

Bill of Rights for Children & Youth

Santa Clara County

All children and youth have a right to be safe, healthy, successful in learning and successful in life regardless of their language, culture, race, gender or gender identity, sexual orientation, religion or developmental abilities. Santa Clara County is enriched by the diversity of its children and youth. In order to benefit from this diversity, we must ensure all children and youth realize the same rights. Therefore we resolve to support Santa Clara County children and youth so that:

- ◆ *They have a healthy mind, body and spirit that enables them to maximize their potential.*
- ◆ *They develop a healthy attachment to a parent, guardian, or caregiver and an ongoing relationship with a caring and supportive adult.*
- ◆ *Their essential needs are met – nutritious food, shelter, clothing, health care, and accessible transportation.*
- ◆ *They have a safe and healthy environment, including homes, schools, neighborhoods and communities.*
- ◆ *They have access to a 21st century education that promotes success in life, in future careers and a love of life-long learning.*
- ◆ *They have training in life skills that will prepare them to live independently, be self-sufficient and contribute to their community.*
- ◆ *They have employment opportunities with protections from unfair labor practices.*
- ◆ *They have freedom from mistreatment, abuse and neglect.*
- ◆ *They have a voice in matters that affect them.*
- ◆ *They have a sense of hope for their future.*

Signature Date

Name

Representing Self Organization

Organization Name



CHILDREN'S **AGENDA**
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