



Your gift strengthens the safety net that helps parents protect their children's health and stability.

Help Us Build Pathways to Care This Holiday

This holiday season, we're excited to share that the **Community Bridges Family Resource Collective** has been selected to participate in **Santa Cruz Gives**, the county's collaborative fundraising campaign. This is an incredible opportunity to uplift local families—and we're asking for your help to make it a success.

What is Santa Cruz Gives?

Santa Cruz Gives is a countywide holiday giving campaign that makes it simple to support local nonprofits.

Since 2015, it has brought dozens of organizations together on one easy online platform where donors can explore causes, give in just a few clicks, and follow community-wide progress in real time. It's modern, inspiring—and built to strengthen Santa Cruz County.

Our 2025 Project: Pathways to Care – Immigration & Medi-Cal Support Fund

Every week, our Family Resource Collective meets parents who are doing everything right—working hard, caring for their kids, and trying to stay healthy—yet still face overwhelming barriers when navigating critical systems like immigration paperwork or Medi-Cal renewals.

A missed deadline, a confusing letter, or a single unanswered question can cause a family to lose health coverage overnight.

For many, this means going without care, skipping medication, or facing medical debt they cannot afford.

These families aren't falling through the cracks—they're being pushed. Language barriers, complicated rules, changing state and federal healthcare policy, fear around immigration status, and limited access to technology make it nearly impossible for some parents to navigate these systems alone.

Pathways to Care ensures they don't have to.

Your support helps us provide:

- **One-on-one navigation** so families can successfully renew Medi-Cal, avoid lapses in care, and understand their options
- **Trusted legal referrals** for families navigating immigration-related concerns that affect their ability to access services
- **Bilingual, culturally responsive outreach** that meets families where they are—online, in the community, or at our resource centers
- **Emergency support** for households facing urgent barriers that could destabilize their health or housing

With your help, we expect to:

- Keep **300 families** enrolled in Medi-Cal
- Provide **150 households** with direct, individualized advocacy
- Help **hundreds more** build long-term stability, dignity, and security

This project reduces poverty, prevents homelessness, and ensures that families aren't left to navigate life's most important systems alone.

Your tax-deductible gift—of any size—makes a real difference. And if you can't give today, sharing our campaign with friends and family is incredibly helpful.

Together, we can ensure every family has a pathway to care.

Join Us—Give or Spread the Word Today!



Parenting as a Team: Tools for a Stronger Partnership

Raising kids is one of life's greatest joys—but even strong partnerships can feel strained by the daily demands of parenting. Conflicting routines, communication hiccups, and stress can make it hard for parents to stay on the same page.

Join us for a **free in-person Triple P – Positive Parenting Program workshop** designed to help couples strengthen their relationship while navigating parenthood together. Families with children of **any age** are welcome.

During this session, you'll explore:

- Common parenting issues that can lead to disagreements between partners
- Practical ways to care for your relationship and create a positive family environment
- Helpful tools for supporting each other and working as a unified team

Led by **Lidia Montesino** of **Community Bridges – Nueva Vista Community Resources**, this workshop offers real-world strategies you can start using right away. Free child care and light snacks are included.

Class Details:

Date: Thursday, December 4, 2025

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Location: Nueva Vista Community Resources – 711 East Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz

Facilitator: Lidia Montesino, Nueva Vista Community Resources

Register today: <https://bit.ly/Support-Dec2>

Questions? Contact Lidia Montesino at (831) 423-5747 or lidiam@cbridges.org

IN THE NEWS

Key headlines from Community Bridges' Family Resource Collective and challenges impacting local children, parents, and families.

- [Built for this moment: Community Bridges will be the light during these dark times](#)
- [County Agencies Scramble to Feed Hungry: Nutritional Assistance Programs Available Countywide](#)
- [Pajaro mural highlighting community's resilience nears completion](#)

Learn more about our Family Resource Collective Sites

- [La Manzana Community Resources](#)
- [Live Oak Community Resources](#)
- [Nueva Vista Community Resources](#)
- [Mountain Community Resources](#)

See All Upcoming Triple P Classes!



Counseling

We offer free counseling and advocacy through partnerships with pre-licensed professional clinical counselors. Services are available for youth, families, and individuals seeking support with stress management, healthy coping strategies, and other personal challenges.

To schedule an appointment, call (831) 476-7284 ext. 104.



Eviction Defense Collaborative

The Family Resource Collective's Eviction Defense Collaborative is a vital partnership that provides essential services to help prevent evictions and support both tenants and landlords. Assistance is available through our FRC sites across Santa Cruz County.

For help or more information, call (831) 288-2148.



Public Benefits Enrollment Assistance

Need help navigating government services? Our trained advocates assist with enrollment, renewals, and reporting for programs like CalFresh, Medi-Cal, Covered California, and unemployment benefits. Services are available at all FRC locations.

Learn more at communitybridges.org/FRC.



Enhanced Care Management (ECM)

We provide specialized support for Medi-Cal members of all ages with complex medical and social needs. Our bilingual, bicultural care managers help clients navigate care, improve well-being, and live healthier lives. ECM services are fully covered through Medi-Cal's CalAIM program.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about ECM.

Keep Families Together When Crisis Strikes

When an immigrant parent or caregiver is suddenly detained, a family can lose everything overnight—income, stability, child care, and the sense of safety every child deserves. Many families face immediate risks of eviction, food insecurity, and lasting trauma, with little time or resources to respond.

Through **Puentes Para Familias**, Community Bridges provides rapid, life-stabilizing support to families impacted by immigration enforcement. The program offers **up to \$2,500 in emergency aid** to help cover bond payments, rent, utilities, child care, and other urgent necessities—ensuring children can remain housed, supported, and safe during a family's most vulnerable moments.

Who We Help

We support households where a primary wage earner or caregiver has been detained within the last 90 days, lives or works in Santa Cruz, Monterey, or San Benito counties, earns below 80% of AMI (with priority for the lowest-income families), and has limited savings.

How We Prioritize Aid

Our team moves fast to assist families experiencing:

- Children or dependent adults at home
- No legal representation yet
- Imminent housing instability
- A bond gap where \$2,500 can make a meaningful difference



- Court dates approaching within 30 days

To apply for help, families can call **831-724-2997 x209**.

When crisis hits, families shouldn't face it alone. Make a gift today to support Puentes Para Familias.

You can help keep a family safe, stable, and together.

GIVE TODAY

Join the FRC Team and Make a Difference Every Day

If you're passionate about building strong, healthy communities, we invite you to join the **Family Resource Collective team!** Working with Community Bridges means becoming part of a network that supports families through connection, compassion, and opportunity.

Our FRC sites across Santa Cruz County provide advocacy, counseling, food assistance, and parenting support to thousands of residents each year—and we're growing!

We're currently hiring for the following positions:

- [Program Coordinator – Nueva Vista Community Resources](#)
- [Advocate III – Mountain Community Resources](#)

We're looking for individuals who want to make a tangible impact in their community through direct service and leadership.

Apply online at communitybridges.org/careers or email recruitments@cbridges.org to learn more.

Be part of something bigger—**join us in strengthening families and communities across Santa Cruz County and the greater Central Coast.**



Apply Today!



Show your support of Community Bridges and the Family Resource Collective by shopping at our TeePublic storefront! A portion of the proceeds of every sale go toward Community Bridges and the FRC!

BUY COMMUNITY BRIDGES MERCH



The generosity of our community is what drives the FRC's life-changing work and ensures we can continue to serve more than 12,000 of our friends, family, and neighbors in need each year. Every donation makes a difference.

DONATE: SUPPORT OUR WORK



The FRC's work would not be possible without our dedicated volunteers. From helping with food distributions to conducting community outreach, our FRC centers have a plethora of volunteer opportunities.

HELP YOUR COMMUNITY



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