





#### 2Generation Approach

Promoting Child Success & Family Self-Sufficiency

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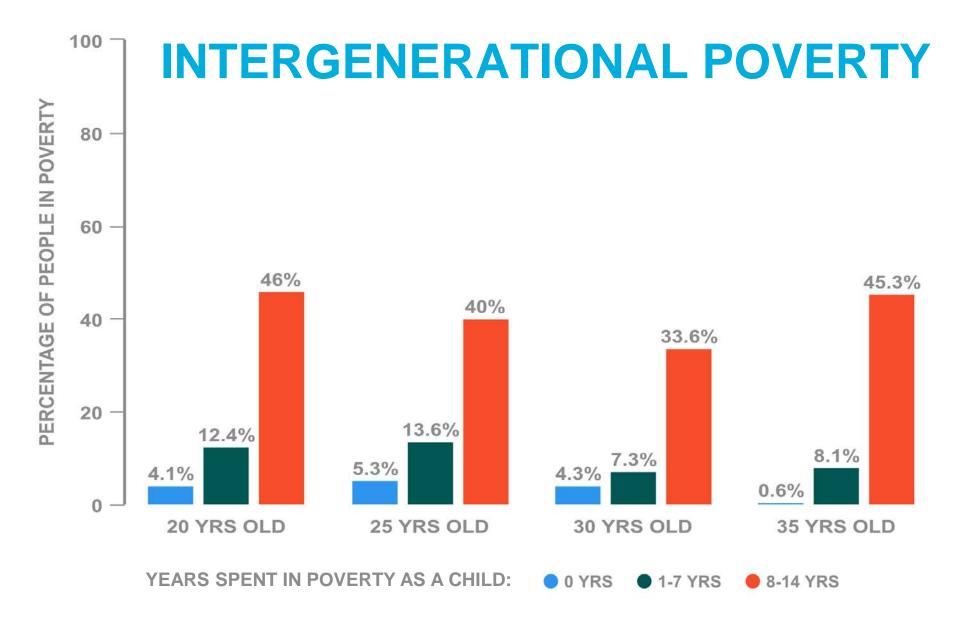


1. 2Gen: The Why & What

2. 2Gen: The Who & How

3. Discussion:Challenges, Successes& Questions

# 2GEN WHY AND WHAT?



### CALIFORNIA CHILDREN IN IN LOW-INCOME FAMILIES



ALL CHILDREN 20%

LATINO CHILDREN 30%

### CHILD POVERTY & PARENT EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

NEITHER PARENT
COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL

AT LEAST ONE PARENT HAS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE



53% CHILD POVERTY RATE

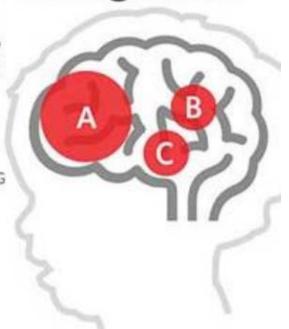
7.5% CHILD POVERTY RATE

#### **BIG PART OF THE WHY**

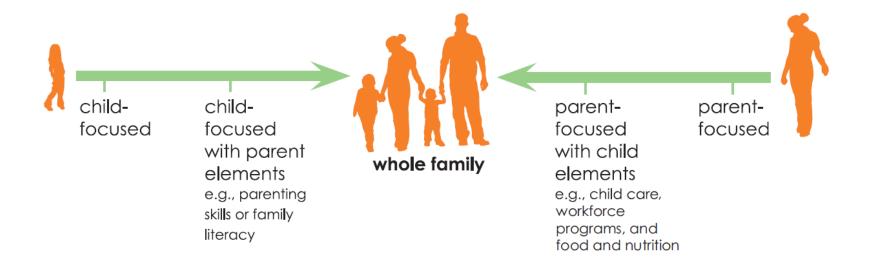
### Research shows poverty diminishes brain growth.

Early stress and lack of positive early experiences means poverty gets under the skin, undermining development in key brain regions for school readiness and academic success.

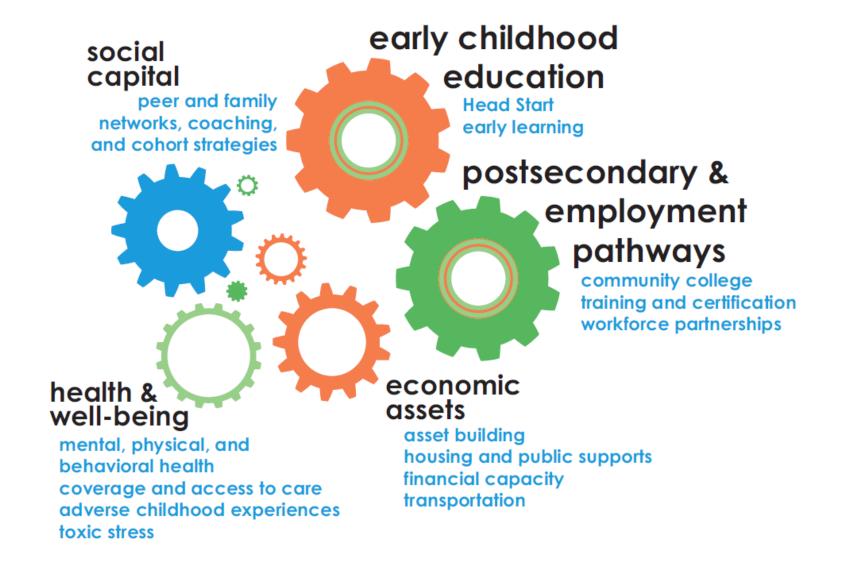
- A. SELF-REGULATION & LEARNING
- B. MEMORY & LANGUAGE
- C. EMOTIONAL CONTROL



#### 2 GEN: THE WHOLE FAMILY APPROACH



#### **5 COMPONENTS** OF A 2GEN APPROACH









Do families feel that they have a voice?

•Is there someone who will listen when something concerns them?

•Do families have meaningful connections with others in the community?

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT



- Do parents understand the importance of early development and their key role in supporting it?
- Do parents have access to quality early education/childcare for their children?
- Are parents actively engaged in their children's education birth-18 and beyond?

### POSTSECONDARY & EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS

- community college training and certification workforce partnerships
- Do parents have opportunities to develop workforce skills?
- Do parents have access to educational opportunities to increase their economic stability?
- Do parents have access to services that will support their educational goals?

#### **ECONOMIC ASSETS**

 Do families have access to services and programs that help meet basic needs? asset building
housing and public supports
financial capacity
transportation

- Can families find affordable housing?
   Transportation? Student financial aid?
- Do parents have support to build economic assets that help in times of need and provide for security in the future?

#### **HEALTH & WELL-BEING**



mental, physical, and behavioral health coverage and access to care adverse childhood experiences toxic stress

Do families have access to health insurance?

 Do families have access to mental and behavioral health supports?

 Are there opportunities for healthy living and eating in the community?

# 2GEN WHO AND HOW?

#### SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

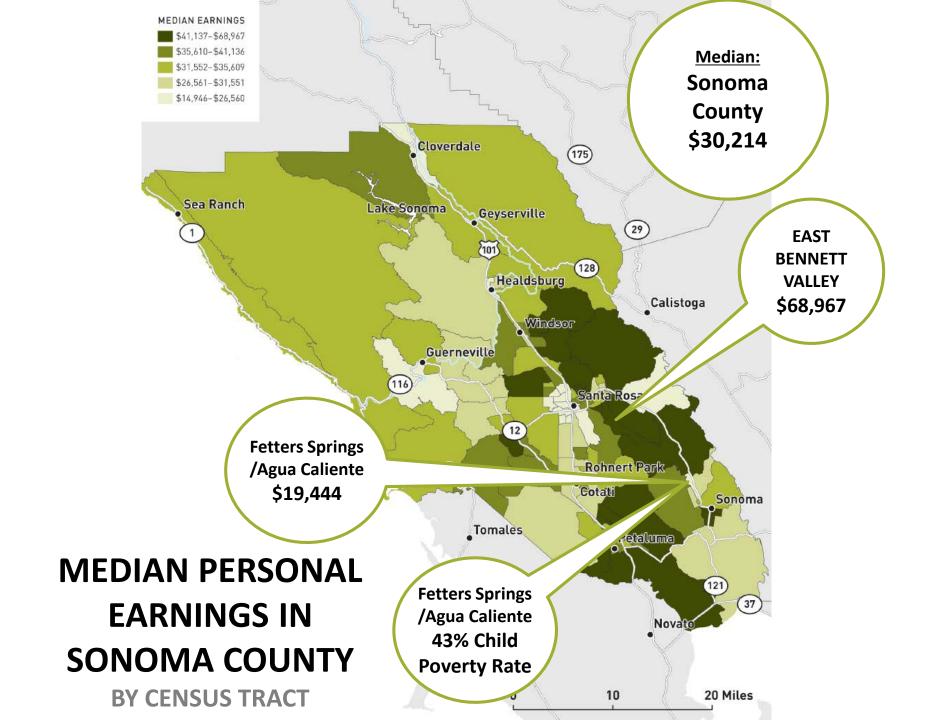
- North of San Francisco
- Agriculture, winemaking & tourism
- 500,000 residents



25% of residents are Latino



50% of students are Latino



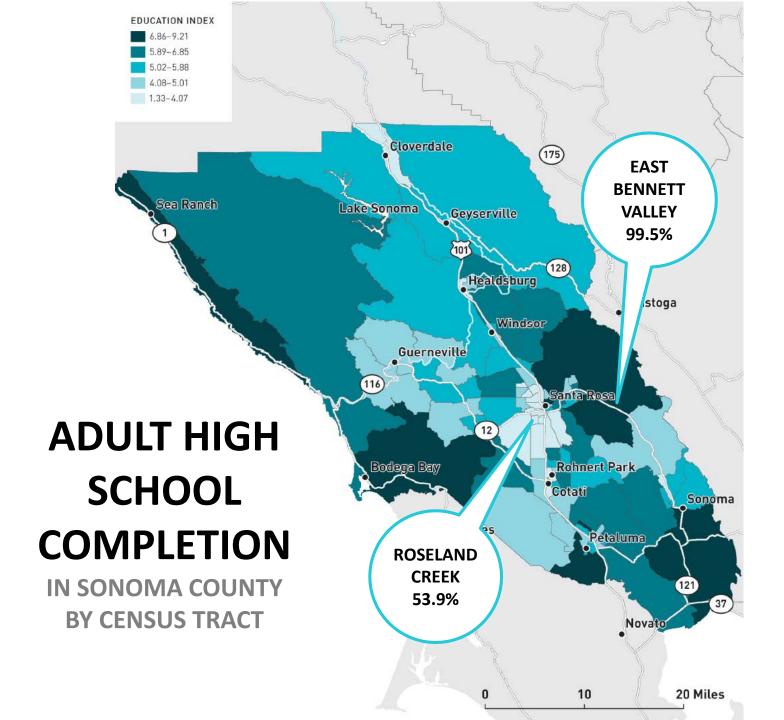
#### SONOMA COUNTY CHILD POVERTY

20%

of Latino children live in poverty

7%

of Caucasian children live in poverty



#### SONOMA COUNTY KINDERGARTEN READINESS

Caucasian

Latino

#### A COMMITTED COMMUNITY

- \$7 million invested in early childhood services in 2017-18 (First 5 & other local funders)
- Excellent community college & Sonoma State University
- Economic empowerment programs
- Neighborhood initiatives promoting social capital

#### A COMMITTED COMMUNITY













Keeping Kids in School
Sonoma County Probation Department

# 2-GEN NOW MORE THAN EVER

#### **OCTOBER 2017**





#### **2GEN & SONOMA COUNTY**

- Informal early adoption
- Tulsa site visit
- Define existing gaps and assets
- Integrate services with local partners

WHAT WE OFFER

#### CareerAdvance®

#### **CAP - TULSA, OKLAHOMA**

- Healthcare workforce development
- One-on-one coaching and peer support
- No cost for tuition, books, or childcare
- Wraparound services
- 10 unique certifications

## COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP SONOMA COUNTY

- Head Start & Early Head Start
- AVANCE
- Pasitos & Primeros Pasitos
- Financial Stability
- Housing Support
- Health programs





### MOBILITY COACH PROJECT

- Grant from First 5
- 6 month pilot
  - "Are you ready to take the next step?"
- Focus on education continuation and workforce development
- Outreach to families with children 0 – 5

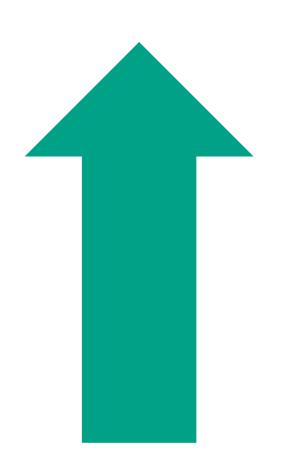
### MOBILITY COACH PROJECT

- Bi-weekly 1-on-1 coaching
- Monthly cohort meetings
- Definition of personal short term goals
- Connection of participants to resources



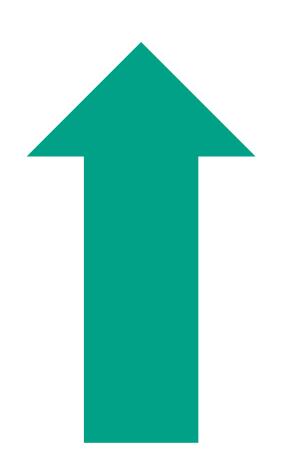
#### **SHORT OUTCOMES**

Participate will Articulate Goals to:



- Pursue education
- Attain access to health insurance
- Increase connections to other families

#### INTERMEDIATE OUTCOMES



- Children meeting developmental milestones
- Family connections to economic & social supports
- Family stability

#### **Target Long Term Outcomes**



Sustained parent, child & family results



Multiplier effects across generations



Return on investment for communities

#### **EVALUATION**

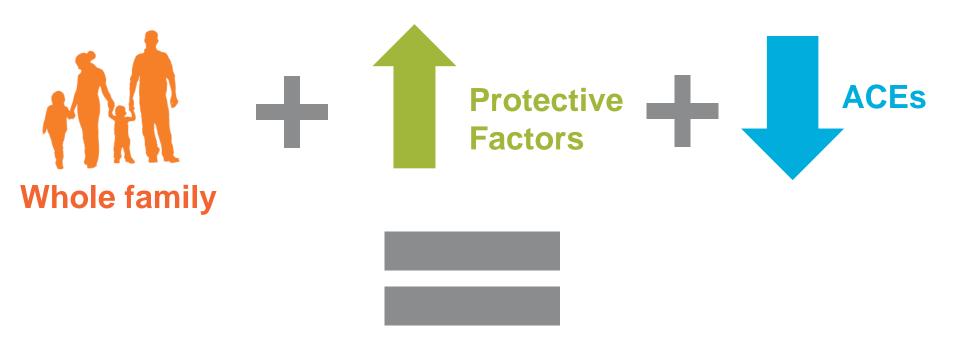
- National Community of Practice
- Whole-family approach
- Integration of services with community partners
- Data interoperability





# Partner across agencies to leverage resources and funding for greatest impact

#### A FOCUS ON



#### **POSITIVE SHORT & LONG TERM OUTCOMES**

#### **Discussion**

In groups of 2-3, select one of the following questions to discuss:

Where is your organization with implementing or investing in 2Generation approaches?

What is needed to change the culture from silos to integration?

What 2Gen funding strategies are integrated into your programming?



### FIRST 5 SONOMA COUNTY



### THANK YOU!

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