



Children and Youth Bill of Rights for San Joaquin County

This Children and Youth Bill of Rights is a unifying statement of belief that the children and youth of San Joaquin County are its highest priority. With the adoption of this document San Joaquin County pledges to work with the community to ensure that its children and youth become thriving and contributing members of society. The County invites the community at large to join in a public agreement that the children and youth of San Joaquin County should have a right to:

Strong Families

Live in safe, nurturing homes with prepared and caring parents, family, and caregivers.

Basic Needs

Have their basic needs met including shelter, and nutritious and affordable food.

Safety

Live in communities free of violence, drugs, and gangs with access to safe outdoor places to explore and play.

Restoration

Restorative interventions and justice when they make mistakes including opportunities to heal from trauma.

Mentors and Relationships

Healthy supportive relationships including mentors and support systems that promote achievement and success in life.

Health

Timely and affordable access to physical, dental, and mental health care.

Education

Quality, equitable education beginning in the earliest years and continuing through young adulthood that emphasizes personal achievement and lifelong learning.

Workforce Preparation

Quality opportunities that adequately prepare them to enter the workforce including career counseling, affordable higher education, and internships.

Enrichment

Access to experiences that enrich and inspire their lives including exposure to the arts, athletics, culture, and technology.

Encouragement

Be treated with dignity and respect while being encouraged and inspired by supportive relationships as they move toward their dreams and goals.