

Kinship Support Network:

A 30 Year Impact

1993

The program began in 1993 when San Francisco General Hospital's Doriane Miller, M.D., and Sue Trupin, R.N., took steps to bring grandmothers together to help one another navigate existing options for support.



By taking good care of the caregivers, Edgewood ensured the children they were raising grew up in a loving, kind, and supportive home which would result in a happy, healthy, thriving young person. This approach was soon replicated by other agencies and influenced the passage of California AB 1193 "Kinship Supportive Services Legislation of 1997".

1997

2000

Kinship Support Network expanded to San Mateo County. In partnership with the San Mateo County Child Welfare Services, funding was secured to establish Kinship as Edgewood's first program in the county.



A federally funded grant for the California Kinship Navigator program helped Edgewood expand its leadership role in kinship care. This allowed the California Kinship Navigator program to provide assistance to kinship caregivers across the entire state through a dedicated web site and a toll-free warm line.

2010

2014

Edgewood relocated its San Francisco Kinship team to the Family Resource Center in the Bayview district to be more embedded in the community. This allowed Kinship to hold workshops, caregiver meetings and other support directly in the community it serves.



Kinship caregivers participated in the Story Quilt Project where they met weekly to share their powerful histories and create quilts. The quilters displayed their work in an exhibit open to the community.

2015

2019

Members of our Kinship team presented a case study at the Generations United "Bridging the Generations" conference in Portland, Oregon. The conference brought together leading professionals to learn, network and share innovative practices and programs in the intergenerational field.



Edgewood presents at the National Kinship Town Hall. Hosted by the Ohio Federation for Health Equity the event brought together national and state leaders, including January Canteras, Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, and featured, Cynthia Green, Edgewood Director of Family Support.

2022

2023

As it marks its 30th anniversary, the Edgewood Kinship Network is reaching over 330 youth and caregivers throughout the Bay Area and continues to be a vital resource.

