Solano Family & Children's Services THEORY OF CHANGE

Mission

Creating connections for families and child care providers to support the healthy development of children for a thriving community.

The Need

Families need support and navigation to find quality child care. Research shows that when families have access to affordable, quality child care, the children, families, employers, and the local economy all benefit.

Low-income families need financial assistance to pay for child care costs while they work towards becoming self-sufficient.

Child care providers need support and resources to provide quality child care. Coaching and other on-site professional development supports have emerged as promising strategies for improving the quality of early care and education.

Our Target Population

SFCS serves all families in Solano County in need of child care and resources that promote healthy child development. We also serve all child care providers in Solano County.

We focus our services on:

- Low-Income Families
- Children with Special Needs
- Children at Risk

Our Approach to Impact

SFCS is a primary resource in Solano County for all families to access affordable, quality child care and community resources, in order to meet the needs of each family, and to support their economic stability and quality of life.

SFCS Services

Knowledge & Resources

Provide families with knowledge and resources about quality child care through one-on-one consultation, educational workshops, Parent Cafes, and social media

Financial Support

Provide low-income families access to financial support for quality child care services through a variety of Subsidized Child Care Programs

Child Care Quality Support

Work with child care providers to support their efforts to increase the quality of their care through one-on-one consultation, educational workshops, and on-site coaching

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FAMILIES

Short-Term Outcomes

- Increased understanding of the full array of services that families can access to support their search for child care
- Increased knowledge about the indicators of quality child care

Longer-Term Outcomes

- Increased utilization of child care services by families enrolled in our subsidy programs
- Increased number of families requesting navigation for relevant community services
- Increased number of requests for enhanced referrals for children with special needs
- Increased number of children in child care settings receiving nutritious meals
- Increased number of requests for child care settings with quality standards

CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

Short-Term Outcomes

- Increased understanding of the full array of services and resources that child care providers can access to develop a strong business and provide quality child care
- Increased connection to community resources

Longer-Term Outcomes

- Increased participation rate of providers enrolled in the Child Care Food Program
- Increased participation in continued education to improve the quality of care
- Increased number, and retention, of licensed child care providers
- Increased capacity across different child care settings to meet the individual needs of families and children

Impact

- **All families have access to child care options that meet their needs and support their children to develop and thrive**
- **Parents are employed and contributing to the local economy**
- **Our child care provider community is thriving**