



ONE EAST PALO ALTO

Organizing community, brokering services and resources, advocating for change, and building the capacity of East Palo Alto's direct service providers to work together more effectively.

Light and hope are burning brightly in East Palo Alto. This light is manifest at the very grassroots level, where all meaningful change must begin. *One East Palo Alto* is helping to drive that process of change, and keeping the light and hope alive.

One East Palo Alto is:

- a broker and developer of resources and services to the community;
- a vocal and constant advocate for positive community change; and
- a trainer and capacity-builder that helps East Palo Alto residents and CBO's work together more effectively to improve our quality of life.

One East Palo Alto provides an array of vital support services, capacity and connections to local CBO's and grassroots leaders working to:

- prepare East Palo Alto's youth for success in school;
- create jobs and positive, pro-social activities for East Palo Alto's youth;
- create a better life and future for all the residents of East Palo Alto.

One East Palo Alto is a community-based intermediary established nine years ago with lead support – a six year grant – from The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation's *Neighborhood Improvement Initiative*. Our vision is to transform East Palo Alto into a community where our residents are celebrated for their diversity -- a community in which we are engaged, informed and empowered to develop all the resources we need to enjoy a good quality of life for ourselves and for our children. Accordingly, our mission is to develop resident leadership, broker resources and services, build the capacity of individuals and organizations, and advocate for change leading to the improved social, physical, spiritual, educational and economic well-being of East Palo Alto, CA.

At *One East Palo Alto* we are proud of our accomplishments. In just a few years, we have:

- brought in more than \$2.5 million in new grant funding for local CBO's;
- incubated Nuestra Casa, a new, thriving Latino parent support program;
- created and built the capacity of several local networks of youth-serving public and private agencies;
- modeled and supported the creation of safe neighborhood block clubs;
- developed linkages and key advocacy relationships with public policymakers, bureaucracies and community leaders to promote and sustain genuine improvements and reform in local education and youth violence prevention.
- established a diverse funding base including foundation, corporation and government sources.

In 2005, *One East Palo Alto* completed a long-term strategic planning process through which it identified key programmatic initiatives (PI) to conduct over the next several years in order to successfully address important quality of life issues in the community. Three such initiatives were identified which now constitute key components of OEPA's core operations: PI 1 – Improve Educational Outcomes, PI 2 – Take the Sponsored Employment Project to Scale and PI 3 – Build Youth Resilience. In addition to implementing these initiatives, *One East Palo Alto* also serves as a convener and/or administrative lead of several community capacity-building projects, including, but not limited to the East Palo Alto Crime Reduction Task Force, East Palo Alto Youth and Young Adults Serving Agencies Consortium, East Palo Alto Mental Health Advisory Group, East Palo Alto Youth Summit, Community Interact: Net-Connected Communication for the Common Good and the East Palo Alto Alcohol and Other Drugs Prevention Partnership.

One East Palo Alto Neighborhood Improvement Initiative

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