

# MEDIA ADVISORY



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## Forty Families Saved from Chaos

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In a move that is saving forty local families from the chaos of having their childcare abruptly disappear, Community Bridges has agreed to take over the Fairgrounds Child Development Center, formerly managed by the YWCA in Watsonville.

The California Department of Education asked Community Bridges to take over the full-day state-subsidized program only two weeks before the center was slated to be shut. Working swiftly to shift staffing, licensing, facility lease, and other administrative arrangements, Community Bridges successfully transferred the program's 40 children into its care without missing a beat.

"We're pleased to be able to step in to provide a continuity of care for local hard-working families and their young children," said Sam Storey, CEO of Community Bridges.

Community Bridges has focused on quality early childhood education for over 25 years with the nonprofit's Child Development Division including its three child development centers:

- Vista Verde Child Development Center in Watsonville
- Nuevo Dia Child Development Center in Santa Cruz
- Sycamore St. Child Development Center in Santa Cruz
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The Center is located at the Watsonville Fairgrounds and serves children aged 3 to 5.

The Community Bridges Family of Programs serves over 30,000 area residents each year, roughly one out of every 10 people. Programs include:

La Manzana Community Resources  
WIC Nutritional Program  
Live Oak Family Resource Center  
Meals on Wheels

Lift Line Transportation  
Child and Adult Care Food Program  
Child Development Division

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(To interview a parent from the Fairgrounds Child Development Center, please contact Naomi Brauner, Community Bridges, (831) 688-8840 x207)