

## Academy for Community Schools Development

From 2003-2006, JGC developed **Academy for Community Schools Development** (ACSD) to support five schools in two communities (Redwood City and the Half Moon Bay vicinity) through a community schools development approach.

Schools, families, city and county agencies, and the broader community came together to establish their sites as education and development centers, provide on-site health and human services, and offer a broad array of enrichment activities.

Leadership teams from each school (comprised of teachers, administrators, parents, students, policy makers, and service providers) worked to create a more effective system for supporting youth and families by participating in:

- Site visits to learn from live community school models
- Learning sessions to learn about effective practices
- Coaching and technical assistance opportunities
- Opportunities to assess progress
- Fund development training to fill resource gaps

Today, JGC continues to provide ongoing coaching and technical assistance to the school teams that participated in this three-year process.

A parallel research study of the community schools work is currently underway and will result in tools, models and research findings for other communities to use.

Learn more about community schools:

- The Coalition for Community Schools (<http://www.communityschools.org/>)
- The California Center for Community School Partnerships (<http://ccsp.ucdavis.edu/>)
- The Children's Aid Society (<http://www.childrensaidsociety.org/>)