Thriving Kids
Thriving Families
Annual Update 2019
About Us

Family Connections is all about helping underserved children thrive by helping the whole family thrive. That means personalized, comprehensive family support services paired with high quality education programs for both children AND their parents (including parent participation preschools, ongoing K-5 coaching and tutoring, and parent education) - all for free! The results are lasting, generational change as children are academically, socially and emotionally ready to learn and parents are more confident as role models and advocates for their children.

Our Future is Bright

While much has changed since our modest beginnings 25 years ago, there is one thing you can consistently count on Family Connections for: building connections! Parents and caregivers connect with each other at activities like support groups and parent education nights which helps to foster deeper relationships and a sense of belonging. Parents and children connect in the classroom allowing parents to embrace their role as their child’s first teacher. Families are connected with economic, health and educational partner programs that they would otherwise not have access to. Families connect with each other to build powerful support systems and stronger communities.

These connections and their resulting impact would not be possible without you. We are humbled and grateful for your support and partnerships. And we look forward to continuing the momentum into the future, as YOU are the connection between Family Connections and the next 25 years.

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What Makes Us Unique

Family Connections’ focus on education, engagement and support for underserved families drives real and lasting impact.

We Build Families...

40

# of psychotherapeutic, small group support meetings per year to help reduce social isolation and stress for parents and families facing various challenges

30+

# of partner programs that we collaborate with to get families direct and timely access to the support and services they need including physical health, mental health, housing, nutrition, and learning differences

...That Build Children...

Student Kindergarten-Readiness (Academics + Self Regulation)

| Family Connections Pre-K | 100% |
| San Mateo County | 39% |

Source: Silicon Valley Community Foundation Analysis, FC internal data and feeder school teacher interviews

In 3rd grade, Family Connections’ students were four times more likely to be at or above grade level in math and English than low-income peers in San Mateo County

Source: CAASPP Results (CA Dept of Ed), FC internal data

...That Build Communities.

Parent Engagement + Early Education = Generational Change

↑ Self Esteem  
↑ Graduation Rates  
↑ Homework Completion  
↑ Class Attendance  
↑ Home Ownership  
↑ Future Earnings

“Family Connections means having that tribe you hear about, that you can talk to and that you need to be able to raise a child.”  
- FC Parent

“With Family Connections, we’re part of a community that is fully invested in the future of our children.”  
- FC Parent
Family Connections Powered by Numbers

Revenue (July 2018 - June 2019)

$1.1M

- 38% Foundations
- 31% Special Events and Other
- 21% Government Contracts
- 10% Individual Contributions

Family Connections Powered by People

We are so thankful to our past and current supporters who have helped us drive a quarter of a century of impact. And we are humbled to have the support of our generous Leadership Circle, who are seeding the future of Family Connections through a significant, multi-year financial commitment that allows us to effectively and strategically plan for and grow our capacity to support families for the next 25 years. To learn more or join us in our journey, please contact Jay Strauss at jstrauss@familyconnections.org.

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Our volunteers' hard work and dedication to our mission is an incredible gift. We would not be able to do what we do without the help of the individual classroom volunteers, volunteer groups, local schools and companies who show up ready to work with enthusiastic smiles. Special thanks to the following groups for their continued support:

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