

# Santa Clara County Office of Education

INCLUSION COLLABORATIVE

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# Annual Report 2020-2021

## From the Director

#### Dear friends of the Inclusion Collaborative,

I am honored to have been a part of the incredible **Inclusion Collaborative** during 2020-21 - what a year! I am extremely proud of our talented and dedicated staff who persevered during a pandemic and utilized their creative and resourceful skills to build an even stronger Inclusion Collaborative. Despite all the many changes and barriers, our department has managed to expand its services and serve even more families and educators. And believe it or not, it was all done virtually! What a remarkable team who make inclusion happen! In addition, the Inclusion Support Warmline has been

busier than ever; we have expanded our outreach to our Spanish and Vietnamese community and developed and distributed more social stories than ever before!

Utilizing the California Equity Performance Improvement Program grant funding, we were able to launch the *Ways 2 Equity Playbook*, a navigational tool for both school districts and school sites to use on their equity journey. The monthly statewide *Navigating Equity Network* was established and offered free of charge. The urgent need for equity for all students was highlighted by the effects of COVID-19 on our educational system and we continue to promote the Ways 2 Equity Playbook though out the state. In addition, the Inclusion Collaborative partnered with CAST and another CDE grant project, California Coalition for Inclusion Literacy, which promotes and supports the implementation of Universal Design for Learning at the county level, then down to the school site. We truly believe that the implementation of UDL "disrupts inequities"!

Many thanks go to our wonderful Warmenhoven Advisory Board for all their support this past year.

In addition, I would like to recognize our friend, advisor and funder, Mrs. Charmaine Warmenhoven. We truly appreciate all her support over the years! And last but not least, I want to personally acknowledge Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, Superintendent of County Schools. She is a true inclusion champion!

Thank you for all your support! The Inclusion Collaborative looks forward to another amazing year!



Kathy Wahl



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#### # Inclusion Collaborative Inclusion Collabora

# 2020 Inclusion Collaborative State Conference

- All-virtual event.
- 354 participants.
- 55 Sessions
   96% said: The 2020 ICSC was effective in establishing inspiration and reason for taking action.
- 96% said: As a result of attending the 2020 ICSC, I have increased my knowledge about inclusion and equity and can begin to address next steps to promoting in my classroom/school/district.







Jonathan Mooney, "Normal Sucks"



The IC Production Team

Dr. Richard Villa, "Advocacy for Inclusive Education: What Can One Person Do?"

# Inclusion Collaborative Pandemic Response Activities

 Inclusion Support Warmline: Extended hours; supported students with IEP concerns; developed and distributed multiple specific COVID-19 visual supports and social stories; provided screening for digital access and resources; distance learning training and support for both parents and educators; continued ASQ screenings and referrals for services, e-packets of information for families, in multiple languages.



- Emergency Child Care Visual Supports provided May/June 2020 and over 3,000 COVID-19 Related Social Stories provided to SCCOE Early Learning sites and families of Special Education students.
- Provided free monthly Inclusion Collaborative Family Resource Chats & Educator Resource Chats and monthly Family Resource Highlights on the Inclusion Collaborative website.
- In collaboration with First 5 Santa Clara, distributed 2,700 Family Activity Kits, which included Calming Kits, to Family Resource Centers in Santa Clara County.



 Translated 32 lesson plans into Spanish & Vietnamese for RAFT Activity Kits and provided



them to local school district food

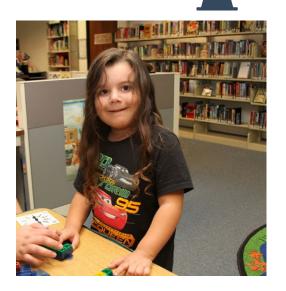


## Professional Development Top Trainings 2020-21:

- 1. Universal Design for Learning
- 2. Welcoming and Belonging
- 3. Positive Behavior Supports
- 4. Inclusion Supports
- 5. Self-Regulation

Over 7,000 individuals participated in Inclusion Collaborative Trainings!





# 2020-21 Inclusion Projects

- Embedded Instruction Pilot Project

   funded by California Department of Education
- Teaching Pyramid Trainings

   supported through
   First 5 Santa Clara
- Inclusive Classroom Profile Pilot Project – supported through First 5 Santa Clara
- California 1 (CA1): Highway to Success
- Ways 2 Equity Playbook
- SCCOE Makerspace
- Inclusive Early Education
   Expansion Program



#### 2020-21 Revenue \$**2,200,000** 46% 22% 15% Warmenhoven Institute California Santa Clara FIRST 5 Local **County Office** Santa Clara Department Revenue of Education County of Education

# Urgency to Promote Equity:



Promoting equity continues to be a special focus. Through an empathy lens, the Inclusion Collaborative works towards anticipating and addressing systemic barriers to educational advancement and the cultural sustainment of all marginalized student groups, regardless of ability.





# Our AMAZING Team!



The Inclusion Collaborative of the Santa Clara County Office of Education promotes a culture that values all children by strengthening, sustaining, and ensuring inclusive practices. We believe that every individual, regardless of abilities and disabilities, has the right to equitable access to quality, inclusive learning and community environments.



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