What do we know about South San Francisco?

1. Only 8% of San Mateo County’s children and youth live in South San Francisco – but 15% of Juvenile Probation’s clients under 18 years old live here.

2. Even though most adult residents who live in South San Francisco have jobs (and often more than one job!), some families don’t earn enough to get by.

3. “Evitar pasar por esa experiencia. Invertir antes de que tengan el trauma o problema. En sus comunidades en deportes, bibliotecas, clubs accesibles.”
   
   Translation: To avoid the experience, we need to invest before the trauma or problem occurs. We should invest in accessible communities, sports, libraries, and clubs.

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Unemployment Rate by Census Tract

The map to the left shows the percent of residents in each census tract who do not have a job even though they are able and want to work.

Percent of Population in Poverty per Census Tract

The map to the left shows the percent of residents in each census tract whose household is below the Federal Poverty Level.


CCCS Survey Respondent
Before we dig deeper, let’s first review the numbers:

- **African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Pacific Islander students** are disproportionately suspended compared to their peers in other racial/ethnic groups within San Francisco Unified.

During each of the last three school years (2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18), **1 out of 5 foster youth attending SSF Unified were suspended.**

### Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Suspensions at SSFUSD

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<th>Percent of SSFUSD Student Body</th>
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#### SSFUSD 7th, 9th, and 11th graders with a high level of school connectedness

- **Asian**: 75%
- **White**: 67%
- **Hispanic/Latino**: 55%
- **Mixed Race**: 54%

**Note:** The responses for students who identified as American Indian and Alaska Native, Black or African American, and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander were not included in the SSFUSD Secondary Main Report because fewer than 25 students in these groups participated in the survey.

### School Connectedness

- **At least 10% of 7th, 8th, and 11th grade students** in SSF Unified reported believing that no adult at their school notices when they are not in class.

**Source:** California Healthy Kids Survey, 2015-2016.

### At my school, there is a teacher or some other adult who notices when I’m not there** was **“Not at all true”**

- 7th grade: 13%
- 9th grade: 14%
- 11th grade: 10%

**Source:** California Healthy Kids Survey, 2015-2016.
What did youth + parents/caregivers in SSF say?

1. **How often is this statement true? “I am involved in a school, faith, or other group where I feel cared for and valued.”**

   Responses for parents and caregivers who completed the survey in:

   - **English**:
     - Always: 51%
     - Most of the time: 19%
     - Sometimes: 21%
     - Never: 6%
     - I don't know: 3%

   - **Spanish**: (n=44)
     - Always: 34%
     - Most of the time: 20%
     - Sometimes: 20%
     - Never: 17%
     - I don't know: 8%

   - 20% of parents/caregivers who took the survey in Spanish reported they are never involved in a group where they feel cared for and valued – while only 6% of the parents/caregivers who took the survey in English reported this.

2. **Responses to, “What gets in the way of children and youth (0-24) who live in SSF being healthy, happy, and successful in the future?”**

   - "We need to do a better job of mentoring these kids with positive adults helping and giving them all information needed to go to a State college or higher. Seems like they [the teachers] just want them to get by in life we need to strive for more especially in SSF education."

   - "poverty, not feeling comfortable bc they don't speak fluent English, federal ICE/immigration policy, not knowing anyone/being new to the community, other family issues (which could be helped, in part, by having more social workers/therapy in schools)"

   - "Events that help with the feeling of a sense of community are not really promoted"

   - "Kids need somewhere positive to hang out and things to do otherwise they will end up getting in trouble"

3. **What kinds of people are you most likely to ask or go to for help or information (if any)?**

   **Youth**
   - Friends: 50%
   - Parent or caregiver: 44%
   - Teacher/Professor: 40%
   - Other family members (dad, aunt, brother, etc.): 28%
   - Counselor or therapist: 22%
   - Coach or advisor for athletic, arts, or other: 18%
   - Girlfriend, boyfriend, partner, or spouse: 14%
   - Doctor or nurse: 9%
   - A leader in your religious/faith community: 8%
   - Mentor: 4%

   **Parents/caregivers**
   - Other family members (dad, aunt, brother, etc.): 51%
   - Friends: 46%
   - Your child’s teacher or childcare provider: 39%
   - Co-parent, partner, spouse, or girlfriend/boyfriend: 38%
   - Doctor or nurse: 35%
   - Counselor or therapist: 30%
   - Other parents/caregivers (outside of your family): 25%
   - A leader in your religious/faith community: 17%
   - Police or probation officer: 10%
   - Mentor: 10%
What did youth + parents/caregivers in SSF say?

1. Frequent Experiences with Discrimination In the Past Year

   **Youth** who reported that **they** had been discriminated against “Most of the time” or “Always” in the past year...

   - By local law enforcement (for example, police, Sheriff’s deputies): 14%
   - By local social workers, eligibility workers, or case managers: 10%
   - By teachers, childcare providers, or school/daycare staff: 6%
   - By health care providers (for example, doctors, therapists): 4%
   - By supervisors, co-workers, or potential employers: 2%

   **Parents/caregivers** who reported that **their children** were discriminated against “Most of the time” or “Always” in the past year...

   - By local law enforcement (for example, police, Sheriff’s deputies): 2%
   - By local social workers, eligibility workers, or case managers: 3%
   - By teachers, childcare providers, or school/daycare staff: 1%
   - By health care providers (for example, doctors, therapists): 1%
   - By supervisors, co-workers, or potential employers: 5%

2. Responses to, “Thinking about the experiences that you or your loved ones have had with sheriff’s deputies, jails, courts, and probation in San Mateo County, what might make (or might have made) those experiences more positive?”

   - “More family visitation, mentors, therapist, additional resources”
   - “More options and being less harsh – by letting them have a chance”
   - “Having the right communication between people because people always tend to think that all officers are racist and discriminate”

Law enforcement (n=130), Social workers etc. (n=132), Teachers etc. (n=132), Health care providers (n=130), Supervisors etc. (n=131)