- California Attorney General **Kamala Harris**, a champion of innovation whose vision brought the partners together;
- **Tipping Point Community** - a true partner since inception and committed to fostering systems that make poverty preventable.
- **Institutional Partners:** California Pacific Medical Center; Center for Youth Wellness; City and County of San Francisco, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital/Stanford Early Life Stress Research Program; San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Center; San Francisco District Attorney's Office; Tipping Point Community; and University of California-San Francisco.

MODEL

The Partnership for Children is an innovative approach to providing a full spectrum of services designed around the whole child under one roof. In a child-friendly environment, the Partnership for Children will be able to support children's health and family, educational, emotional, behavioral, and safety needs.

The Partnership for Children is a collaboration of San Francisco's best and brightest leaders and organizations in the field of social services, healthcare for the underserved, abuse response, trauma-informed mental health care, research, and education.

Co-located Partners:

The Center for Youth Wellness, which brings together medical, dental, mental health, family support, holistic wellness and educational advocacy to provide families with everything they need to raise truly healthy children.

The Child Advocacy Center of San Francisco, a best-in-class, multidisciplinary response to incidents of child abuse providing comprehensive response services including investigation, forensic evaluation, prosecution, support, coordination, advocacy, community education, and mental health care.

IMPACT

The Partnership for Children will transform service delivery to vulnerable children and families struggling to cope with violence and trauma. Within the first five years, the Partnership will:

- **Center for Youth Wellness:** Serve 5,000 children providing screening for trauma exposure and a comprehensive array of wellness services.
- **San Francisco Child Advocacy Center:** Serve 2,000 children within the multi-disciplinary, newly nationally-accredited Child Advocacy Center.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Together, we are creating a place where harm is prevented and healing and health begin with the shared goal of creating long-term improved outcomes for our communities' most vulnerable children.