



Network Anaheim

2022 Newsletter

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Vision: All children, youth, and families thriving in Anaheim

- Supporting early childhood development through systems change strategies, community engagement, resource & capacity building



It is with great pleasure that **Children Bureau's** community initiative and innovative place-based strategy, **Network Anaheim**, releases our 2022 Newsletter! As we get ready for the holiday season to begin, we want to share our gratitude to all of you who support children and families in Orange County! We hope you enjoy reading about our projects and events over the year of 2022, as well as upcoming projects that will take place in the new year.

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Welcome Readers & Fellow Child Advocates!

Every child—and every family—deserves the right to economic security and well-being. Yet, across Anaheim communities, glaring economic disparities are growing deeper all the time. The data reveals that families in Anaheim living in lower-income areas face a range of barriers in accessing quality education, health care, and other resources they need to grow and thrive.

Network Anaheim was founded to support the systems in order to catalyze the collective power of community-based organizations and community members themselves.



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Network Anaheim shifts community work from a centralized competitive model to a decentralized one.

Mission:

Network Anaheim is a place-based strategy that connects and builds the capacity of people, resources, and neighborhoods to advance our 4 pillars of a thriving community: Move Well/Eat Well, Learn Well, Think Well, Live Well.

Vision:

All children, youth and families thriving in Anaheim

The Pillars of Network Anaheim

- **MoveWell/Eat Well:** Children, youth and families are active and eat healthy.
- **Learn Well:** Children and youth are ready to learn, succeed in school and are college and career ready.
- **Think Well:** Children, youth, and families are socially and emotionally healthy.
- **Live Well:** Children, youth, and families are economically self-sufficient.

How will we do this work?

Strategies

- We strengthen protective factors for children, youth, and families.
 - We empower individuals to create change both personally and within their communities.
 - We engage community to achieve change.
- We work to move systems from transactional to transformational.
 - We work together for a shared vision for Anaheim.
 - We build trust and support for partner efforts.
 - We commit to being a Learning Community- Continuously evaluating, reflecting, and learning from our work.

Collective Capacities:

- **Collaboration to create and practice a shared vision**
- **Measurement and use of data to guide community change efforts**
- **Active engagement in community change efforts**
- **Effective and innovative community change programs, policies, and practices**
- **Distributed leadership of community change efforts**
- **Sustained, scaled approach to community change**



Collaboratives

Network Anaheim brings community-based organizations, advocates, residents, and other stakeholders together to connect and learn about each other, build trusting relationships, and identify shared challenges and objectives on which to collaborate.

It also facilitates opportunities to explore a particular system or desired change at the deepest level, examining the full ecosystem around a given challenge and gathering all relevant data needed to inform dialogue around creative solutions.

Anaheim Human Services Network

- We meet monthly on the first Wednesday of the month (10-11:30am PST).

- It is a great way to learn about what's going on in the city of Anaheim with **resources, services and updates shared** among community service providers and foundations.
- Almost every meeting has an **agency spotlight**, giving a service provider an opportunity to share about their organization and any upcoming events/projects that could be beneficial to the group.

Learn Well Task Force

- Earlier this year, we created a [Parent Survey](#) to understand what types of supports are needed by families with young children. It gathered direct parent input and voice to identify what information about child development exists in the community and what parents and community members think needs to change in the city to improve outcomes for child well-being and school readiness. **Parent Survey 2.0** will be developed and disseminated in early 2023, which includes the evaluation of the first Parent Survey with feedback from our active parents and community resident leaders as well as with our community partners and school district.
- Network Anaheim also launched a [developmental assessment landscape](#) to understand the gaps in the current system so that Network Anaheim can support a coordinated system to ensure all children are getting developmental assessments and being connected to the resources that they need to thrive.

Move Well, Eat Well

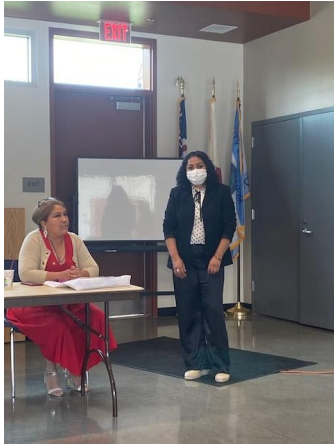
- Bringing community-based organizations, schools, libraries, health organizations, and other groups in monthly meetings - sharing resources, highlighting services, strengthening relationships, and collaborating on community action plans.
 - Padres en Acción: parent education and nutrition classes
 - Supervised walks to school
 - Preschool wellness classes
 - Updated equipment for parks and playgrounds
 - Park safety, safer crosswalks/intersections, brighter streetlights



Resident Leadership Academy

- We launched and completed our **first cohort in Spring 2022!** It was a co-design curriculum with our passionate community residents, which led to 2 change ideas to bring to the community: safer crosswalks and rent control. Some residents have already implemented an action plan to advocate for safer crosswalks.
- We are building the curriculum for cohort 2 and inviting alumni to join and be mentors/navigators
 - **Cohort 2** will be launched in the **Spring 2023**
- After cohort 2 ends, we will create and share a Social Impact Action Research Report about both cohorts



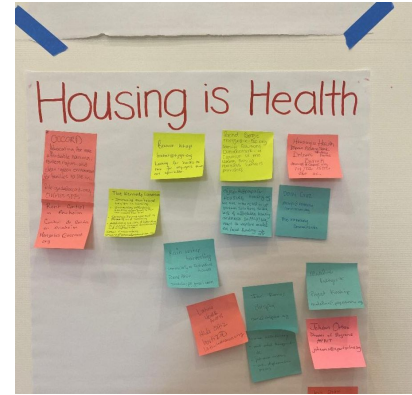


Anaheim Family Resource Centers (FRCs)

- Bringing 12 FRCs together to participate in monthly meetings - sharing resources, highlighting services, and building relationships amongst each other.
- Together with First 5 OC, we created a [map](#) that shows each Anaheim FRC, along with Early Development Index (EDI) data. For example, when we see that a neighborhood is thriving despite the environmental challenges/neighborhood risks or inequities, we look to the residents and other stakeholders to share their successes so that we can learn from them and utilize similar strategies in other neighborhoods.

Community Events

- **Community Health Improvement Leadership Academy (CHILA)**
 - Network Anaheim and other community partners attended these event days to enhance our learning of collective action and impact as well as community-and data-driven approaches to address the [Social Determinants of Health](#).
 - Network Anaheim's team decided to focus on housing, named **Housing for Healthy Families**. If safer and healthier housing conditions can be created for our community members, then families can focus more on the health and development of their children so they can thrive.



Network Anaheim Data Projects

- [Network Mapping](#)
- [Collective Capacities \(C3\) Data](#)
- **Early Developmental Index (EDI) Data**
 - Covers 5 developmental domains, 16 subdomains
 - The 5 domains: communication skills, language and cognitive ability, emotional maturity, physical health and well-being, social competence.
 - Collected once every 3 years by Kindergarten teachers
 - It is used and interpreted to increase awareness, education and engagement for parents to be active leaders in improving outcomes for healthy childhood development and school readiness.
 - Informs place-based efforts to optimize the healthy development for all young children
 - Results are used to:
 - Look back to help collective efforts to prepare children for school
 - Look forward to optimize children's success as they progress through school
 - [New EDI Launch Event: January 26th, 2023 \(10am-12pm\)](#)
- **Neighborhood Risk Index (NRI) Data**
 - As EDI research has advanced, we are getting better at measuring the social factors that impact healthy development. Charles Bruner and his colleagues at the Child and Policy Center have developed a measure of concentrated deprivation. These 10 neighborhood factors can represent population level adversity. Instead of assessing ACES at an individual level, we can now measure another kind of ACE. These would represent Adverse Childhood Environments as opposed to individual experiences.
 - The 10 neighborhood factors include the percentages of single parents, low-income families with children, no high school diploma, a BA or higher degree, those not in school/working, head of household is on public assistance, head of household with wage income, head of household interest/dividend/rent income, with limited English, and owner-occupied housing.





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