

10 Principals of the Wraparound Process:

- Family Voice and Choice
- Team-Based
- Natural Supports
- Collaboration
- Community-Based
- Culturally Responsive
- Individualized
- Strength-Based
- Persistence
- Outcome-Based

SENECA FAMILY OF AGENCIES

Seneca was founded in 1985 by advocates who wanted to better meet the needs of children in group homes and foster family care. In the ensuing decades, Seneca established itself as an innovative leader in the provision of unconditional care, creating a comprehensive continuum of community-based and family-focused treatment services for children and families who often have no other alternative to long-term institutionalization.

For the Alameda Connections program, Seneca Family of Agencies partners with Alameda County's Department of Behavioral Health Care Services.

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Alameda Connections Early Childhood Wraparound Program



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1-800-491-9099

For the written referral form, go to:
<http://www.acbhcs.org/providers/Forms/Forms.htm#WC>

ALAMEDA CONNECTIONS

Program Description

Alameda Connections Early Childhood Wraparound Program serves the youngest Alameda County children (ages 0-8) who are experiencing difficulties in school and/or may need more intensive support services to stabilize. Alameda Connections serves families who are experiencing difficulties in any number of areas including: parent-child relationship problems, at risk of losing school placement, and/or behavioral issues with their child.

Founded on the Principles of Wraparound, Alameda Connections provides unconditional care that is family centered, individualized, culturally responsive and strength-based.

The early childhood wraparound approach focuses on supporting young children and their families by working to:

- Reduce stress for caregivers and facilitate positive, healthy parent/child interactions and relationships
- Strengthen families by enhancing natural supports and providing help with navigating service systems
- Provide developmental guidance and behavioral coaching to families to promote their child's healthy development and emotional regulation
- Connect families to resources in their communities
- Provide crisis intervention and concrete assistance with problems of living

Philosophy

As each child and family is unique, Alameda Connections prides itself on creating individually tailored programs that fit the specific needs of those we serve.

The development of the plan for the family occurs in regularly scheduled Child and Family Team meetings which are a collaborative effort among the Alameda Connections team, the family, natural supports, and formal service providers.

These meetings focus on identifying the strengths and needs of the child and family, as well as creating goals that the members of the team can achieve in order to support the family.



Alameda Connections Team

Care Coordinator:

The role of the Care Coordinator is to help manage the collaborative effort and act as a central contact person for all team members. They facilitate the Child and Family Team meetings, coordinate team members and work closely with the child, family and the extended team to help achieve the family's goals. In addition, the Care Coordinator spends time with the caregiver(s) and child providing support and guidance in the areas of child development and parenting.

Support Counselor:

The role of the Support Counselor is to provide one on one support to the child. This support may include spending time with the young child engaging in play activities to promote the child's healthy development. In addition, support counselors can help with activities that support the child and their family in connecting to community resources and stabilizing the child's school placement.

Family Partner:

In some family teams it might be determined that the family would benefit from the added support of a Family Partner. The Family Partner, having had a child involved in the Child Welfare, Probation or Mental Health Systems brings a unique perspective based on their experience with these systems and can provide peer support to family members. The partner can support the family by providing encouragement and guidance in navigating these systems. In addition, the family partner can provide support to a parent or family who might be experiencing isolation, post partum depression, or experiences that make the family particularly vulnerable or at risk.