

CELEBRATING OUR SECOND YEAR

2016-2017



EDUCARE SERVES OVER 700 CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Educare serves over 700 children and their parents and caregivers through high quality early learning classrooms, a family resource center, a satellite public library and children's museum, and other services. Educare narrows the opportunity gap for low-income children by providing positive parenting classes, connections to social services, and developing the social-emotional skills kids need to be kindergarten-ready.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

Educare is preparing to launch pilot efforts of our Professional Development Institute (PDI) to build the capacity of early learning professionals throughout the region. As a "teaching hospital" and learning laboratory, our PDI will offer opportunities for early learning educators, parents, and service professionals to observe high-quality early learning environments and practices, access resources and trainings, and receive individualized support to replicate these strategies in their local communities.



2017 INAUGURAL INTERNATIONAL MUD DAY

Parents, children, and staff discovered new ways to learn through play at Educare's first annual International Mud Day on June 29th, celebrating children connecting with the earth. This family engagement opportunity featured a mud kitchen, mud art, and other activity stations.

DATA DASHBOARD LAUNCH

Educare implemented a digital data dashboard in classrooms to streamline data entry for teachers and enable real-time data that helps teachers to identify trends and fine-tune their instruction.

SHARING WHAT WE'VE LEARNED

Our team members were invited to present at a variety of local and national conferences to share what we've learned about art, data utilization for continuous improvement, and sustainability efforts.

EXPANDING ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY EARLY LEARNING

Through our partnership with Franklin-McKinley School District, we are happy that families in East San Jose will have greater access to early learning opportunities through their expansion of Transitional Kindergarten, which gives the youngest kindergarten students an opportunity to learn and grow in an environment tailored to meet their academic and social needs. FMSD is one of the few school districts offering this expanded early learning opportunity.

DEVELOPING FUTURE EARLY LEARNING EDUCATORS

Through a partnership with East Side Union High School District, we're building a pipeline of early educators, while also providing career development training for local high school students. Students taking early learning courses will soon have the opportunity to begin field work in our high quality early learning facility.

OPPORTUNITY CHAMPIONS

Our family of Opportunity Champions is growing! Our generous donor base increased significantly this past year, and we are thankful for your support in narrowing the opportunity gap for low-income children.



POLICY

Educare advocates for policies that will improve early childhood education at the local, state, and national levels. A few noteworthy policy efforts this year:

- Supported AB60, which passed and allows California to raise the income eligibility limit so more low-income families qualify for state subsidized child care.
- Signed on to a statewide letter urging the California State Board of Education to integrate early learning into California's ESSA (Each Student Succeeds Act) State Plan.
- Joined Strong Start Santa Clara County partners on an Advocacy Day to Sacramento on May 23, 2017 to advocate for high quality early learning.
- Served as a reviewer for The Opportunity Institute and Too Small to Fail's white paper on social-emotional development.

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Through our family resource center, funded by FIRST 5 Santa Clara County and operated by Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County, we offer a variety of trainings and parent education opportunities for the local community. In 2017, we piloted 24/7 Dad, an evening program to promote father engagement. Ten fathers have graduated from this course so far, and we are accepting new participants. Ask a family resource center team member about applying!

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