

September 2019 Featured Agency of the Month Hively (formerly Child Care Links)



Hively, formerly Child Care Links, is a well-respected social service agency which has, for over 40 years, provided a wide range of services and support for the youngest, most vulnerable residents in Alameda County. Nearly all of the families we serve are living in poverty and it is our mission to provide them with the support and the resources they need to break the cycle of poverty.

Hively serves as a valuable partner to the Alameda County Department of Social Services and the California Department of Education, and these partnerships are integral to strengthening and supporting County and State efforts to meet the needs of its most vulnerable children and families. Families of every configuration are referred to or seek out services at Hively for help navigating the complex realities of raising children. With an agency focus on finding and supporting the best care and support for children, Hively is uniquely positioned to provide the support these families need and provide them with the services necessary to achieve the best possible and least restrictive outcomes for their children.

With offices in Oakland, Fremont, San Leandro and Pleasanton, Hively connects thousands of children and their families to high quality child care, and provides child care subsidies for those who qualify. In addition, we provide parent education and support to ensure that children get the best start possible, a Diaper Pantry and Community Closet to allow low income families access to essential items for their family, guidance and training for people interested in building sustainable, high quality child care businesses and help for adults and children experiencing challenging life situations. With the acquisition of a Mental Health Center on July 1, 2019, Hively now offers critically needed mental health services to children and their families in San Leandro and will be expanding these services to our Oakland and Pleasanton offices.

At Hively, we believe that everyone should have the resources and support they need to feel supported, cared for, and able to thrive. By these critical services, we ensure that children and families throughout Alameda County have the resources they need to thrive.

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