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Redwood City 2020 (RWC 2020) was formed in 1991 (as Redwood City 2000) when the City of Redwood City, San Mateo County, Redwood City School District and Sequoia Union High School District decided to join forces to work together to better serve residents of Redwood City and North Fair Oaks. RWC 2020 addresses complex issues that require collaborative efforts between institutions, organizations and community members for improvement to be accomplished.

Mission

Redwood City 2020 builds meaningful partnerships to support the success of children, youth and families and engages and strengthens the community we serve.

Vision

Redwood City 2020 focuses energy and resources on achieving the following outcomes:

- 1) Children, youth and families are safe
- 2) Children, youth and families are healthy
- 3) Children, youth and families are nurtured in a stable, caring environment
- 4) Children and youth are succeeding in school and preparing for responsible adulthood
- 5) Public, private and community partners are consistently working together to support children, youth and families

For 2011 -12, the following organizations are core RWC 2020 partners:

- Redwood City Elementary School District
- City of Redwood City
- County of San Mateo – Human Services Agency and Health System
- Sequoia Union High School District
- John W. Gardner Center For Youth and Their Communities, Stanford University
- Sequoia Healthcare District
- Kaiser Permanente

Initiatives

In 2000, Redwood City 2020, in partnership with John W. Gardner Center, initiated **Community Schools** on campuses where “Healthy Start” family resource centers were located. Community Schools unite the most important influences in children’s lives – school, families, and communities – to create a web of support to prepare them for productive, engaged adulthood. Four schools in the Redwood City School District are currently *full service* Community Schools: Taft and Fair Oaks Elementary Schools, Hoover K-8 and Kennedy Middle School. Garfield K-8 and Hawes K-5 Schools are “emerging community schools”. In addition, Redwood City 2020 started, and continues to support, the **Teen Resource Center** and the Sequoia District **Wellness Center**, both located at Sequoia High School. The **Community Youth Development Initiative** involves over 30 youth service providers working to help youth develop positive assets and engage productively with their schools and the community. The **Community Wellness Initiative** aims to improve the health and well-being of all community members using environmental health promotion strategies. RWC 2020’s newest focus area **Redwood City Together**, is working to **strengthen ties among its long term and newer residents** so that all members will feel responsible for building a strong, inclusive community together.

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