



What these eyes have seen will impact the rest of his life.

FREE COUNSELING FOR CHILDREN EXPOSED TO VIOLENCE

Every year, thousands of San Mateo children are exposed to violence—either as direct victims or as witnesses of violent events—in their homes, schools, and communities. In the past 15 years, researchers and practitioners have come to recognize that such exposure can negatively impact a child’s development and functioning. Children and young people who face early and prolonged exposure to violence are at greater risk for a range of learning and social challenges. With the right help, these children can have their best shot at a brighter future.

Part of a national study, Edgewood Safe Start offers free support to children 0-7 years old who have been exposed to violence and are being raised by a family member.

To be eligible, you must:

- Enroll or be a participant in Edgewood's San Mateo Kinship Program
- Be raising a child under 8 years old who has witnessed violence in their home or community

Benefits of the Program:

- Get a stipend for participating
- Receive free family counseling from Kinship professionals
- Learn new ways to help a child that has been exposed to violence.



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