

Partnership for Children and Youth brings together government, education, philanthropic, nonprofit, business and community leaders to realize a simple but powerful vision: **All children and youth will enjoy an equal opportunity for a healthy, happy and successful future.**

Our Mission | The mission of the Partnership for Children and Youth is to ensure that school-age children and youth living in low-income communities have the supports and the opportunities they need and deserve to be successful in school and in life. We help schools secure the resources necessary to provide after-school and summer programs, health care, and nutritious meals—the things we know children need to succeed and thrive.

Background | Partnership for Children and Youth (formerly the Bay Area Partnership) was formed in 1997 by government, philanthropy and business leaders who were concerned about the persistent poverty and ongoing difficulties faced by children and youth in specific Bay Area communities. An extensive analysis found that these poorest communities were vastly underutilizing funding streams which could cover the costs of critical support programs for children and youth. The Partnership was created to connect schools and their community partners in these underserved communities with available public and private resources, and to improve the effectiveness of funding streams serving poor children.

The ultimate beneficiaries of our work are children and families in California’s low-income communities. Our primary clients are those institutions that provide critical support services to poor children—including schools and school districts, community-based agencies and local governments.

Accomplishments | Among our accomplishments date, Partnership for Children and Youth has:

- **Raised more than \$70 million** in public and private dollars for youth programs in the Bay Area’s lowest-income communities;
- **Facilitated the development of dozens of new strategic partnerships** between schools, local governments and community agencies; and
- **Won sweeping policy reforms** in California’s system of after school funding, vastly improving services to children most in need.

Our Initiatives | Partnership for Children and Youth’s efforts provide access to physical and mental health care, out-of-school-time activities and technical support, mentoring and educational support. Our work is organized around three key program areas:

- **Out of School Time Initiatives |** We provide schools and their community partners with assistance in creating and sustaining high-quality after-school and summer programs.
- **Community Schools Initiative |** The Partnership is working to create a supportive and sustainable policy and implementation environment in California for the development of community schools statewide. This includes our school nutrition and school-based health efforts, helping schools provide access to health-care services, on-site health services, healthy foods, and nutrition education for children and their families.
- **Policy and Advocacy |** We advocate for California children and youth in the areas of education, nutrition and health. We serve as a critical bridge between local needs and the work of policymakers at the local, state and federal levels.