When approved by 75% of Oakland voters in 1996, the Kids First! Oakland Children’s Fund was one of the first of its kind. It was a testament to the community members who championed the idea that a city government can prioritize funding in support of children and youth, and a recognition of the importance of supporting programs that can truly make a positive difference in people’s lives.

OFCY programs reach families when they need support. They are there for students after school, and in summer. They provide opportunity.

www.ofcy.org
**Family Resource Centers** focus on supporting families and caregivers of young children (ages 0-8). All FRCs provide a core set of services including resources and referral, parent education and support, and early childhood playgroups. Sites are operated in collaborative partnerships to increase access to services, and may also provide food and clothing assistance; healthcare benefits assistance; health and wellness workshops; developmental screenings for children; parent leadership groups; and community-building activities to bring families out of isolation.

**Family Resource Centers**

- **Oakland Fund for Children and Youth**

- **Family Resource Centers**

- **Focus on supporting families and caregivers of young children (ages 0-8).**

- All FRCs provide a core set of services including resources and referral, parent education and support, and early childhood playgroups. Sites are operated in collaborative partnerships to increase access to services, and may also provide food and clothing assistance; healthcare benefits assistance; health and wellness workshops; developmental screenings for children; parent leadership groups; and community-building activities to bring families out of isolation.

**BANANAS - Healthy Havenscourt Hub**

- Lion Creek Crossing-Family Resource Center
- 6818 Lion Way
- [https://bananasbunch.org/](https://bananasbunch.org/)
- Maria Hassel: maria@bananasbunch.org

**East Bay Agency for Children - OUSD Central FRC**

- Central Family Resource Center
- 746 Grand Ave
- [www.ebac.org](http://www.ebac.org)
- Allison Delgado: allison@ebac.org

**East Bay Agency for Children - Hawthorne FRC @ Achieve**

- Hawthorne Family Resource Center
- 1700 28th Avenue
- [www.ebac.org](http://www.ebac.org)
- Allison Delgado: allison@ebac.org

**Lincoln - New Highland/ Rise FRC**

- New Highland Academy & RISE Community School FRC
- 8521 A Street
- [http://lincolnfamilies.org/](http://lincolnfamilies.org/)
- Mariela Ramirez: marielaramirez@lincolnfamilies.org

**Lotus Bloom - Multicultural FRCs**

- Lotus Bloom HQ
- 555 19th St
- [www.lotusbloomfamily.org](http://www.lotusbloomfamily.org)
- Marcie Paez-Meadows: marcie@lotusbloomfamily.org

---

**Oakland Fund for Children and Youth**
Reauthorization Updates

Article XIII: Kids First! Oakland Children’s Fund: Section 1307.

“This section may be extended for an additional twelve years beginning July 1 2021 by a simple majority vote of the City Council. If the City Council does not itself extend this section, then the City Council shall place the question of whether to extend this section on the November 2020 ballot for a vote of the electorate. This process will be repeated every twelve years or until reauthorization is rejected by a vote of the electorate.”

- In October 2019, the Oakland Unified School District Board voted unanimously to approve a resolution in support of the reauthorization of OFCY. [Click here for a copy of the resolution.](#)
- Members of the OFCY Planning and Oversight Committee (POC) announced at the monthly meeting in November that they had met with City Councilmember Rebecca Kaplan, and that an agenda item to reauthorize OFCY would be presented to City Council in February 2020. [Draft minutes from the November meeting can be viewed here.](#)
- On December 3, 2019 at the Life Enrichment Committee meeting to adopt OFCY's 2018-2019 evaluation report, over 50 community members came out to voice their support for reauthorization. Councilmember Nikki Fortunato Bas stated that she would move an ordinance at City Council in early February 2020 to reauthorize the fund and voiced her support for OFCY. [The meeting can be viewed here.](#)

[Click here for more information regarding Reauthorization](#)
Grant Management Corner

December is the last step before we walk into a new decade – 2020 is almost here! It is also a reminder that we are almost halfway along in this year’s grant cycle. Over 150 programs are working hard to support children, youth, families and caregivers this year, and we thank you for your dedication and service.

We are happy to report that the Cityspan quarterly reporting system is now functional, and you can now enter quarterly reports directly into Cityspan.

The second OFCY Grantee Convening took place on Friday December 13 at Nile Hall. Click here for the Grantee Announcements. Thank you for coming out, and be sure to visit the Evaluation Page on OFCY’s website for updated information and links to surveys.

Here’s to a successful 2020!

Click here to go to the OFCY Grantee Corner

December & January Events

Below are some upcoming trainings and events to support OFCY programs and some public meetings. Check out the website for more information, additional events not listed below, and other resources for OFCY programs. For more information and to register, visit the OFCY website by clicking here.

December 2019

December 13, 2019
2nd OFCY Grantee Convening
Location: Nile Hall
9:00am – 12:00pm

December 19, 2019
OFCY Cityspan Training
150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, 2nd Floor, Computer Lab ‘A’
10:00am – 11:30am

January 2019

January 15, 2019
OFCY Planning and Oversight Committee (POC) Meeting
1 Frank Ogawa Plaza - Hearing Room #4 (2nd Floor)
6:00pm – 9:00pm

January 17, 2019
OFCY Cityspan Training
150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, 2nd Floor, Computer Lab ‘A’
10:00am – 11:30am