

Mission

“Good Samaritan Family Resource Center, Inc. was founded by the Episcopal Diocese in 1894 as a settlement house for new immigrants to San Francisco. Its mission was, and is, to help immigrant families access needed services, develop self-sufficiency, and participate fully as members of the San Francisco community.”



Programs & Services

Family Support Services

- Family Advocacy
- Support Groups
- Parenting Classes
- Literacy Classes
- Leadership Training
- School Readiness
- Community Workshops
- Family Planning Clinic

Early Childhood Development

- Child Development Center/Preschool
- Kid's Club for Toddlers

Youth Services

- Afterschool Program for Youth Ages 12-17
- Youth Soccer Program

About Good Samaritan Family Resource Center, Inc.

“Every year, Good Samaritan Family Resource Center serves more than 3,000 children, youth, individuals and families via an array of services provided by Good Samaritan staff and community partners. The majority of our families are recent immigrants from rural areas of Mexico and Central and South America, and most of these adults and children live at or below the poverty level.”

Eduardo's Story

Last fall, Rocio walked through Good Samaritan's doors with her two children, three year-old Eduardo and six month-old Pablo. After learning more about our agency's services, Rocio connected with one of our family advocates and decided to participate in English-as-a-Second Language classes and an ongoing weekly support group for mothers.

The family advocate mentioned Kid's Club to Rocio and described the ways Eduardo might benefit from the program. Rocio had many reservations about leaving her son at Kid's Club since he had previously had a very negative experience while participating in a licensed preschool program. The experience had traumatized Eduardo to the extent that his mother sought professional help. He was referred to weekly individual therapy sessions but unfortunately this was not a positive experience for him either. After three visits, Rocio pulled him out.

Still believing that Kid's Club would benefit Eduardo, our staff encouraged Rocio to bring him to tour the classrooms, meet the teachers, and become familiar with the environment. With the support of a mental health consultant, we began preparing him to participate in Kid's Club. For the first week, he participated in the program for 20 minutes at a time with his mother. The teachers were very nurturing and allowed him time to become comfortable with the new setting. He began developing rapport and trusting relationships with the teachers. In the second week, Rocio was able to leave Eduardo at Kid's Club while she began taking English classes.

Throughout the rest of the semester Eduardo continued to grow and thrive. He now looks forward to participating in Kid's Club every day. His mother is thrilled at his ability to overcome his fears, and she enjoys watching his development. Eduardo will continue participating in Kid's Club for another semester before his mother enrolls him in another licensed program.

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