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- All-virtual event
- 363 participants
- 34 Sessions
- 92% of attendees agreed that as a result of the conference, they have increased their knowledge about inclusion and equity and can begin to address next steps to promoting inclusion in their classroom/school/district
- 94% of attendees agreed that the conference provided relevant information they can use and apply to their current position/role

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SCCOE Makerspace
Inclusive Early Education Expansion Program

2021-22 Revenue $2,600,000

- Over 4,000 Warmline contacts.
- Increase in both Spanish & Vietnamese contacts; additional resources developed in these languages.
- Development of many visual supports and social stories; COVID-19 specific resources; guidance to caregivers and support providers.

Professional Development
Top Trainings 2021-22:
1. Universal Design for Learning
2. Welcoming and Belonging
3. Positive Behavior Supports
4. Inclusion Supports
5. Self-Regulation

Growth of Communities of Practice, a new practice-based coaching model to enhance professional development by continuing education in a hands-on coaching and peer networking environment.

Inclusion Projects
- Free support, information and referrals for including children of all ages with disabilities and other needs in your community

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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.

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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