

Board of Directors Supports the
Bill of Rights for Children and Youth
of San Mateo County

At its regular Board meeting September 24, 2009, the Board of Directors unanimously approved support of the Bill of Rights for Children and Youth of San Mateo County.

This Bill of Rights was created by the Peninsula Partnership Leadership council, a group of leaders from multiple disciplines throughout the County, whose mission is to formulate policies that effectively address the needs and foster the healthy development of children, youth and families in San Mateo County. The PPLC believes that all children and youth, regardless of where they live in the County, their race, ethnicity, or income level, deserve to have the same rights. The District Board of Directors is proud to confirm its full support of this important issue that directly impacts the health of our community.

The Bill of Rights for Children and Youth

We resolve to invest in all children and youth so that:

- **They have a healthy mind, body and spirit that enables them to maximize their potential.**
- **They develop a healthy attachment to a parent, guardian, or caregiver and an ongoing relationship with a caring and supportive adult.**
- **Their essential needs are met – nutritious food, shelter, clothing, health care, and accessible transportation.**
- **They have a safe and healthy environment, including homes, schools, neighborhoods and communities.**
- **They have access to a 21st century education that promotes success in life, in future careers and a love of life-long learning.**
- **They have training in life skills that will prepare them to live independently, be self-sufficient and contribute to their community.**
- **They have employment opportunities with protections from unfair labor practices.**
- **They have freedom from mistreatment, abuse and neglect.**
- **They have a voice in matters that affect them.**
- **They have a sense of hope for their future.**

Peninsula Health Care District Board of Directors
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