

WHO WE ARE

We bring together all of the adults in a child's life, including parents, educators, and medical and mental health providers, starting from a very early age.

We believe that raising a child is a team effort.

At our school, teachers, parent coaches, health providers, community partners, and parents work together as a team around our students so they can lead happy, healthy, and productive lives.



WHY WE EXIST

Families deserve better and more coordinated support systems.

We know that there are many reasons why children come to school not ready to learn. Children and their families may be experiencing poverty, housing insecurity, racism, and other stressful and traumatic situations; they may not have had access to an early childhood program, so might be entering school already behind; or they may have untreated physical health barriers — like cavities, asthma, or hunger — that make it difficult to concentrate. We not only account for these barriers to learning, but actively work in partnership with families to overcome them.

When we started working in Hayward several years ago, we listened to local parents, community members, leaders, and medical professionals. They told us about a lack of early childhood programming and preschool seats, and the burden many families -- particularly those with complex needs -- face in navigating different public systems, which adds to their already full plates.

Our program in Hayward builds on our learnings in East Palo Alto and the strengths of the community in order to fill gaps and meet the needs of our families.

WHERE WE WORK

In 2016, we opened our flagship school in East Palo Alto that has grown to serve over 300 children, and which will continue to grow one grade per year through eighth grade. In Fall 2021, we opened our second school to serve Hayward families, beginning with prekindergarten for our first class of four year olds. We will continue to grow through elementary school.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES



Start early. We start working with children several years before kindergarten to reach them at a critical stage in their development.



Partner with parents. We believe that when parents thrive, children thrive, so we support the wellness and growth of parents alongside the growth of their children.



Integrate services. Our unique model unites health care and education, building a multi-disciplinary team and holistic system of care around a child's full needs.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

BIRTH TO THREE PROGRAM

We offer playgroups and a preschool readiness program to strengthen parents' capacity and help them identify and support their child's developmental needs.

SCHOOL PROGRAM

We take a whole child approach to education, holding ourselves accountable to academic, health, and social-emotional outcomes. Children attend preschool through elementary school with us.

HEALTH CARE PARTNERSHIP

We partner with Kaiser Permanente and other existing health care providers to coordinate medical care for children, complemented by our own health promotion work in school and family programs.

PARENT WELLNESS COACHING PROGRAM

Throughout their experience at our school, every parent and caregiver works individually with a parent coach and participates in monthly group sessions to grow their social support network, learn how to support their child's development, and achieve their goals.

OUR PARTNERS

We are proud to work with partners across sectors to enrich our classroom experience and offer personalized health and support services for children and families. Here are just a few of our partners.

