



Choose Children Partnership Pledge

As partners in Choose Children, we **commit** to creating a future in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties where families with children can live and thrive.

We **understand** that the economic vibrancy of our region relies on helping families manage the financial struggles felt by many across the income spectrum and making our communities affordable for future generations.

We **accept** our responsibility to ensure that young children begin their lives healthy, safe, and ready to succeed in school and life.

We **champion** the well-being of all children by supporting food security, housing, and the other basic needs; providing physical and mental health support; and mitigating chronic stress and other environmental factors that impact child development.

We **promote** investment and approaches that make high quality child care affordable and available for all families to give our youngest learners the start they need to learn, grow, and develop, to allow parents to go to work confident that their babies, toddlers and young children are happy and safe, and to support the economic mobility of the early care workforce.

We **believe** in helping parents to be their child's first teacher and supporting families, providers, and practitioners to develop healthy attachments, foster creativity and curiosity, and ensure young learners have equitable access to high-quality early education, including early intervention services for young children with special needs.

We **work** to ensure that candidates for local office support early learning and care as part of their campaign agendas and, if elected, commit to take actions that advance the well-being, care, and education of all babies, toddlers, and young children – and the caring adults in their lives.

For more information on the Choose Children Partnership or the Partnership Pledge, please visit <https://choosechildren.org/>.