



# *Cultivating Caring Communities*

## **Santa Clara County Children's Summit**

April 19, 2024



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successful in learning,  
thriving in life.**

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### Today's Agenda

#### Welcome

Simone Zapata & Alyssa Maanao, The Beat Within

#### Our Journey: Cultivating Social-Emotional Wellbeing, Data, Planning, Moving Forward

##### Cultivating Curiosity for Care and Connection

Scott Shigeoka & YLM Leaders - Angelina Sanchez & Victor Sanchez

#### Solution Fair: Designing for Social-Emotional Wellbeing in SCC. What Might We Create Together?

*A 75-minute design session - facilitated by young leaders*

Cleo Cole, Meyia Carrasco, Angel Ramos, Angelina Sanchez

#### Lunch (30 minutes)

#### What Might We Create Together? Let Us Share and See.

#### Bold Steps for Children Award - Celebrating School Wellness Centers

Presented by former State Senator, Jim Beall

#### Changemakers for Children Award

Recognizing: Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez

#### Commitment to Action and Next Steps

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan & Judge Leonard Edwards

#### Closing

### Community Agreement

Kids in Common is committed to creating a safe and vibrant community, focused on compassion, curiosity, action, respect, inclusion, and joy. We offer this Community Agreement as a compact for today's meeting to ensure everyone feels empowered and safe to participate fully.

#### Expectations for today's gathering:

- Be kind and respectful of one another, even when there's disagreement;
- Approach discussions constructively and with curiosity. Avoid personal and disparaging language;
- Actively listen and try to account for full context;
- Recognize and observe others' personal boundaries, physical or otherwise;
- Be open to hearing how your words and actions affect others; and
- While we all make mistakes, be willing to right wrongs and learn from them.



**I dedicate  
this day to:** .....



## Keynote Speaker

### Scott Shigeoka

Scott Shigeoka is an internationally recognized curiosity expert, speaker, and the award-winning author of *Seek: How Curiosity Can Transform Your Life and Change the World*. *Seek* was an Amazon Best Book of 2023, Porchlight Best Business Book winner, and a "Must-Read Book" by the Next Big Idea Club. Scott has appeared on The Today Show, NPR, BBC, Harvard Business Review, The Guardian, and other outlets to spread the gospel of curiosity.

Scott is known for his work of popularizing research that promotes positive well-being and relationships around the globe, including at UC Berkeley's Greater Good Science Center and through his groundbreaking courses at the University of Texas at Austin. He is originally from Hawaii. He is also a screenwriter and playwright with two major projects in development.



## Children's Agenda Network Chairs



### Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.

Dr. Dewan is the Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools. She is an education leader with over 35 years of experience as a teacher, administrator, researcher and professor. She is recognized for her expertise and commitment to equity and inclusion. Her work has led to more inclusive school environments and the expansion of school based mental health and wellness services. She serves on a number of boards and commissions and is the chair of the board of directors for Kids in Common.



### Judge Leonard Edwards (ret.)

Leonard Edwards is a retired judge now serving as a consultant and educator. Judge Edwards was a Superior Court judge for 26 years, retiring in 2006. He served as Judge-In-Residence with the California Judicial Council for 6 years. Judge Edwards is a judicial educator having given over 500 invited presentations in 47 states and 13 foreign countries. He is a past president of the NCJFCJ. In Santa Clara County, he founded the Child Advocate Program, the Domestic Violence Council, Kids in Common, and the Dependency Drug Treatment Court. His publications can be read at [www.judgeleonardedwards.com](http://www.judgeleonardedwards.com).



### Fernando S. Mendoza, M.D., M.P.H.

Dr. Mendoza, a native of Gardner and Willow Glen in San José, is an emeritus professor of pediatrics and emeritus Associate Dean of Minority Advising and Program at Stanford University School of Medicine. His research has investigated the health and well-being of minority and immigrant children. He also has researched pediatric workforce diversity. He has served on national committees regarding the health of children and workforce diversity. He has received national awards for his work on child health and workforce diversity, most recently the Joseph W. St. Geme Jr. Leadership Award from the Federation of Pediatric Organizations. He practiced as a Stanford pediatrician in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties and at the Lucile Packard Children Hospital for more than 35 years.



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# 2024 Changemaker for Children Award

## Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez

Since the time she was sworn into office after a special election in August 2013, Supervisor Cindy Chavez has championed the needs of Santa Clara County children, youth, and families. Serving as a member and then chair of the Children, Seniors, and Families Board Policy Committee, she led initiatives and made decisions that have led to better outcomes for our County's young people. These include:

- Promoting the creation of the **Office of Children and Families Policy**, ensuring the needs of children are a high priority in County decision-making.
- Shepherding - as board president - the **County's response to the COVID pandemic**. Working with her board colleagues, cities, community groups, professional sports teams, and schools, the County established more testing and vaccination sites in neighborhoods hardest hit by COVID, and provided food and shelter to families who had lost jobs and homes.
- Addressing the **digital divide** so students learning at home during COVID were not further disadvantaged by a lack of access to technology and broadband service.
- Creating and leading the **Joint Foster Youth Task Force**, leading to systemic and transformational change in the foster care system. This work and her focus on the needs of youth in foster care has led to the development of the resource Passport for Foster Youth, building summer and enrichment programs for foster youth, and Intern and Earn, a year-round work internship opportunity for foster youth.
- Establishing the **County Office of Disability Affairs** in order to ensure access and equity for people with disabilities.
- Helping to write an **Equity Pledge**, approved by the Board of Supervisors, to ensure that all Santa Clara County programs and initiatives are undertaken through an equity lens.
- Championing the development of **The Hub**, the \$6 million resource center for foster youth. The Hub provides resources so they can complete their education, apply to and get into college, get jobs and basic services.
- Assisting the **Young Women's Freedom Center** in implementing a pilot geared towards the closing of equity gaps, and the employment and empowerment of marginalized young moms in East San José and Gilroy, ages 12-26.
- Leading the development of the **LGBTQ-focused homeless shelter** - the third in the nation - in San José. Serving youth, many of whom have been kicked out of their homes, it is equipped with beds and showers and provides meals to its residents.
- Serving as the primary architect of the groundbreaking **\$950 million 2016 Measure A Affordable Housing Bond** - approved by voters in November 2016 to end homelessness in Santa Clara County. At the end of 2023, more than 5,800 homes are open, under construction or in the pipeline. In addition, \$25 million has been committed to the first-time homebuyer loan program. Since 2015, supportive housing in Santa Clara County has doubled as a result of the passage of Measure A.



Supervisor Chavez's lifetime in public service is one of vision and leadership. Early in her public service, as a member and vice president the San José City Council, she was instrumental in pioneering the **Children's Health Initiative** which made Santa Clara County the first in the nation to provide health coverage to every child.

As she leaves office at the end of this term, we will miss Supervisor Cindy Chavez. We have all benefitted from her curious, compassionate, wise, and analytical approach to making Santa Clara County a community where children, youth, and families thrive.



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# 2024 Bold Steps for Children Award

## Celebrating School Wellness Centers

It takes a village to raise a child. This adage is very true here in Santa Clara County where the County Office of Education (SCCOE) has leveraged resources to fund School Wellness Centers in 13 districts throughout the County. Districts throughout the County have invested in supporting youth mental health and either participated in the SCCOE School Wellness Center Consortium or developed School Wellness Centers on their own. Community-based organizations are providing services in the School Wellness Centers and in the coming year the County of Santa Clara will be investing over \$12 million dollars to establish 28 new middle or high school wellness centers and provide upgrades to 12 existing centers. These centers will serve thousands of students and are a game-changing strategy to support our children's and youth's social-emotional wellbeing.

The youth mental health crisis manifests every day in schools, contributing to higher drop-out rates, student disengagement, chronic absenteeism, and increased disciplinary actions. Teachers, school administrators, and staff are acutely aware that students' ability to engage in learning is directly related to whether their behavioral health and social-emotional needs are being met.

Integrating social-emotional learning (SEL) and behavioral health into the curriculum and school culture significantly reduces the stigma associated with seeking mental health treatment. When SEL is incorporated into instruction and school culture as well as offering mental health services to students, schools see improved academic performance and attendance. They also see reduced school disciplinary action, referrals into the justice system, and drop-out rates. Students are more likely to receive behavioral health services when they are provided on a school campus.

School Wellness Centers provide safe and supportive environments on school campuses where students can visit to de-stress. They provide holistic support addressing physical, mental, emotional, and social support, family support services, and support to school staff.

To continue to grow and build sustainability of this important wellness strategy, SCCOE is expanding its wellness programs by offering training and technical assistance to districts. This also includes technical assistance for school behavioral health billing and community schools. These supports will directly contribute to the long-term financial stability of these programs in their schools.

## Today we recognize those that have made the commitment to build and support School Wellness Centers in Santa Clara County:

### Participating Districts

Alum Rock Union School District  
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## The Beat Within

The Beat Within's mission is to provide incarcerated youth with consistent opportunity to share their ideas and life experiences in a safe space that encourages literacy, self-expression, some critical thinking skills, and healthy, supportive relationships with adults and their community. Outside of the juvenile justice system, The Beat Within partners with community organizations and individuals to bring resources to youth both inside and outside of detention. We are committed to being an effective bridge between youth who are locked up and the community that aims to support their progress towards a healthy, non-violent, and productive life.

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# Speakers & Presenters

## Jim Beall

Jim Beall was born and raised in San José and has had a lifetime of public service in Santa Clara County. At 28, Jim was the youngest person elected to the SJ City Council, was a SCC supervisor from 1994-2006 and served as a state assemblymember and senator. Currently he serves as a director for the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board. Many of his legislative accomplishments have improved the lives of children and families in SCC. These include being a leader in the effort to establish the Children's Health Initiative to ensure every child in the county has health insurance coverage, working to pass landmark bills such as AB 12, which extended benefits for foster youth from 18 to 21 years old, and increasing access to healthcare and mental health services.



## Cleo Cole (she/ they)

Cleo is a student at San José State University and a Youth Liberation Movement Fellow partnering with Kids in Common on the Bill of Rights for Children and Young Adults. She is a member of the Youth Liberation Movement in order to contribute to the creation of just and sustainable solutions to the problems youth face in Santa Clara County.

## Meyia Carrasco (she/they/hers/theirs)

Meyia Carrasco is a student at Opportunity Youth Academy working towards her high school diploma. She is a member of the Youth Liberation Movement (YLM) and a YLM Youth Fellow serving Kids in Common. She is a member of YLM in order to create and implement positive and actionable solutions for youth throughout the community. She is interested in a variety of creative arts and film and created the Youth Liberation Movement video shown as part of last year's Bold Steps for Children award.



## Victor Lopez

Victor is the first in his family to step up into leadership roles. He learns about and teaches others about their needs and/or experiencing addiction, etc. He supports others stepping up to be leaders and making a better tomorrow for us all. He is a founding member of the Youth Liberation Movement. His favorite hobbies are reading and dancing.



## Alyssa Maanao

Alyssa Maanao is the current Program Manager for The Beat Within. She resides in Solano County and has been serving incarcerated youth for over a decade through workshop facilitation. Alyssa brings her passion for self-discovery and cultural integration into her work and believes that learning your roots is one of the most important journeys in life. When she isn't working, you can find Alyssa outside in nature, spending time with her two dogs.



## Angel Ramos (he/him)

Angel Ramos is a student at San José State majoring in English with the goal of earning his teaching credential. Formerly a member of Fresh Lifeline's for Youth's Youth Advisory Council, Angel is a founding member of the Youth Liberation Movement. He played an important role in the development of the Bill of Rights and does this work in order to advocate for positive change.

## Angelina Sanchez (she/her/hers)

Angelina Sanchez is a member of the Youth Liberation Movement (YLM). This past year Angelina has been the Senior Youth Fellow/Leader with the YLM, providing leadership and providing organizational support to the group. She is part of the YLM because she wants to help make the next generation of youth's lives easier. Her hobbies include organizing, dancing, running and listening to others.



## Simone Zapata, MFA

Simone Zapata is a queer poet and educator from San José, CA. She currently serves as the managing editor for The Beat Within, and brings over a decade of experience in arts facilitation, residential counseling, and community development to her work with young people. Simone believes in writing as a practice of self-compassion and critical engagement with society. She holds an MFA from California Institute of the Arts.



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### All children and young adults have the right to:

- ✓ **Healthcare:** Affordable, timely, and quality mental and physical healthcare that they can access at any time.
- ✓ **Mental Health:** Mental and emotional health and well-being and support systems in and outside of the home that promotes emotional and social safety.
- ✓ **Love and Emotional Connections:** Meaningful connections with consistent, caring adults and peers who love and appreciate the young person for who they are and want to see them grow.
- ✓ **Support and Guidance:** Receive support and guidance from role models who are dedicated to helping them achieve their dreams and goals.
- ✓ **Life Skills:** Training to develop life skills and knowledge as well as opportunities to apply them for their growth.
- ✓ **Education:** A relevant and engaging education that exposes them to other cultures and promotes lifelong learning.
- ✓ **Job Opportunities:** Job opportunities that provide safe and reasonable working conditions, and a living wage, and allow them to grow their careers.
- ✓ **Personal Development:** Time, space, and resources to pursue any interest or opt for rest.
- ✓ **External Support for Family:** Support that will allow their families to be taken care of so they can pursue their dreams.
- ✓ **Modern Needs:** Reliable transportation and wi-fi, computers that meet their needs, and phones when applicable.
- ✓ **Basic Needs:** Enough quality food and water, showers, clean clothes, and hygiene products to keep their bodies healthy.
- ✓ **Housing:** Affordable, stable, safe, and comfortable housing that meets their needs as individuals.
- ✓ **Green Spaces:** Easily accessible and clean green spaces that will be preserved for future generations.
- ✓ **Safety:** Feel and be safe in all environments they are in, such as their schools, homes, neighborhoods, and online.
- ✓ **Voice:** Be treated as equal partners in identifying problems, developing solutions, and making the decisions that they are impacted by.
- ✓ **Choice:** Make important decisions for their lives and set boundaries that are respected.

The rights above have not been fulfilled for all youth. Many are limited by the inflexible and overly restrained structure of the environments designed for them. Change to these environments will not happen without mass commitment and action. By combining our personal power and expertise through continuous collaboration, we have the ability to create lasting change for Santa Clara County youth.

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# SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

## Our Three Pillars of Work and Related Strategies

At the 2023 Children's Summit participants embarked on a process of identifying a focus for our work for the next 2-5 years. After many meetings and conversations, the Children's Agenda Network decided our focus should be Social-Emotional Wellbeing (SEW). After more meetings and more conversations, we identified 3 pillars of work and a set of strategies we felt would help us move the needle on SEW.

### Pillar 1 Cultivating Caring Communities

In all settings, including schools, workplaces, libraries, etc., implement strategies that create caring spaces, with a focus on positive youth development and supportive of children's and families' social-emotional wellbeing.

**WHY:** Wellbeing starts with relationships, and with a positive youth development approach we can create caring schools, families, and communities.

#### Levers/Strategies

- Cultivate a culture throughout Santa Clara County where children are seen, heard and loved by the adults in their lives.
- Support schools as resource hubs for social-emotional wellbeing by providing counselors, school wellness centers, social workers, School Linked Services, Community School model, and parent partnership.
- Ensure young people have opportunities and spaces - in & outside of school - that are free and accessible in order to develop their talents and access activities that bring them joy - or to just hang out.
- Ensure positive youth development, restorative practices, and connection undergird education and other youth serving programs.
- Ensure every young person has thriving developmental relationships such as mentors, coaches, and other adults.

### Pillar 2 Address Basic Needs

Address the economic and social barriers that cause stress and affects the social-emotional wellbeing of young people, families and caregivers.

**WHY:** This is foundational to all issues we see with youth. If youth and families do not have their basic needs met, then it leads to other challenges.

#### Levers/Strategies

- Support the implementation of and access to supplemental financial supports to children and families that will support their basic needs such as:
  - Child tax credits.
  - Housing, food, and transportation subsidies.
  - Guaranteed Basic Income Programs.
  - Access to affordable physical, dental, and behavioral health care.
- Develop affordable, high quality early care and education for every child.
- Provide opportunities for young people to earn income while they are in secondary and postsecondary education programs.

### Pillar 3 Education for Families & Communities

Support programs that educate communities about the importance of social-emotional wellbeing, parenting for social-emotional wellbeing, & how to get help when needed. Focus on reducing negative stereotypes, bias and stigma around seeking help for behavioral health challenges.

**WHY:** Education deactivates the stigma associated with seeking help, can help connect people to services, and support healthy parenting.

#### Levers/Strategies

- Invest in education and training in community and schools, giving parents and caregivers the tools that will help them support their children's social-emotional wellbeing.
- Create culturally responsive messaging and community campaigns that provide information about how to get help.
- Support public education and messaging that deactivates the stigma that prevents children, youth, and families from seeking help for mental health challenges.



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**OUR PURPOSE:** Kids in Common challenges leaders to put children first. By fostering cross-sector, data-driven partnerships, Kids in Common drives policies, investments, and practices centered on children's needs and successes.

## WE ARE:

- Santa Clara County's only comprehensive, cradle-to-career child advocacy organization focused on children's issues and policies.
- Partner-based, counting organizations and individuals as public policy partners.
- Focused on advocacy at the local level, informing local decision makers about best practices, policies, and investments that will improve children's lives.
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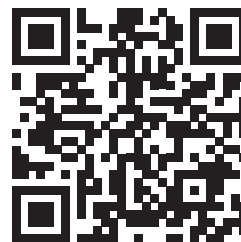
- Building bridges between community organizations, policymakers, governmental agencies, and community leaders to coordinate and amplify their individual and combined efforts on behalf of children and families.
- Providing data that drives conversations and creates the foundation to achieve better outcomes for children, youth, and families.
- Advocating for practices, policies, and investments that are focused on what is best for our kids.



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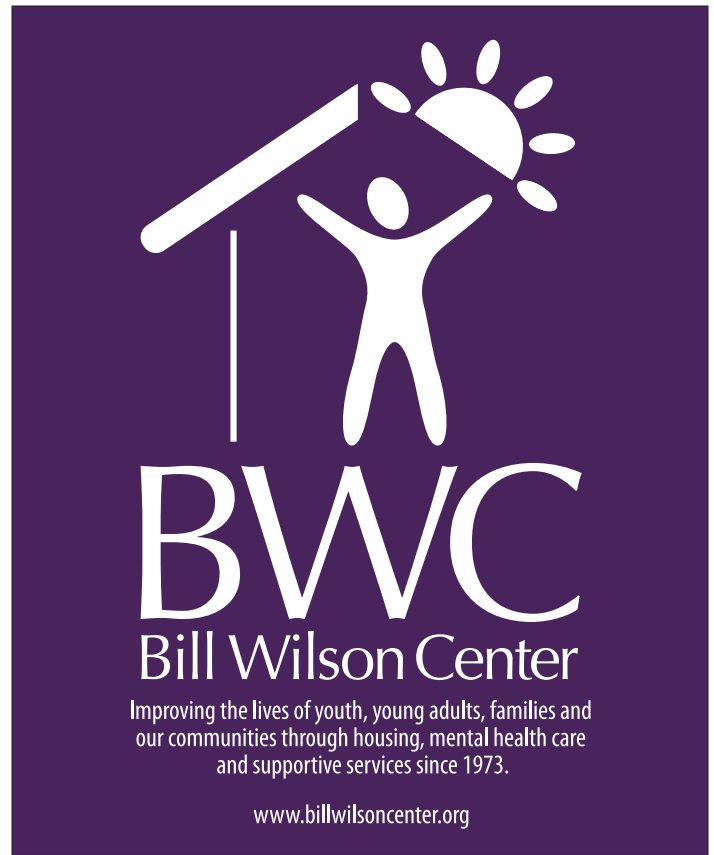
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# The Santa Clara County Children's Agenda

A Collective Impact Initiative Convened by Kids in Common

## OUR VISION:

Every child safe, healthy, successful in learning, and thriving in life.

## OUR PURPOSE:

Improve outcomes for children, youth and families through cross-sector partnership, a data-driven framework, targeted and aligned action, and by promoting policies, investment, and practice that put children and youth first.

## WHO WE ARE:

The Santa Clara County Children's Agenda unites a network of more than 45 cross-sector community and system leaders, bringing together their innovative thinking and perspectives to develop and advocate for programs and policies that benefit our children by:

- Aligning systems and practice.
- Encouraging better policies and investments.
- Ensuring programs and investments are getting positive results for children and families from cradle to career.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS WORK:

While we live in one of the most diverse and richest regions in the world, many of our children are not thriving because of racial, economic, structural and systems barriers that get in the way of their success.

No program or agency can singlehandedly solve complex, large-scale barriers that limit the success of our children, youth, and families. Improving children's lives at scale requires a commitment by all leaders and community members to focus together on the complex issues and root causes that lead to harmful and inequitable outcomes.



## OUR VALUES:

**Every Child Matters:** Every child should have an equitable pathway to a healthy and successful life. We cannot allow race, poverty or zip code to be a barrier to success nor define opportunity. The potential of our children is a resource we cannot afford to waste.

**Focus on Families:** Children thrive in healthy families and our work should be focused on strengthening families to support the healthy development of their children. Healthy families build the next generation of healthy children and families.

**Community:** We focus on what connects us rather than what separates us and communicate to each other with transparency and integrity.

**Courage:** We have the tough conversations that no one likes having and take risks in pursuit of improving outcomes for children, youth and their families.

**Generosity:** Celebrating our successes and recognizing the good work of others.

## PRINCIPLES OF ACTION:

**Equity:** We must recognize and address structural and institutional racism, discrimination, harassment, and biases across systems that contribute to inequitable outcomes for children and their families.

**Targeted Universalism:** We have common goals for all our children and recognize the need to redesign our structures to address the specific barriers to opportunity that exist between differently situated populations.

**Strategic Action:** Aligning efforts and resources to magnify impact within our individual organizations and in partnership with others.

**Results-Focused:** Using data and evidence to tell us whether we are successful in our individual organizations' work as well as at the community level.

**Continuous Improvement:** Disciplined and relentless commitment to improved results and to narrowing racial and economic disparities.

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We also administer the Primary Care Access Program (PCAP), promoting health access to all Santa Clara County residents regardless of immigration status.

Contact Valley Health Plan at 408-885-3560 or visit [valleyhealthplan.org](http://valleyhealthplan.org) to learn more.



## CELEBRATING FAMILIES!

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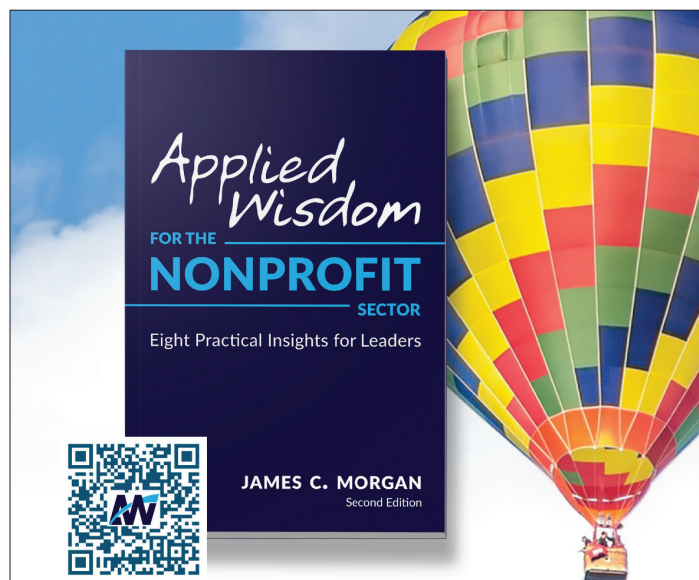
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**[childcarescc.org](http://childcarescc.org)**




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**[InclusionCollaborative.org](http://InclusionCollaborative.org)**








We deliver integrated behavioral health care and social services to advance health equity and mental well-being for children, adults and families

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# The Children's Agenda Network

Children's Agenda Network members have agreed to the values of the Children's Agenda and to advance its goals by focusing on equity, results and collaboration.

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*County Superintendent of Schools, Santa Clara County Office of Education*

**Judge Leonard Edwards\*** - *Vice Chair, Kids in Common*

*Retired, Santa Clara County Superior Court*

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