

WHAT WE DO

Identify Needs and Solutions. Be an entrepreneur in working to address needs in our community with innovative and effective solutions.

Convene/Facilitate. Bring people and processes together in our commitment to positive and lasting improvement across all sectors of our work.

Provide Expertise. Act humbly and resourcefully to contribute knowledge to the field through the expertise of our people.

Leverage Leadership. To work toward large scale, sustained improvement in support of success in learning and life.

Grantmaking. Invest in and support changemakers, attract additional resources, and replicate best practices.

Share Learnings. Collect, measure, and learn from our successes and failures, and share outcomes with our stakeholders and other communities.

OUR ROLE

To invest in sustainable solutions through collaborative initiatives and entrepreneurial partnerships.

Who?

We support the residents of Santa Barbara County, and to a lesser extent Ventura and San Luis Obispo Counties, in building communities that believe in and support every child living a successful and healthy life.

What?

We work toward comprehensive solutions, data-informed decisions, and enhancing the capacity of systems.

How?

We seek efforts that will have lasting change by being scalable, and can instigate systemic improvement.

INCISIVE & COORDINATED STRATEGIES

Build a Culture of Collaboration:
Work with Others to Create Sustainable Change

Encourage Dialogue and Pathways for Improvement to Better Facilitate Collective Impact

Provide Expertise and Resources to Bolster Outcomes

Find and Support the Expert Implementers and Change Agents
(Understand that it could be Orfalea)

Data: Invest in Practical Tools to Drive Data-Informed Decision-Making

Share and Engage in Continuous Learning and Improvement

Take a Pro-Active Role in Public Policy to Contribute to Statewide and Federal System Improvement

INITIATIVES & KEY INVESTMENTS

Lead, support, and/or facilitate strategic programmatic initiatives and key partnerships to develop and implement innovative approaches to success in learning and in life and enable successful practices to inform and influence public policy.

Provide education, inspiration, networking opportunities and tools to the leaders of children's centers.

Empower early childhood education centers to become leaders of wellness and change in food and activity practices, as well as increasing the quantity, quality and benefit of their outdoor programs and environments.

Empower school districts in SBC to implement and sustain nourishing cooked-from-scratch food programs, and assist them in connecting students to their food and environment through school gardens.

Connect students to community resources to expand students' vision of what is possible for their lives and provide the supports necessary to make those goals a reality.

Sustain relationships with colleges and universities in the region, continue to provide support for teachers as well as student scholarships, and encourage curiosity and life-long learning.

Build a community partnership to enhance capabilities to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters.

COMMUNITY BENCHMARKS

Every child has access to high quality preschool.

Every child has access to nutritious food and makes healthy food choices throughout their lives.

Every student develops the social, emotional, and cognitive skills to be self-sufficient.

Every student has access to robust, traditional education supported by quality schools and active and engaged caregivers.

Youth have access to exceptional experiential learning opportunities that build skills for success in learning and life.

Youth are inspired to go to college and/or achieve career success, develop a plan and establish goals for higher education or vocational training, and have sufficient financial assistance to meet their needs.

Our community encourages and hosts life-long learning opportunities.

Our community prioritizes health and safety, as well as environmental sustainability, and works to address other systemic and emerging needs.

LASTING IMPACT

A resilient community where families and society nurture all children to become responsible, compassionate, healthy and engaged citizens.