



INTERAGENCY CHILDREN'S POLICY COUNCIL

ALAMEDA COUNTY

The Alameda County Interagency Children's Policy Council (ICPC) is a collaboration of County agency and department directors, Board of Supervisor members and other County representatives committed to improving outcomes for children and youth. In the past, the ICPC developed and launched several important programs for children in Alameda County. In 2011, the ICPC redirected their efforts and committed to emphasizing collective impact, prevention and equity as a foundation in their work. Today, ICPC engages in cross system collaboration by improving interagency communication, developing child friendly policies and practices and initiating systems changes that result in safe, healthy and thriving children and families.

Collaborating for Results

By using elements of Collective Impact and Results Based Accountability, ICPC holds itself accountable for improving the following indicators that measure how well our children are doing.



Children are Safe

- Children and their families are free from abuse and neglect.
- Youth are free from violence at home, in their communities and at school.



Children are Healthy

- Children are born and stay at a healthy weight.
- Children are provided with adequate and accessible health/mental health care.



Children are Thriving

- Children are ready and prepared for Kindergarten.
- Children can read at grade level.
- Youth graduate from high school.
- Children live in financially stable households.

Check out our website for more information - www.acgov.org/icpc and to track our results.

Story Behind the Curve of Alameda County Child Well-Being

5.5 out of 10 Children are Not Ready for School

In 2013, a County-wide baseline survey estimated that most of Alameda County's roughly 18,000 Kindergarteners were not "Ready for School" based on measures of four building blocks of self-care/motor skills, self-regulation, social expression, and academics.

42% of Children are not a Healthy Weight

There are specific populations of children more likely to be obese than others. Children in participating in the Healthy Fitness Zone assessment in Hayward (46%) and Oakland (43%) Unified School Districts were more likely to be overweight or obese than in other school districts. Only 45% of Latino, 41% of Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander and 46% of American Indian 5th graders in Alameda County are of a healthy weight.

1 out 5 Youth Do Not Graduate On Time

While 80% of students in Alameda County graduate within four years, we have the lowest graduation rate of all Bay Area counties. Specifically, Oakland Unified School District only graduates 63% of students on time and Hayward Unified graduates 77% on time. Of all Alameda County drops outs— 73% are African American or Latino.

How to Improve Results

ICPC worked with small groups comprised of County departments and agencies, Community Based Organizations to determine strategies to turn the curve on childhood obesity, high school graduation and school readiness. They are:

School Readiness

- Increase the number of children and mothers on Medi-Cal at birth receiving home visiting services.
- Increase access to subsidized, quality child care for low income parents.
- More opportunities for early screening and assessment of developmental disabilities.
- Enhanced mental health and parental involvement opportunities in early childhood programs.

Children are a Healthy Weight

- Better coordination of current children's nutrition and physical fitness efforts.
- Begin a public awareness campaign targeted at specific high risk populations in a new and more effective ways.
- Create a united message on food and nutrition focused on parents and caregivers.
- Help initiate and support model programs in that show potential in preventing obesity.
- Initiate and advocate for better policies related to quality food access, physical fitness and safety.

Youth Graduate from High School

- Provide all youth released from the Juvenile Justice Center with immediate re-enrollment in school and, for some, case management services with linkages to School Based Health Centers.
- Work with high risk 8th graders to decrease the likelihood they drop out in Hayward and Oakland.
- Provide teachers and staff with training in trauma informed care practices.