helping children and families thrive
A Note from the Executive Director

Since joining Family Connections over eight years ago, I’ve often said, “It’s never a dull day at Family Connections.” Every day, week, month, and year brings such excitement, learning and transformation through Family Connections’ programs and impact. 2019 was no different, and was one of our most transformative years ever.

With the retirement of the agency’s founder, I became the agency’s Executive Director. We thank Maryann Fleming for her vision; and we continue our efforts to partner with the amazing people throughout the neighborhoods in which we work to strengthen families and build communities.

Our comprehensive continuum of 30 multilingual programs is needed now more than ever. For the largely low-income immigrant populations we serve, Family Connections is a bridge and access point to quality early childhood education, family support, health education, peer and community connections, and a lot of laughs and delicious shared food. No matter a child’s or family’s race, status, or income, we believe in and work to ensure access to high quality programs and a welcoming environment.

This was exemplified in the opening of our state-of-the-art Excelsior facility. The new center is more than double the size of the old facility! Our Excelsior center can now serve 30% more children and families each year, including the inauguration of a second licensed Pre-K.

Last year, we also officially changed our name to Family Connections Centers in order to more accurately reflect the work we do in both the Portola and Excelsior neighborhoods of San Francisco, as well as all the families that come to us from throughout the city.

Family Connections also reached another milestone with our 50,000th participant. We look forward to many more in the future, as we continue our work to provide positive options and brighter futures to the deserving children and residents of San Francisco.

We truly appreciate your support of our organization, and more importantly, of the children and families we serve. We couldn't do this vital work without the strong partnerships we have developed, and look forward to accomplishing even more together in the years ahead.

With Gratitude,

Yensing Sihapanya

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Our Community

29% of participants report being fluent in English

67% of adult participants were born outside of the US

81% of households qualify as very or extremely low income

85% of children in local schools are eligible for free or reduced lunch
Our Programs

**Family Support Services**
- Case Management
- Community Events
- Educational Workshops
- Support Groups
- Parent Advisory Board
- Parenting Classes
- Pre-Natal Series

**Early Childhood Education**
- Tummy Time Baby Group
- First Steps Playgroup
- Next Steps Preschool Readiness Program
- Preschool
- Summer Pop 'N Play

**Healthy Connections**
- Nutrition/Healthy Eating
- Exercise Classes
- Disease Prevention
- Mental Health Workshops

**School-Age Education**
- Homework Club
- Chinese Saturday School
- Summer Academic Enrichment

“The incredible support my family receives keeps us coming back. No matter what is going on in our lives, Family Connections is there for us, our children, and our grandchildren.”

– Flora C., grandparent participant

“At Family Connections, we have caring and love all around us.”

– Cecilia, age 9
Financial Overview

Revenue

- Misc. & Interest Income: $9,275
- Events & Individual Contributions: $55,939
- Rental Income: $113,012
- Program Services & Fees: $288,357
- Foundations & Corporate Support: $218,253
- Government Grants: $1,695,441

Expenses

- Development: $33,531
- Management & General: $354,795
- Program: $1,932,167

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Our Impact

30 different Programs and Services

120,509 hours of Programming provided

640 individuals received Information and Referrals to crucial social services

100 percent of Pre-K students moved up at least two developmental levels

2,600 Participants served annually

Family Connections Centers exists to develop strong, healthy families and to build thriving communities. Family Connections provides opportunities for people of different backgrounds to work together cooperatively, sharing cultures, values, knowledge, and resources.