Linking Health, Education, and Communities to Change Lives and Achieve Equity



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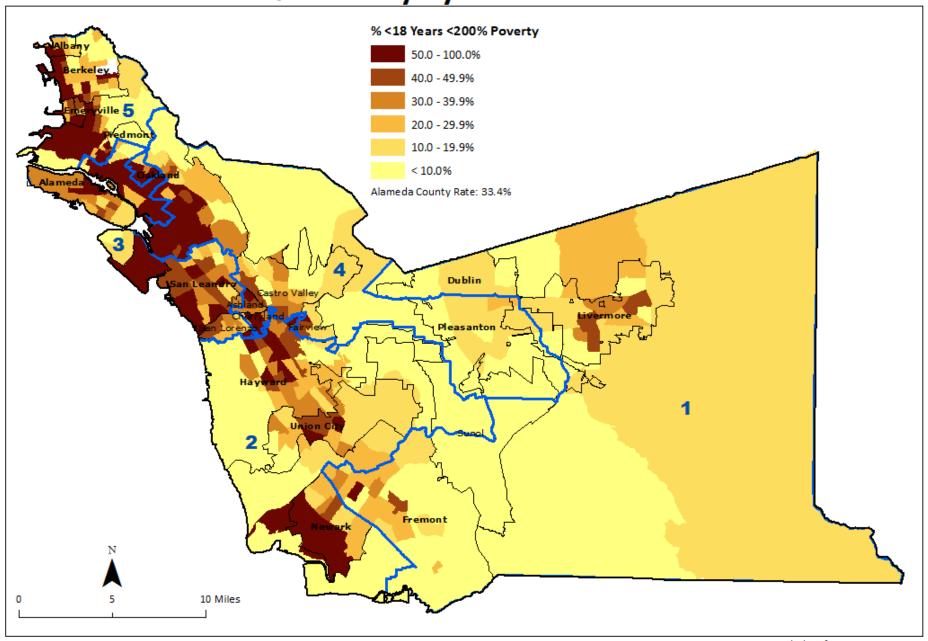
AYPF Study Tour to Oakland: Engaging School and Community in Meeting the Needs of the Common Core State Standards



Our Leadership Challenge

Many Alameda County children, youth, and families still live, attend schools, and work in low opportunity neighborhoods that have profound and long-term impacts on their health, education, and economic well-being.

Children Under 200% Poverty by Census Tract



Race, Place, and Income Affect Health

Compared to a White child in the affluent Oakland Hills, an African American born in West Oakland is...

1.5 times more likely to be born premature or low birth weight

to be behind in vaccinations

5 times more likely to be hospitalized for diabetes

7 times more likely to be born into poverty

4 times less likely to read at grade level

2 times more likely to die of heart disease

INFANT

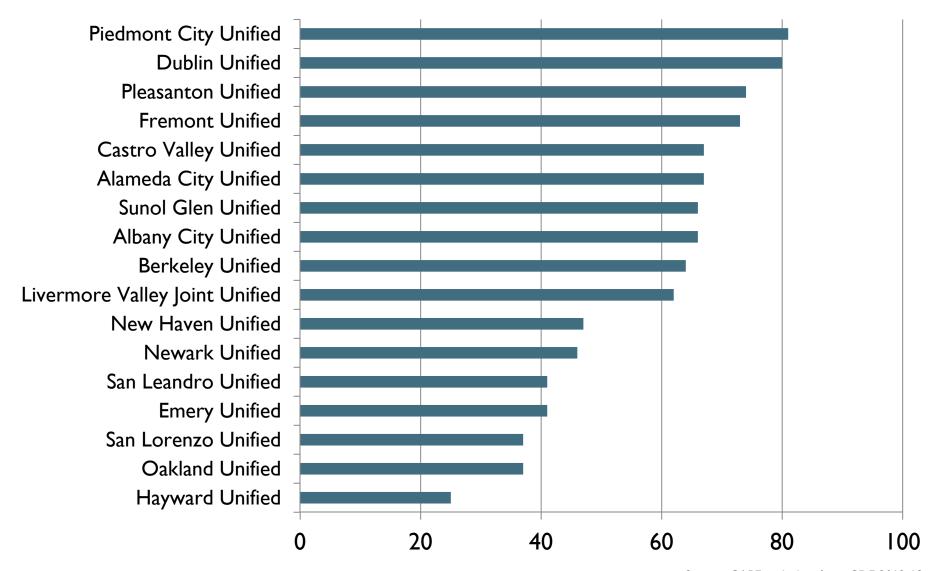
CHILD

ADULT

Cumulative impact:

15-year difference in life expectancy

3rd Grade Academic Performance by School District (% At or Above Proficient, 3rd Grade ELA)



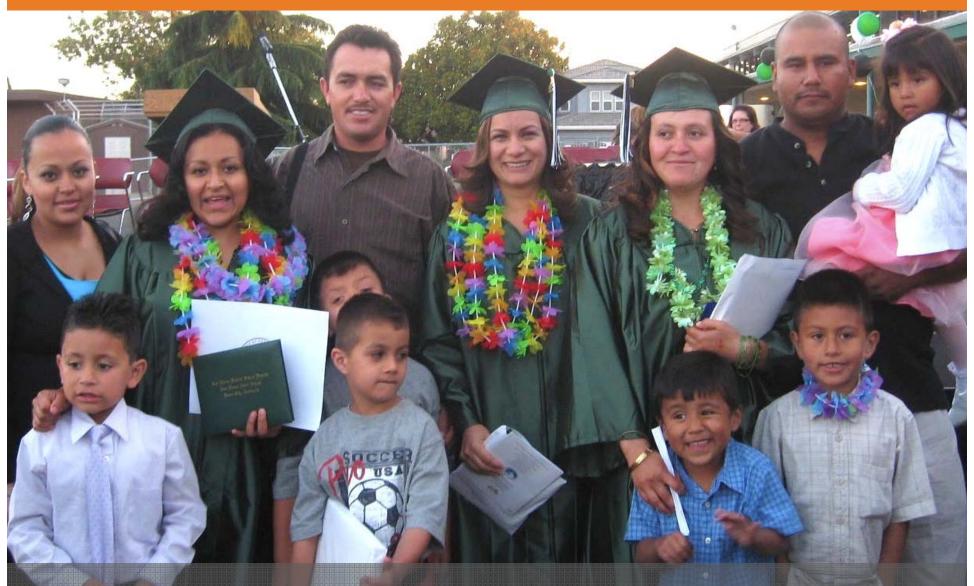


Alameda County Community School Framework

Community schools are a comprehensive approach to transforming Alameda County public schools into centers of community that create the conditions for all children and their families to thrive.

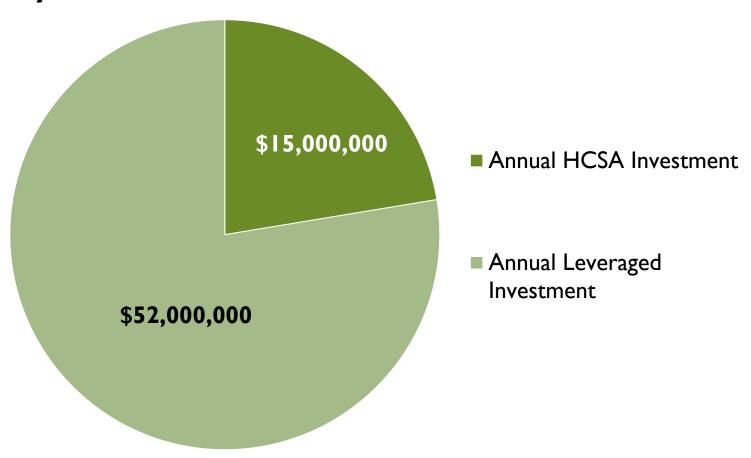
Since 1996, Health Care Services Agency has been collaborating with districts, schools, and other partners to build a cornerstone of the community school approach – health and wellness.





We envision a county where all youth graduate from high school healthy and ready for college and career

County HCSA Investment



Improved Health Improves Education Outcomes Community Schools Research Base

Whole Child Approach/ Child Development

- James Comer
- Jacquelynne Eccles
- Werner/Benard

Parental Involvement

- Joyce Epstein
- A. Henderson & K. Mapp

Coordinated Services

Joy Dryfoos

Youth Development and Out-of-School-Time

- Reginald Clark
- Milbrey McLaughlin
- Deborah Vandell, NIOST, NSLA

School Change

Anthony Bryk

Health-Learning Links...

Charles Basch

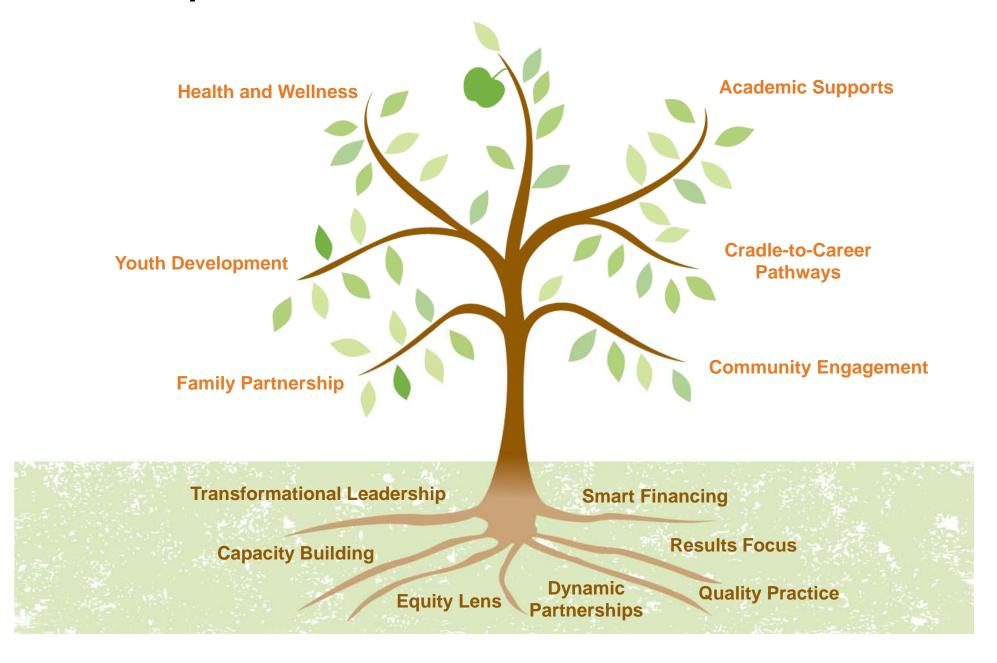
New Research on Links between Health and Educational Achievement

Charles Basch identified causal links between 7 health issues and educational achievement:

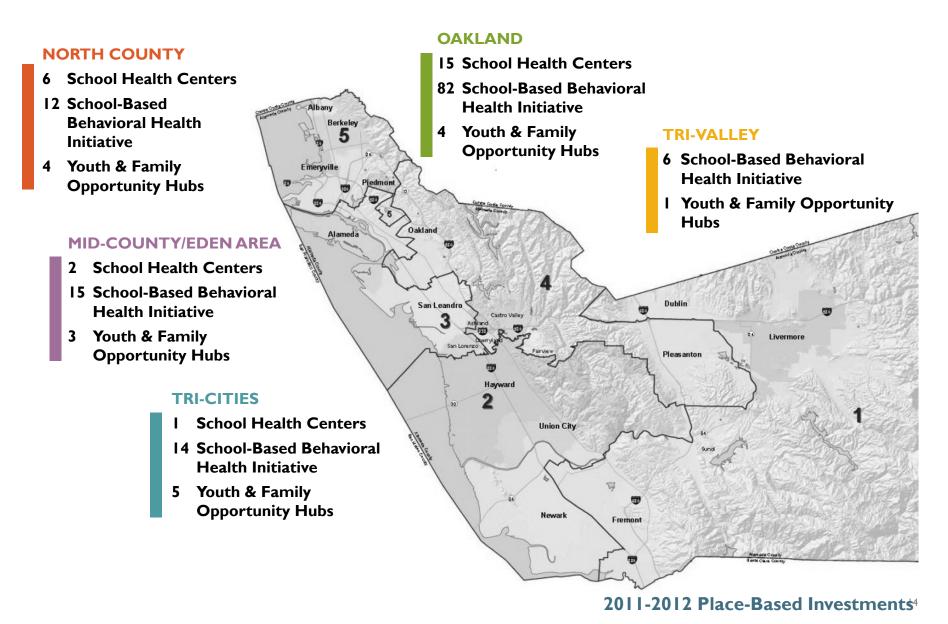
- Poor vision
- 2. Asthma
- 3. Teen Pregnancy
- 4. Aggression and Violence
- 5. Physical Inactivity
- 6. ADHD
- 7. Hunger (especially insufficient breakfast)



Healthy Schools & Communities Framework

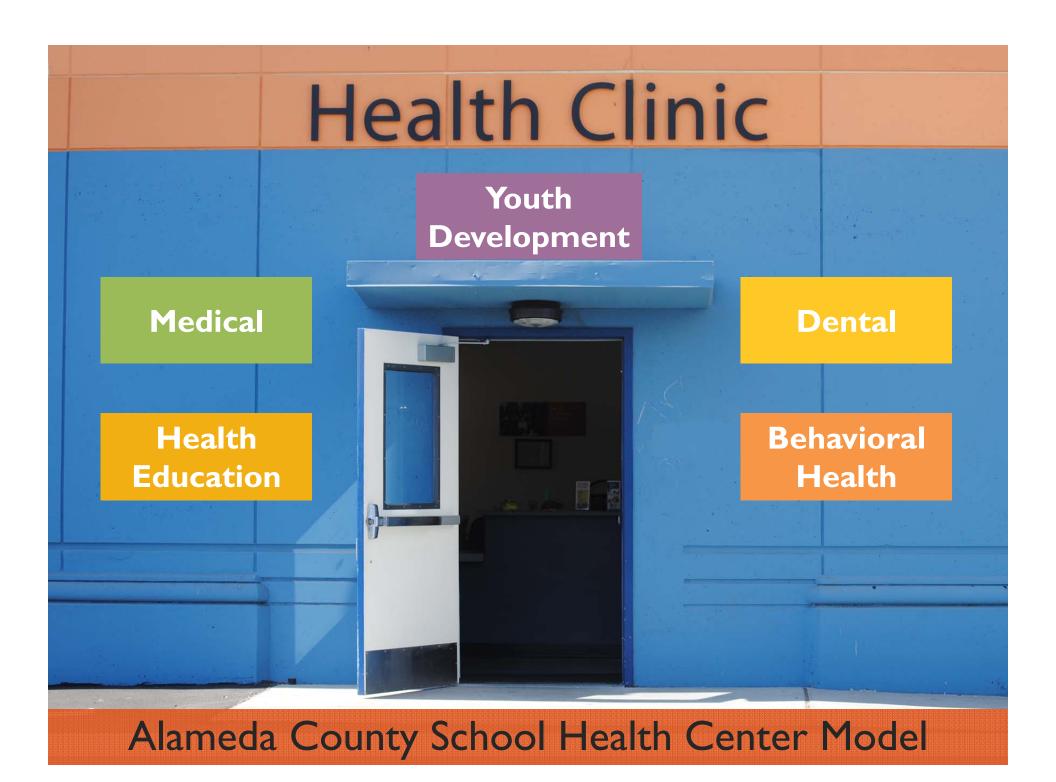


Equity Lens: Placed-Based Strategies by Region

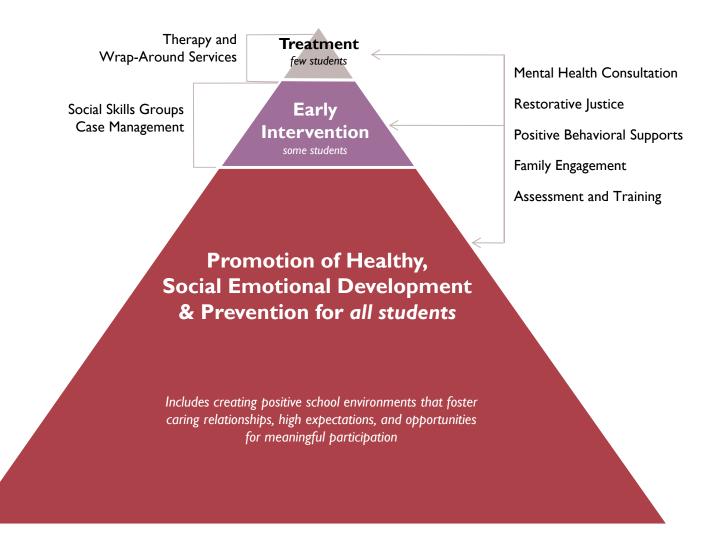


CHSC Programs & Initiatives in Oakland Total: 6 Youth and Family Support **Projects** Total: 2 Healthy School and Community **Initiatives** Total: 82 Schools with Behavioral Health Programs Total: 15 School Health Centers

The County makes an annual investment of over \$24 million dollars to support the foundation and rollout of a full-service community school district and city



School-Based Behavioral Health Model



Connecting Kids to Coverage Initiative

Eligibility and enrollment into health coverage and public benefits

- Outreach: To parents, families, school & district staff, community partners
- Accessible Enrollment Opportunities: "One-Stop" opportunities for families to enroll at the CFRC, additional opportunities at school sites
- Data-Sharing: Targeting outreach to children and families who appear eligible for programs and/or have recently "fallen off" programs
- Partner Collaboration: With school health centers, school-based behavioral health providers, & others

Emergency Medical Services Corps

The EMS Corps is a highly selective, rigorous academy that prepares young men for careers in emergency medical services

- Life-Coaching
- Mental Health
- Case Management
- Community Service
- Mentorship
- Academic Tutoring
- Physical Training





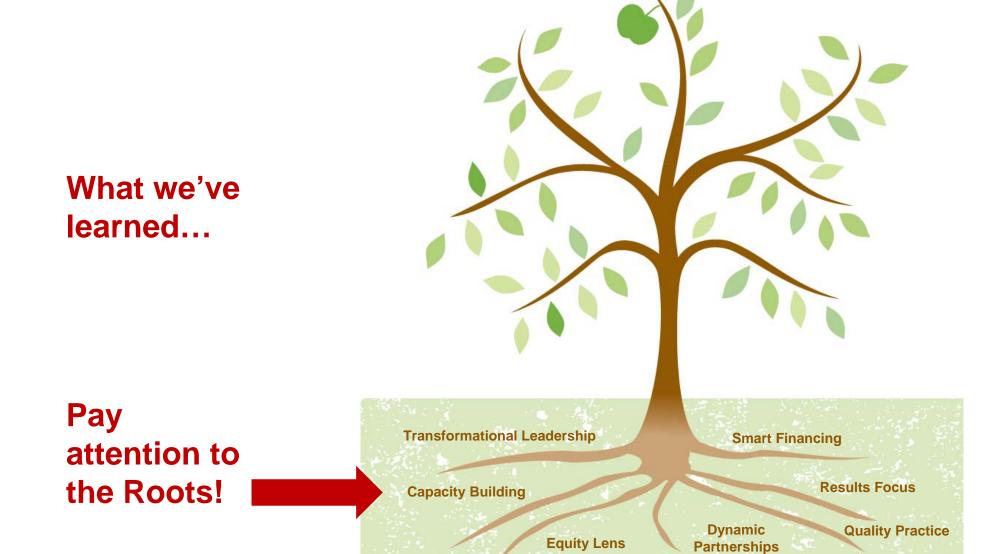


We have built a network of partners who work to ensure all youth in the county have access to the supports and opportunities they need to thrive.

Public Sector Partnership: Why it Works

- Entrepreneurial spirit
- Financial sophistication
- Organizational humility
- Deep respect for site-based leadership
- An authentic belief in the positive wisdom and intelligence of children and families
- Careful and aggressive advocacy





Transformative Leadership

Systems change happens when leaders at all levels think and act across boundaries, challenge assumptions and the status quo, and work creatively to solve problems and advance a health- and education-equity agenda.

Thinking and acting beyond boundaries.



Develop the "Roots"

- Advocate for Equity
 - Apply an equity formula to resource decisions
- Be Creative with Financing
 - Blend funding for universal access to physical & behavioral health care
- Build Dynamic Partnerships
 - Partner around linked learning and career pathways
- Invest in Capacity Building and Quality Practice
 - Fund Community Schools Coordinators & other coordination infrastructure
 - Culturally relevant practices in health and education services

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