

VILLAGE COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER



SAFE PLACE BOARD RESOLUTION: REAFFIRMING SUPPORT OF VILLAGE COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER STUDENTS, FAMILIES, AND EMPLOYEES

The mission of Village Community Resource Center (VCRC) is to “provide information, support, and coordination of resources to empower and improve the quality of life of disadvantaged children and their families in a culturally sensitive environment.”

At VCRC we believe that ALL children deserve an equal opportunity to achieve success in school, work, and life – regardless of race, gender, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, economic status, or style of learning.

The VCRC community is powerfully diverse with students, families, staff, board members, and supporters all hailing from a wide range of ethnic, racial, socioeconomic, and geographic backgrounds with each community member bringing a unique set of experiences, perspectives, skills, and knowledge.

Nonprofit leaders around the country are “committed to social justice in addressing disparities and strengthening the rights and voices of the most vulnerable in our community.”

In the wake of the recent presidential actions, VCRC is quite aware and extremely concerned that there is great fear and uncertainty for many we serve.

VCRC serves students and families who meet the minimum requirements, regardless of immigration status.

VCRC affirms that it does not and will not collect any data related to immigration status. Furthermore, it will not release personally identifiable student information without a judicial warrant, subpoena, or court order, unless authorized by the individual/legal guardian (for students under 18 years of age).

VCRC affirms that it will not cooperate with any federal effort to create a registry of individuals based on any protected characteristics, such as religion, national origin, race, or sexual orientation.

VCRC employees are not obligated to enforce federal immigration laws and accordingly, shall not participate in any immigration enforcement efforts of federal authorities.

VCRC shall create and implement a policy clarifying that any request made by federal immigration enforcement authorities to access client information shall be immediately forwarded to the Executive Director or Board President who will review and respond in consultation with legal counsel.

VCRC will increase and strengthen partnerships with trusted community-based and legal services organizations with the objective of providing legal and other resources to students and their families facing adverse immigration enforcement actions.

VCRC will continue to promote an atmosphere of respect for all persons and denounce and address hate speech directed at students and/or employees, including immigrants, people of color, various religions, individuals with disabilities, LGBTQ+ individuals, and members of other protected groups.

VCRC will support educational practices and professional development to foster an inclusive learning environment focused on eliminating bias and discrimination and highlighting existing resources for reporting and responding to bias or hate incidents.

Adapted from Contra Costa County Community College District's "Resolution Reaffirming Support of Contra Costa Community College District Students and Employees"

The Board of Directors of VCRC recognizes its responsibility to advocate for educational opportunities and a good quality of life for all students and families regardless of immigration status and will do so accordingly.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22 day of February 2017

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