

Children's Agenda - Bold Steps for Children Commitment to Action

Just take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step. – Martin Luther King

One of the greatest allies of transformation is intention and commitment to making change. Making bold, important change can be hard –if it was easy, we would be doing it all the time. The fact that it is hard is why, if you really want to change something, or bring something into being, you've got to make the commitment to accept the change as the challenge that it is.

When we make a commitment to change – it should be **SMART: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Timebound.**

Some examples:

I will meet with Jenny H from Agency Y to discuss working together to create a “warm handoff” between our two agencies. I will do this by March 1 and I will know I did it because I will be able to check it off my “to do” list. This is important to me because I don't like the feeling of not being able to support some families and I want to know they received the help they needed.

I will work each day to see the strengths in the children and families that come to me for help. I will start doing this tomorrow and will check my progress by looking back on each day and rating how I did (1 = Okay, 2= Pretty Good, 3 = I saw the strengths of every family.) This is important, because when I see their strengths, it is easier to provide support and connections.

The Big, Bold Change I want for Children in Santa Clara County is:

My first step in helping to make this change for is:

I will do this by: _____ . I will know I have succeeded

In completing this first step by _____

This is important because: _____

Please check the indicator that this commitment impacts most: Access to Health Care; Healthy Lifestyle; Early Social-Emotional Development; Developmental Assets; Kindergarten Readiness; Third Grade Reading Skills; Eighth Grade Math Skills; Children Fluent in 2 or More Languages; High School Graduation Rates; Child Abuse Rates; Juvenile Arrest Rates; Childhood Hunger; Youth Feeling Valued by the Community.

Your Signature

Commitment Partner Signature

Print Your Name

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Your email

Commitment Partner email

Commitment Maker: After completing this commitment form, give a copy to your commitment partner. If you like, you may also email a copy of your form to: info@kidsincommon.org

Commitment Partner: Make sure you follow-up with the Commitment Maker regularly.

Don't despair if you have setbacks – just hit reset and try again!