

What's Next For Us?



For the past 30 years BAWCC has devoted its work entirely to the needs and issues of low-income families, children, and women in the multi-ethnic Tenderloin community. BAWCC offers a variety of direct services that address immediate needs and assist with achieving long-term stability. Its long-term projects have resulted in the creation of five playgrounds, a recreation center, elementary school, and family center.

Building on BAWCC's strong foundation, the Center's plans continue to focus on expanding programs that provide Tenderloin and other low-income children and youth the fundamental needs, education and enrichment that are essential to successful development and opening doors to opportunities.

A sample of BAWCC initiatives include:

- **Children, Youth and Family Survey** – Interviews with parents, staff and community businesses provide comprehensive feedback on community numbers and needs. BAWCC's survey in 1989 was the catalyst for their campaign and advocacy to create the 400-student Tenderloin Community School and its on site Family Center including a Free Dental Clinic.
- **BAWCC and UCSF Pediatric Dentistry Division** – As a direct result from a Tenderloin parent survey, a Free Dental Clinic was built into the lower level at The Tenderloin Community School. Through funding and staffing from UCSF's Pediatric Dentistry Division and BAWCC, all 400 students are eligible to receive free dental care.
- **Technology Program** – BAWCC provides for a three-day-a-week computer and technology teacher, equipment and program at The Tenderloin Community School. The Center is working to expand this program.
- **Learning Garden Project** – The Tenderloin Community School's rooftop garden provides inner-city children the opportunity for hands-on science and environmental learning. Nearly 300 students participate in the popular program that nurtures through nature. BAWCC funds a part-time garden coordinator and is looking to expand the program.
- **Columbia University's Reading and Writing Project** – In The Tenderloin Community School as many as eight native languages are spoken in classrooms. Ensuring that students are meeting California State curriculum requirements remains a challenge. BAWCC is working with the school to assist in their participating in Columbia University's Teachers' College Reading Program. The program includes mentor visits, on-site. For information <http://tc.readingandwritingproject.com/>