



## Safe Passages Program

### SHPD PROGRAM/SERVICE

#### Historical Background:

In 2001 SHPD received a federal Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative grant which funded student support services in 10 elementary and 7 high schools across SFUSD. With leveraged local funds SHPD was able to expand these services to all elementary and most high schools in the district. In 2007, SHPD saw a need to provide additional student support services for those not currently being served: pre-school students, middle school students, and county community students, with a goal of having all students making “Safe Passages” from one school or grade level to the next. SHPD applied for and successfully received another 4 year Safe Schools/Health Students Initiative grant to fund the Safe Passages Program.

#### What is the goal/purpose of the Safe Passages Program?

The Safe Passages Program has 5 primary goals:

- Create a comprehensive and coordinated approach to create a safe school environment at each Safe Passages site
- Reduce student alcohol and other drug use
- Increase students’ protective assets at school to promote behavioral, social, and emotional development
- Increase student access to school-based and community-based mental health services
- Help families and teachers of low-income children ages 3-5 to support young children’s social and emotional development

#### What strategies/support is provided by the Safe Passages Program?

- **Student Support Services Staff**
  - Middle School sites – 2 full time Learning Support Professionals, 1 half-time School District Nurse, 1 half-time Community Health Outreach Worker
  - County Community School sites - 1 full time Learning Support Professional, 1 half-time School District Nurse
  - Child Development Programs – 1 half time Learning Support Professional/Coordinator to coordinate provision of professional development to CDP teachers and parents
- **School-Wide Programs**
  - Safe Passages Student Support Staff collaborate with other school staff to implement various curricula and programs including:
    - *Brief Intervention Sessions*
    - *Positive Peer Norms Campaign*
    - *Psycho-educational Support Groups*
    - *Research Validated Prevention Curricula (Project Alert, Second Step, Toward No Drug Abuse)*
    - *Safe School Ambassadors*
    - *Student Mentor Program*
    - *Youth Outreach Workers*
- **Professional Development**
  - Safe Passages Student Support Staff receive monthly professional development to enhance their ability to provide services to students at Safe Passages Program Schools
  - All teachers and parents at SFUSD Child Development Programs receive professional development on meeting the social/emotional needs of preschool age children
- **Collaboration with City Agencies to facilitate provision of services to students**
  - San Francisco Police Department Youth Services Unit
  - San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department
  - San Francisco Department of Public Health/Community Behavioral Health Services Division

**Safe Passages Schools:**

A. P. Giannini Middle School  
Francisco Middle School  
Hoover Middle School  
James Lick Middle School  
Visitation Valley Middle School  
Civic Center County Community School  
Hilltop County Community School

**Resources within SFUSD and SHPD that support the Safe Passages Program:**

- Child Development Programs
- Elementary School Counseling Grant (ESCG)
- Healthy School Teams
- Middle School Student Advisors
- Pupil Services Counselors
- School Psychologists
- Student Intervention Team (SIT/SB1895)