

# Fact Sheet about Girls in San Francisco

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Here are some facts about girls in San Francisco and the nonprofits that serve them.

## Girls

### Population

- San Francisco is home to an estimated 110,000 children and youth ages 0 – 17<sup>1</sup>, with 42,953 youth age 11-17<sup>2</sup>.
- Females represent an estimated 48.27% of children and youth age 0-17<sup>3</sup>.

### School Enrollment

- San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) enrolled 55,272 public school students in the fall of 2008, with 30,703 students enrolled in grades 6-12<sup>4</sup>.
- There were 2,676 charter school students within SFUSD in fall of 2008<sup>5</sup>.
- Approximately 11,496 students are currently enrolled in independent schools, including parochial and private schools<sup>6</sup>.

### After School Enrollment

- An estimated 23%, or 7,500 of elementary and middle school children who want to participate in after school programs do not currently have access<sup>7</sup>.
- Children in lower income families are far less likely than their affluent peers to have access to or participate in after school opportunities<sup>8</sup>.

### Poverty

- There are a total of 11,214 children and youth age 0-17 living with families earning incomes below the poverty line. 3,932 youth age 12-17 fall in this category<sup>9</sup>.
- Children of color are disproportionately affected by poverty. Even though 11% of families earned incomes below the poverty line, 34% of African American and 29% of Latino and Hispanic children are living below the poverty line<sup>10</sup>.
- Immigrant status is another factor affecting low-income children, with 13% of immigrant children living in poverty<sup>11</sup>.
- Because of the current recession, the number of low-income children will increase by between 2.6 and 3.3 million in the United States by the end of 2009<sup>12</sup>.

### At-Risk Youth

We define at-risk youth as youth that are at risk of not graduating from high school because of their home environment or behavior. Below are several categories:

#### *Foster Care*

- As of January 2008, 1,645 San Francisco children were in foster care: 784 (48%) were females<sup>13</sup>.
- Outcomes for youth aging out of foster care are grim. A recent study revealed that 54 percent of men and 25 percent of women are incarcerated within 18 months of

leaving the foster care system. Another survey showed that 70 percent of California prison inmates spent time in the foster-care system<sup>14</sup>.

#### *Children with Incarcerated Parents*

- There are approximately 195,000 children with a parent in prison or jail in California, and a total of 856,000 children with a parent or sibling involved in the criminal justice system, which accounts for almost 9 percent of all California's children<sup>15</sup>. Although there is no data for the number of children in San Francisco with a parent or sibling in prison or jail, we can posit that this percentage is much higher for at risk children.

#### *Drop Out Rate*

- San Francisco Unified School District posted a nearly 2 percent drop out rate, with 325 of its 19,268 high school students dropping out<sup>16</sup>. At this rate, over the course of a high school student's 4-year career 1,300 students will drop out.

#### *Teen Pregnancy Rate*

- Between 2003 and 2005, San Francisco teenagers age 15 to 19 gave birth at a rate of 20 per 1,000, well below the 37 per 1,000 statewide. However, Hispanic teens in San Francisco gave birth at a rate of 55 per 1,000 in 2004 compared to 7 per 1,000 for white adolescents and 5 per 1,000 for Asians<sup>17</sup>.

#### *Juvenile Crime*

- In 2005, there were 4,183.8 arrests per 100,000 youth age 10 to 17<sup>18</sup>.

## **Non-profits**

### **Youth Non-profits**

- San Francisco spent an estimated \$150 million each year on non-profits services for children, youth and families in 2008<sup>19</sup>. This year, The Children's Fund has been asked to reduce its budget by 8.5%, and other sources of funding, including the General Fund, have been asked to reduce their budgets by 12.5%<sup>20</sup>.
- The San Francisco Department of Children Youth and their Families (DCYF) estimates that approximately 300 non-profits in San Francisco serve children, youth and their families<sup>21</sup>.
- The San Francisco Public Library's Community Services Directory lists 283 youth related programs<sup>22</sup>.

### **Girls Programs**

- Of the 300 non-profits that serve youth and their families, approximately 27 are girl specific<sup>23</sup> (excluding boys and girls clubs as well as beacon initiatives.)
- DCYF prioritizes girls programs that provide services related to trauma, harassment, sexual violence, and teen pregnancy<sup>24</sup>.

## **List of Girls Programs**

On the following page is a list of the 27 programs serving girls divided into 3 main categories: 1) Academic and Employment Services, 2) Social Skills Development, and 3) Self Expression. Programs may be listed in more than one category.

As one can see, more programs provide services toward social skills development than any other purpose. This is probably due in part to funding and community priorities.

<b>Academic and Employment Services</b>	<b>*Social Skills Development</b>	<b>Self Expression (arts, fitness, and advocacy)</b>
1) Bayview Hunters Point YMCA - Just 4 Girls 2) CYWD 3) Girls 2000 4) Girls After School Academy (GASA) 5) Girl Scouts of the San Francisco Bay Area 6) GirlSource Inc. - Technology and Leadership Program 7) Horizons Unlimited of San Francisco Inc. - Young Women Arise Project (YWAP) 8) Huckleberry Youth Programs Inc. - VIP (Violence Is Preventable) Girls Program 9) Mission Neighborhood Centers - Mission Girls 10) TURF - Sista Valley Girls Support Program 11) YWCA 12) YWCA of San Francisco and Marin -Come Into the Sun Program	1) Bayview Hunters Point YMCA - Just 4 Girls 2) CYWD 3) Community Youth Center (CYC) - Young Asian Women Against Violence (YAWAV) 4) Girls 2000 5) Girls After School Academy (GASA) 6) Girl Scouts of the San Francisco Bay Area 7) GirlSource Inc. - Technology and Leadership Program 8) Girl Ventures 9) Horizons Unlimited of San Francisco Inc. - Females Against Violence (FAV) 10) Horizons Unlimited of San Francisco Inc. - Young Women Arise Project (YWAP) 11) Huckleberry Youth Programs Inc. - VIP (Violence Is Preventable) Girls Program 12) Legal Services for Children - Young Women's Empowerment Project (YWEP) 13) Mission Neighborhood Centers - Mission Girls 14) Oasis for Girls 15) The Sage Project 16) TURF - Sista Valley Girls Support Program 17) Westside Community Mental Health Center – TeenCORE 18) YWCA of San Francisco and Marin - Come Into the Sun Program	1) About Face ( <i>not listed in Service Directory for Girls</i> ) 2) Ella Hill Hutch Community Center 3) Girls 2000 4) Girls Committee (City and County of San Francisco) Commission on the Status of Women 5) Girl Scouts of the San Francisco Bay Area 6) Girls Speak Out 7) Girl Ventures 8) Horizons Unlimited of San Francisco Inc. - Young Women Arise Project (YWAP) 9) Legal Services for Children - Young Women's Empowerment Project (YWEP) 10) Mission Neighborhood Centers - Mission Girls 11) Oasis for Girls 12) RPD: All Girl Baseball Division of the San Francisco Youth Baseball League 13) RPD: Women and Girls Sports Programs 14) YWCA 15) YWCA of San Francisco and Marin -Come Into the Sun Program

\* This includes violence prevention, health education, support services, counseling and mental health services, and leadership development.

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<sup>1</sup> San Francisco Department of Children, Youth, and their Families. (2008). An unpublished report titled, "Community Needs Assessment 2008". p.16. Cited from U.S. Census Bureau, *American Community Survey*, 2006.

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<sup>3</sup> San Francisco Department of Children, Youth, and their Families. (2008). An unpublished report titled, "Community Needs Assessment 2008". p. 17. Cited from U.S. Census Bureau, *American Community Survey*, 2006.

<sup>4</sup> San Francisco Unified School District. (October 1, 2008). "School Site List & Summary: CBEDS Information Day." v 1.0. San Francisco: SFUSD. p. 1.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid, p. 6.

<sup>6</sup> Private School Review. "San Francisco County Private High Schools." Retrieved September 9, 2009 from:  
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<sup>7</sup> San Francisco Department of Children, Youth & Their Families. (2008.) "Internal analysis." p. 43.

<sup>8</sup> San Francisco Department of Children, Youth & Their Families. (2008.) "Internal analysis." p. 43. Cited from Harvard Family Research Project, "Understanding and Measuring Attendance in Out-of-School Time Programs." Retrieved from:  
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<http://factfinder.census.gov>.

<sup>11</sup> San Francisco Department of Children, Youth, and their Families. (December 12, 2008). "Issue facts- Impact of the Economic Crisis: San Francisco Families, Community Based Organizations, Foundations and Government Agencies." Cited from Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, *Recession Could Cause Large Increases in Poverty and Push Millions into Deep Poverty*, November 24, 2008. Retrieved December 12, 2008 from: [www.cbpp.org](http://www.cbpp.org).

<sup>12</sup> Ibid.

<sup>13</sup> San Francisco Department on the Status of Women. (March, 2009). "San Francisco Girls: A Snapshot Report." San Francisco: City and County of San Francisco. p. 3.

<sup>14</sup> (September 3, 2009). "Aged-Out Foster Youth at Terrible Risk." San Francisco: San Francisco Chronicle. Retrieved September 30, 2009 from:  
<http://www.sfchronicle.us/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2009/09/02/ED0N19GU13.DTL>

<sup>15</sup> Simmons, C. W. (March, 2000). "Children of Incarcerated Parents." Sacramento: California Research Bureau. Vol. 7, No. 2.

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<sup>16</sup> Asimov, N. (February 21, 2008). ““Dropout data show most kids stay in school.” San Francisco: San Francisco Chronicle. Retrieved September 9, 2009 from:

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<sup>17</sup> Winegarner, B. (February 2, 2009). “Report: Teen pregnancy less likely in S.F.” San Francisco: San Francisco Examiner.

<sup>18</sup> Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice. (October, 2006). “San Francisco’s Youth Crime Decline: Will Curfew Help or Hinder?” San Francisco: Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice.

<sup>19</sup> San Francisco Department of Children, Youth, and their Families. (2008). An unpublished report titled, “Community Needs Assessment 2008”. p. 85.

<sup>20</sup> Jarrett, S. (2009). “FY 2009 – 2010 Budget Reduction Proposal.” San Francisco: Director of Budget, Operations, and Policy for the City of San Francisco.

<sup>21</sup> San Francisco Department of Children, Youth, and their Families. (2008). An unpublished report titled, “Community Needs Assessment 2008”. p. 85.

<sup>22</sup> San Francisco Public Library. (2009). *Community Services Directory*. Retrieved on August 3, 2009 from <http://sflib1.sfpl.org:83/screens/aboutcsd.htm>.

<sup>23</sup> California State Assemblywoman Ma and the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women’s Girls Committee. (2009). *Service Directory for Girls*. San Francisco. *Note*: All of the organizations in our table are listed in this service directory except for “About Face.”

<sup>24</sup> San Francisco Department of Children, Youth, and their Families. (2008). An unpublished report titled, “Community Needs Assessment 2008”. pp. 23, 24, & 26.