

## Children's Services

## One helping hand can change everything for our kids.

CommUnify offers Head Start, Early Head Start, and California State Preschool programs to children 0 to 5 years old. Available to qualified low-income families, these services are sensitive to the family's linguistic, ethnic, and cultural heritage. CommUnify also teaches prenatal care and parenting skills because we know parents are the most important teachers in a child's life.

Our Children's Services programs prepare children for success in school and life by focusing on each child's academic, social, emotional and physical growth. Our students are nurtured by caring, skilled teachers in a safe environment. We also work with children with disabilities, children in foster care, and families who are housing insecure.

We envision resilient children and families navigating life successfully.

California State Preschool Program

Early Head Start for Infants and Toddlers

**Head Start Preschool Program** 

Head Start children have fewer behavioral problems, are more attentive, and are 31% less likely to engage in criminal activities as young adults.

Did you know?

Head Start and Early Head Start provide students with healthy meals and snacks daily, and offer dental and vision check-ups.



## CommUnify Changes Lives



Then Debbie's oldest son was 3 years old, a friend told her about child care at CommUnify in Goleta. With two young children and a pressing need for employment, Debbie enrolled Joseph in **Head Start** and found a babysitter for 1-year-old Anthony. This paved the way for Debbie to secure her first real job at a local bank. As Debbie developed in the workplace, her two young sons were also exploring new territory. Joseph took to the preschool program right away, thriving in this nurturing learning environment that prepares children for kindergarten. After Joseph graduated from Head Start, his younger brother began the same program.

The family's positive preschool experience allowed Debbie to pursue her banking career, and Debbie's sons are now grown with children of their own. Grateful to CommUnify for the support they offer to families like hers, Debbie has championed a generous gift to the agency 33 years after she first arrived at our doors.

"The program served me well during a critical time in my life, and my children's lives. It's a pleasure to give back to this vital community nonprofit."

**DEBBIE RAMIREZ, HEAD START PARENT** 

## It starts with you.

Your investment in our work enables us to create a thriving community where everyone can live with dignity. We invite you to support us.

For more information on how you can support CommUnify, please contact:

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CommUnify's services are offered countywide. We have offices in Santa Maria, Lompoc and Goleta.

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