



SAN JOAQUIN

# CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

*a brighter future for all our kids*

## SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY SNAPSHOT

**Population**  
715,597

**45%** of households in San Joaquin County have children.

Number of households with children is expected to increase by **38%** from 2010 – 2050.

Children in foster care has **INCREASED BY**

**20%**

The San Joaquin Children's Alliance is comprised of a collaboration of county and community organizations dedicated to creating better opportunities for children throughout the county.



**30%** of children ages 0 – 5 live in poverty\*



Only **27%** of third graders read at grade level, compared to **46%** statewide

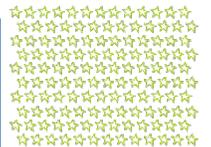


Two-thirds of our children are eligible for free and reduced lunch

**28%** of children live in homes that are considered "food insecure"

Homeless children enrolled in public schools have increased by **19%**. There are now **3,350** homeless children in the public schools – enough to fill **130** classrooms.

Homelessness  
UP BY  
**19%**



San Joaquin County has the highest youth homicide rate in the state.

Children in foster care have increased by over **20%**, with **1,345** children currently affected.

\*Poverty is defined by the federal government as an annual income of less than \$24,250 for a family of four.



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## OUTCOMES

### SCHOOL PROGRAM

A local non-profit embeds a Clinician and Family Advocate team on several elementary school campuses. Teachers can refer children who are struggling academically and exhibiting high-risk behaviors to the team for counseling and parent coaching. The team works to identify core issues and addresses each one with counseling for the student and home-based parent coaching to improve the family dynamic. After the first year this program reported a decrease in expulsions and suspensions, and improved attendance and parent engagement.

- 61%** of youth served **decreased absences**
- 82%** of youth **decreased disruptive behavior referrals**
- 82%** of youth **decreased suspensions**
- 80%** of youth **improved their grade point average**
- 81%** of youth showed **improvement in 2 or more areas**



### MENTORING

An employment mentoring program spearheaded by a nonprofit in Manteca had 35 youth ages 17 – 21 participate in a six hour per week, six week program in 2014 – 2015 that provides youth with the opportunity to shadow an expert in the professional field of their choice. They report that:

- 96.4%** of program participants completed **36 hours of job shadowing experience**
- 70.4%** **went on to higher education** that was related to their job shadow or changed their major or career based on what they experienced during job shadowing
- 44.4%** **decided to pursue a career** related to their job shadowing experience



### ACCESS TO EARLY EDUCATION

**89%** of subsidized preschools programs in San Joaquin County have an active waiting list. **San Joaquin County ranks 49th out of 58 counties in California** for having preschool children in licensed programs. Access to quality preschool is considered a major factor in determining success in school.