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# Today's Agenda

## Welcome

Joy Murrieta - Kids In Common, Executive Director  
Dr. Mary Ann Dewan - Kids in Common, Chair, Board of Directors

## Opening Remarks

Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and San José City Council Members

## Data Book Release and Project Reports

2026 Data Book Release Highlights & KiC Policy Agenda  
Kindergarten Readiness Assessment, Applied Survey Research  
SEW: Greetings at Every Door

## YMCA Project Cornerstone Youth Panel

Ziem Nuebert, Moderator  
Arnav, Riya, Taranjit, & Vanita - YMCA Project Cornerstone Student Leadership Council

## Keynote Speaker

Sarah L. Rudman, MD MPH Public Health Officer  
and Director County of Santa Clara Public Health Department

## Workshops

Workshop 1: Youth Climate Action  
Workshop 2: SIREN

## Lunch

## Keynote Speaker

Kurn Sundaram, Santa Clara County Youth Poet Laureate

## Gilroy Unified School District Youth Panel

Dr. Anisha Munshi, GUSD Superintendent, Moderator  
Sonia Flores, GUSD Director of Educational Services (Secondary), Moderator  
Gabriel, Chloe, Nico, Sanjana, Jeffrey - GUSD Youth Panel

## Youth Performance

On One Studios "SnackPack" Dance Group

## Bold Steps for Children Award

Jóvenes Activos of SOMOS Mayfair

## Changemaker for Children Award

Sacred Heart Community Service

## Silent Auction Winners

Executive Director & Resource Dev. Committee

## Closing

Children's Agenda Pledge - Board Chair

## Adjourn

Joy Murrieta - Kids In Common, Executive Director

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## OUR VISION

KiC serves as a backbone organization for collective impact and systems change to realize:



Every Child Safe and Stable



Every Child Healthy



Every Child Successful in Learning



Every Child Thriving in Life

## OUR METHODOLOGY



Data

Conduct & support research on all aspects of children's wellbeing



Community Mobilization

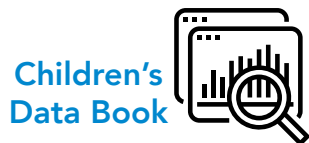
Foster & facilitate cross-sector collaboration and partnership



Policy

Formulate and advocate for policies that support positive outcomes for children

## OUR MAIN PROGRAMS



Children's Data Book

An annual document that provides and tracks statistics on various aspects of children's lives.



Children's Summit

Our annual signature event that brings together community leaders and experts who are passionate about improving children's lives.



Children's Agenda

A county-wide, cross-sector network working together to improve outcomes for youth and families.



# Policy Agenda

[www.kidsincommon.org/advocacy](http://www.kidsincommon.org/advocacy)

Guided by data from the Annual Children’s Data Book, developed by cross-system partners in the Children’s Agenda Network, Kids in Common champions policies across four mission pillars to address inequities and improve outcomes for children and families most impacted in Santa Clara County.



## Every Child Safe and Stable

### Priority:

Uplift and support strategies and resources to improve housing stability, food security, and Real Cost Measure for SCC youth and families.

### Data Book Indicators:

- Real Cost Measure
- Housing Stability
- Food Security



## Every Child Healthy

### Priority:

Uplift and support strategies and resources that prevent, identify, and promptly and effectively treat behavioral health challenges and ensure every SCC child has access to adequate physical and social-emotional healthcare.

### Data Book Indicators:

- Prenatal Care
- Annual Health Check-Ups & Dental Apts



## Every Child Successful in Learning

### Priority:

Ensure access to early childhood services, expand extended learning programs that support social-emotional wellbeing and key academic milestones, prevent absenteeism, and promote evidence-based alternatives to school suspensions.

### Data Book Indicators:

- Kindergarten Readiness
- Third Grade English Language Arts (ELA) and Eighth Grade Math Standards
- Chronic Absenteeism
- School Suspension Rates



## Every Child Thriving in Life

### Priority:

Support systems that identify and assist struggling students, provide pathways for non-graduates, remove financial barriers to post-secondary education, and support youth in transitioning to the workforce through career pathways leading to jobs with sustainable, livable wages.

### Data Book Indicators:

- Graduation Rates
- UC/CSU Requirements
- Postsecondary Enrollment
- Annual Income/Earning for Santa Clara Youth Under Age 25

Kids in Common’s 2026 Policy and Advocacy Agenda prioritizes advancing equitable, data-driven policies for Latinx and immigrant youth—who face some of Santa Clara County’s greatest disparities—by aligning with local and regional frameworks to address systemic barriers to basic needs, health, education, and long-term opportunity.



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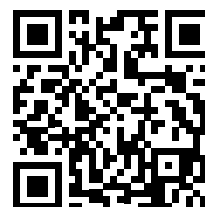
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# About the Children's Agenda Network



The **Children's Agenda** is Kids in Common's data-driven, county-wide framework designed to improve outcomes for children and youth by promoting equity, aligning action, and using shared data to guide policies and systems change.

The **Children's Agenda Network (CAN)** is the cross-sector group of leaders—across government, nonprofits, education, health, and community organizations—who commit to advancing this framework through quarterly meetings, shared learning, coordinated efforts, and collaborative decision-making.

**Vision:** Every child safe and stable, healthy, successful in learning, and thriving in life.

**Mission:** 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.

**Statement of Need:** Despite substantial community investment, fragmented systems, competing priorities, and historical inequities continue to produce disproportionate outcomes for children—especially children of color, immigrant children, and those from low-income families—due to persistent systemic barriers that limit opportunity and perpetuate intergenerational inequity.

**Method:** The Children's Agenda serves as a unifying, data-driven framework that brings cross-sector leaders together through the Children's Agenda Network (CAN) to align efforts around shared values of equity, results, and collaboration. Using detailed data from Kids in Common's Annual Data Book, CAN members identify common priorities across child safety, health, housing, education, and well-being, which are then translated into coordinated strategies and a Policy Agenda that drives advocacy, systems-level action, and lasting improvements for children and families throughout Santa Clara County.

**Values:**

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Community:** We focus on what connects us rather than what separates us and communicate to each other with transparency and integrity.
- 4. 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.

**Principles of Action:**

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Strategic Action:** Aligning efforts and resources to magnify impact within my organization and in partnership with other organizations.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Continuous Improvement:** Disciplined and relentless commitment to improved results and to narrowing racial and economic disparities.
- 6. Stakeholder Engagement:** Ensuring those affected by the decisions are involved in making them.

**Children's Agenda - Member Pledge:** I affirm my commitment to the values and principles of the Children's Agenda and pledge to work collaboratively to improve outcomes for all children, youth, and families in our community. I will champion equity, center families, use data to guide action, and support cross-sector partnerships that advance the whole-child, life-course framework. By aligning my organization's efforts with the Children's Agenda and promoting policies and practices that put children first, I commit to helping ensure that every child is safe, healthy, successful in learning, and thriving in life.

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- ✓ Support for Informal Caregivers
- ✓ Reducing Barriers to Accessing Systems

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## 2026 Bold Steps for Children Award

### Jóvenes Activos



**Jóvenes Activos** is a youth-led program of SOMOS Mayfair and receives the Bold Steps for Children Award due to its meaningful impact on East San José youth and its strong, community-rooted partnerships. Serving young people ages 12-18, the program fosters leadership, creativity, and civic engagement through mentorship, workshops, and hands-on organizing. Its collaborations with Santa Clara County Public Health and the East San Jose Peace Initiative have empowered youth to lead violence-prevention and safety campaigns, including the We All Play a Role initiative.

Jóvenes Activos also partners with local arts and cultural organizations such as Local Color and the School of Arts and Culture to create public art projects like the East Side Mural, strengthening neighborhood identity and youth expression. Through additional civic engagement efforts with groups like Amigos de Guadalupe, the program mobilizes youth voters and amplifies young voices in shaping a more equitable future.

[www.somosmayfair.org/organizing](http://www.somosmayfair.org/organizing)

## 2026 Changemaker for Children Award

### Sacred Heart Community Service



**Sacred Heart Community Service** (SHCS) receives the Changemaker for Children Award in recognition of its decades-long, transformative impact on children and families in Santa Clara County. Founded in 1964, SHCS has grown from a small neighborhood food program into one of the region's leading anti-poverty institutions. Its designation as the county's Community Action Agency in 2008 further expanded its leadership in developing countywide strategies that strengthen child wellbeing, deepen community engagement, and advance economic justice.

For more than sixty years, Sacred Heart has delivered comprehensive programs supporting children's stability and long-term success—from essential resources such as food, clothing, and rental assistance to early childhood education, homework clubs, youth development, and evidence-based parenting programs offered in partnership with the County's Department of Family and Children's Services. SHCS's sustained leadership, collaborative approach, and multi-generational impact exemplify the spirit of the Changemaker for Children Award.

[www.sacredheartcs.org](http://www.sacredheartcs.org)

# Keynote Speakers

## Sarah L. Rudman, MD, MPH

Public Health Officer & Director, Santa Clara County Public Health Department

**Dr. Sarah Rudman** is the Public Health Department's Health Officer and Director. Sarah joined the Public Health Department in 2016 to lead and grow the STD/HIV Prevention and Control Program. She led key components of the Public Health Department's COVID-19 response and transitioned to the role of Deputy Public Health Officer and Director of the Infectious Disease & Response Branch in 2022. She previously worked for the state of California Department of Public Health in outbreak investigation and provided adult infectious disease care at UCSF Medical Center. Dr. Rudman earned her MD from Cornell University and completed an internal medicine residency at Harvard, an infectious disease fellowship at the University of California, San Francisco, a Master of Public Health at University of California, Berkeley, and an undergraduate degree in Feminist Studies at Stanford University.



[www.publichealth.santaclaracounty.gov/about-us/leadership](http://www.publichealth.santaclaracounty.gov/about-us/leadership)

## Kurn Sundaram

Santa Clara County Youth Poet Laureate

**Kurn Sundaram** is a performance poet based in Northern California. He has been published by PWU, The Battering Ram, The Outlook, WEIGHT Journal, Paper Crane, and more, and was named a 2024 YoungArts Winner in spoken word. Additionally, he has been recognized by the Iowa Young Writers' Studio, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers, and the Los Gatos Poet Laureate. He is the founder & editor-in-chief of JADE&COMPASS, a literary magazine that advocates for marginalized voices across the globe. When he isn't writing, you can catch him watching a show he will never complete.



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## Santa Clara County Youth Poet Laureate Program

The **Santa Clara County Youth Poet Laureate Program** uplifts young poets ages 13-18 who use their voices for creative expression and community impact. Each year, one Laureate is selected to receive an educational scholarship and serve as an ambassador for literacy, the arts, and youth expression, alongside a cohort of Finalists who participate in performances and community projects. Supported by the Poetry Center San José and partnered with the National Youth Poet Laureate Program, the initiative collaborates with local literary organizations to build a vibrant community of young poet-activists. Through workshops, anthologies, open mics, and independent projects, the program empowers youth to share their stories and lead positive change.



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## Mani Bekele,

Policy Director

**Adult Support: MJ Sasse**, Community Engagement Coordinator

**Mani Bekele** is a junior in high school and SVYCA's Policy Officer and Co-Lead of the San José team. He also serves on the City of San José's Climate Advisory Commission. In pursuing climate action, he works to support solutions that can bring about broader societal benefits, with a particular interest in agriculture, food systems, and ecological restoration. He is also passionate about public policy solutions to the climate crisis, particularly at the state and local level, where he has advocated for measures to design our cities around people rather than cars, help more people access emissions-free appliances and vehicles, and make polluting fossil fuel corporations pay for the climate damages they have caused. He believes the voice of young people in the civic process and in decision-making about climate action is absolutely essential.



[www.svyouthclimateaction.org](http://www.svyouthclimateaction.org)

## Workshops

### Climate Change as a Driver of Youth Disparities

Climate change disproportionately affects children and youth. Its impacts amplify many disparities, including housing stability, food security, health, environmental justice, and access to climate literacy.

#### Presented by: Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action

**Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action (SVYCA)** is a youth-led, staff supported non-profit with a mission to empower teens and young adults to combat climate change through impactful education and policy initiatives. Since 2019, SVYCA has supported over 500 middle and high school student leaders in learning civic engagement through public comment at local city councils. Their advocacy has helped pass building electrification codes in eight cities serving over 500,000 residents and contributed to climate action plans in seven cities covering 1.3 million residents. They also helped secure an agreement between the Valley Transportation Authority and Fremont Union High School District to launch Santa Clara County's first high school youth transit pass pilot. In recognition of their impact, SVYCA was named the 2026 California Nonprofit of the Year by State Senator Dave Cortese.



[www.svyouthclimateaction.org](http://www.svyouthclimateaction.org)

### Centering On Our Why

This interactive, youth co-designed workshop invites participants to slow down, reconnect with their purpose, and reflect on why they do the work they do with young people. Through an art-based activity that taps into participants' "inner child," the session encourages presence, empathy, and renewed perspective when engaging with youth and younger constituents. Designed for community leaders, parents and caregivers, and adults and young adults who provide direct services to youth, the workshop acknowledges the collective stress and uncertainty of the current moment. Participants will explore how to balance grace, lightness, and patience with high expectations—communicating belief, respect, and care for young people who are navigating complex personal lives alongside challenging societal realities. By grounding ourselves in connection and shared purpose, this workshop creates space for reflection, resilience, and strength rooted in community.

#### Presented by: SIREN (Services, Immigrant Rights, and Education Network)

SIREN is a nonprofit organization that empowers low-income immigrants and refugees through community organizing, leadership development, policy advocacy, civic engagement, and immigration legal services, with the goal of advancing human rights and full participation in society regardless of legal status.



[www.sirenimmigrantrights.org](http://www.sirenimmigrantrights.org)

## Youth Panels

### YMCA Project Cornerstone

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## Social-Emotional Wellbeing Initiative

The Santa Clara County Children's Agenda, led by Kids in Common, is a community-wide effort focused on ensuring every child is safe, stable, healthy, and successful. In 2023, the network launched the **Social-Emotional Wellbeing Initiative** in response to the growing youth mental health crisis.

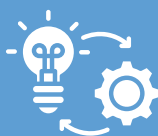
This initiative focuses on three core pillars. For each pillar, a workgroup, consisting of youth leaders and representatives from organizations across Santa Clara, identified **a shared goal and a priority effort** for investment. Over the last two years, they have worked to influence change in Santa Clara County.

### Year 1



Developed a consensus on an approach to making change in Santa Clara related to each focus area

### Year 2



Collectively implemented the approach selected across Santa Clara County

## Social-Emotional Wellbeing (SEW) Pillars

SEW is a structured, data-driven initiative program of Kids in Common's Children's Agenda, and 2-year action plan that collaboratively address the youth mental health crisis through three key pillars of work.

### SEW Key Pillars:



Addressing Basic Needs



Cultivating Caring Communities



Family and Community Education

23

organizations represented

54

convenings over 2 years

## Why the Social-Emotional Wellbeing Pillars?

Social-emotional wellbeing builds youths' ability to manage emotions, form healthy relationships, and cope with stress. Investing in these skills early helps prevent more serious mental health challenges later and supports resilience, academic success, and long-term wellbeing.

**Addressing Basic Needs**

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.

**Cultivating Caring Communities**

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

**Family and Community Education**

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

## Progress Across the County



### Addressing Basic Needs

Addressing Basic Needs strengthened community understanding of food scarcity in Santa Clara County by collaboratively researching and publishing a **comprehensive food security brief**.

**5**  
community  
**resources** for food  
security

**14**  
**evidence-based**  
resources

“Through this brief, we hope to **champion** for all youth and families to receive food and economic supports.  
-Addressing Basic Needs Workgroup”

Relevant Bill of Rights: Basic Needs



### Family & Community Education

Family and Community Education expanded access to social-emotional wellness supports for families in Santa Clara County by identifying and **sharing a broad range of community-based resources**.



**150**  
organizations offering **SEW resources** were gathered



**96**  
organizations **not listed in 211** were shared with the directory

Relevant Bill of Rights: External Supports for Family

## Cultivating Caring Communities

Cultivating Caring Communities enhanced supportive environments for children and families in Santa Clara County by building organizational capacity, increasing awareness of access to InPlay programs, and launching tools and trainings to foster connection and belonging.



### Awareness of InPlay

Cultivating Caring Communities partnered with InPlay, a nonprofit that expands access to prosocial activities for families across Santa Clara County, and provided training to organizations across the county on how to use the resource for the benefit of youth in the community.

3

informational training sessions

95

attendees received the activity kit and marketing materials

### Greetings at Every Door

Cultivating Caring Communities developed a toolkit and dedicated training for schools, organizations, and departments across the county on how to implement the strategy, Greetings at Every Door. This research-based initiative intends to create spaces where youth and children feel belonging and connectedness.

6

informational training sessions

5

tools were developed to support implementation of strategy

**Relevant Bill of Rights:** Love & Emotional Connections; Support & Guidance; Mental Health; Personal Development

## Pilot for Greetings at Every Door

Progress and Participation

15 Pilot Sites    401 Children/Youth Participating



Strategy in action in Santa Clara County!

Early insights based on responses from 3 teachers



100%

teachers observed increased student engagement



68%

teachers observed both increased connection to the students and excitement to start the day

“ One strategy I implemented was greeting families each morning with a fist bump...As one student shared, “I like doing the fist bump—it makes me happy to come to school.”

I have noticed parents engaging more positively, with one parent informally commenting, “This is such a nice way to start the day.”

-Pilot Site Teacher

## Evolution and Forward Motion

Over the past two years, the Social Emotional Wellbeing (SEW) Initiative convened cross-sector partners and youth leaders to examine the root causes shaping children and youth wellbeing in Santa Clara County. Grounded in lived experience, SEW confirmed that social-emotional wellbeing is deeply interconnected with housing stability, food security, healthcare access, educational opportunity, and economic mobility. The Annual Children's Data Book reinforced these findings with measurable disparities across these same areas, demonstrating that inequities are structural, not episodic. Together, qualitative insights and quantitative evidence point to a clear imperative: improving children and youths' wellbeing requires **policy-level solutions** that address underlying systems, not programmatic responses alone.

This next phase continues to center social-emotional wellbeing by tackling the underlying systems, including economic stability, healthcare access, educational equity, and pathways to opportunity, that determine whether children and youth can feel safe, supported, and hopeful about their futures.

### Phases

#### Phase 1: Listen and Learn

Acquired youth voice and cross-sector working group insights on identified needs

#### Phase 2: Validate with Data

Data book confirmed structural disparities

#### Phase 3: Synthesize Insights

Combined qualitative and quantitative insights

#### Phase 4: Strategic Shift

Use information gathered to inform policy and systems change efforts to work towards every child being healthy



**34** youth and organization leaders across Santa Clara County across 23 organizations participated in the SEW workgroups

### Between 2024-2026, Kids in Common helped to convene:

- Bill Wilson Center
- California Conservation Corps.
- California Young World
- County of Santa Clara, Suicide Prevention Oversight and Intervention Committee
- County of Santa Clara, Food Systems
- County of Santa Clara, Office of Children and Families Policy
- First 5 Santa Clara
- Grail Family Services
- Healthier Kids Foundation
- Juvenile Dependency Courthouse
- Parents Helping Parents
- Project Safety Net, Inc.
- Santa Clara County, Probation Department
- Santa Clara County Social Services Agency
- Santa Clara County, Department of Family and Child Services
- Santa Clara Public Health Department
- Second Harvest of Silicon Valley
- South County Youth Task Force
- Stanford Children's Health
- United Way Bay Area
- YMCA Project Cornerstone
- Youth Action Board
- Youth Liberation Movement


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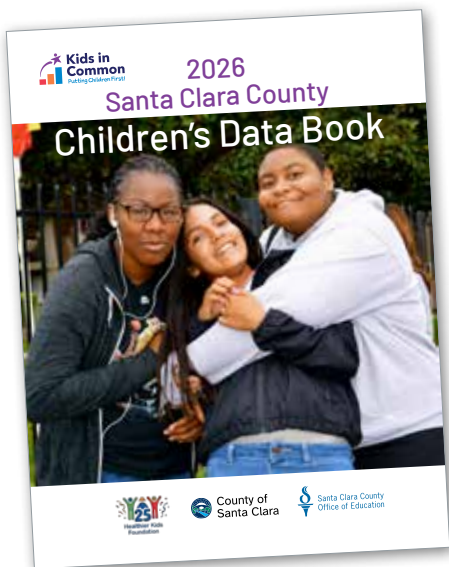
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*Hope and fear cannot occupy the same space. Invite one to stay.*

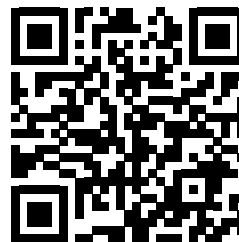
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- Nelson Mandela -

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## FY 2025-2026



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