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ANNUAL REPORT
January 1 - December 31 2022
About Support for Families

Empowering Families
Our Family Resource Center offers a Warmline with staff who are fluent in English, Spanish, Cantonese, and Mandarin, a free resource library of books, toys and alternative communication tools, disability Information packets in English, Spanish, and Traditional Chinese, educational events for caregivers and professionals (all with free interpretation), support groups, a parent mentor program, case management, newsletter, website, social media, annual Information & Resource Conference, and Access to Adventure inclusive recreation showcase.

Promoting Inclusion and Early Identification of Needs in San Francisco
We provide Training and Technical Assistance to early childhood education centers, helping them screen for developmental challenges to ensure that young children in San Francisco are identified early and connected to appropriate early intervention. We also provide inclusion training that empowers early childcare settings to successfully include children with specialized needs in integrated programs whenever possible.

Supporting Rights in Medical Settings
Family Voices of California (FVCA) is a Family-to-Family Health Information Center of the U.S. Maternal Child Health Bureau. This coalition of California parent centers works to improve policies and systems of care for children with special health care needs. Support for Families coordinates FVCA’s annual Health Summit and Legislative Day and also trains our next generation of parent advocates through the Family Voices Project Leadership Course.

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Wow, this has been a year! Support for Families celebrated our 40th Anniversary in 2022 and also celebrated a safe and cautious return to hybrid and limited in-person programming after three years of pandemic isolation.

This year it was incredibly special to begin coming together again in person!

Reflecting on our 40th Anniversary, it is incredible to see the work we have done and the impact we have had on families, systems, and in our community since our founding in 1982. Over the past 40 years we have grown to be a vibrant, multi-faceted community-based organization that provides peer to peer support for families of children with disabilities, training and technical assistance (for both families and providers), and equips families to be advocates for their children and to create systems change.

The past several years of the pandemic have been isolating and traumatic for all of us. This year it was incredibly special to begin coming together again in person, including for Access to Adventure, our Party Like It’s 1982 40th Anniversary gala, and our beloved Holiday Ice Skating Party (in person for the first time since 2019)!

As we look to 2023, and as I fully step into the role of Executive Director, it is inspiring to look back and see all we have accomplished over the past 40 years. There is so much more work that needs to be done to support families of children with disabilities, and to create a world where all children can thrive.

Thank you for the support and partnership you have shown Support for Families. I can’t wait to see what 2023 holds!

With gratitude,

Wendy Neikirk Rhodes, Executive Director

Our Mission

The purpose of Support for Families is to ensure that families of children with any kind of disability or special health care need, and the providers who serve them, have the knowledge and support to make informed choices that enhance children’s development and well-being.

We promote partnership with families, professionals and the community at large, because it is through partnership that we create a community where our children can flourish.

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Impact

How families felt after workshops and events

- **100%** "increased their knowledge of their child’s needs and/or resources.”
- **100%** "provided them with strategies to advocate effectively for their child.”
- **100%** "the information they received was useful and met their needs.”

Our Families by Primary Language

- English
- Spanish
- Cantonese
- Mandarin
- Other

Our Families by Age of Child

- Elementary 36.1%
- Preschool 11.7%
- 0-3 2.9%
- 18-22 16%
- Secondary 33.2%
Program Highlights

Education
This year we delivered 84 workshops on topics like "Navigating GGRC services", "Introduction to Assistive Technology", "Let’s Brush and Floss", "Inclusion in San Francisco" and "Skills for Effective Parent Advocacy". We taught 4 parenting skills series, and led 20 small group IEP clinics to inform and empower families as they support their children.

Empowerment
We help families with individualized consultations, offering information, family support, referrals, IEP support and service navigation. We provide systems where families can support each other with empathy, resources and specialized knowledge.

Equity
We are focusing our outreach especially on families who have been historically underserved to ensure equal access to information about services their children may be entitled to.

Information & Resource Conference
We reach out to families through an annual learning conference, which we organize in partnership with the school district. Every child with an IEP or 504 is given a personal invitation.

Access to Adventure
Our families tell us they need more access to recreation. This annual showcase of local inclusive recreation opportunities helps us connect our families to FUN!
# Financial Summary

**January 1—December 31, 2022**

## INCOME

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## EXPENSES

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*Complete audited financial statements are available at the Support for Families office.*

All services and events are always free of charge to encourage participation by all families. With the demand for services greater than ever, your donations help make this possible. A gift to Support for Families means that families of children with special needs will be better prepared to help their children and that more children with disabilities will live their lives with dignity and opportunity.
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