

join our network of sharing

CONNECT other parents to Matrix and share what you have learned.

VOLUNTEER for our events, library, or to serve on committees or our Board.

ATTEND OUR EVENTS to raise needed funds.

PROVIDE IN-KIND GIFTS such as materials or equipment to support our work.

MAKE A FINANCIAL GIFT through our website, by mail, or by calling us.

Matrix is funded by grants, foundations, business sponsors, special events, and individual donors.

Go to our website for more information and resources including:

- Community Resource Guides
- Online Trainings
- Information Packets and other Publications
- Calendar of Local Events
- Links to other Online Resources
- Current News and Updates on Special Needs
- Birth to 3 Early Developmental Services

800.578.2592

www.matrixparents.org



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<http://www.facebook.com/MatrixParentNetwork>

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fairfield

1615 w. texas street, ste. 4, fairfield, ca 94533

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from our parents...

"I cannot describe what a positive difference Matrix has made in my family's life. It is impossible for me to imagine my daughter, and what her life would be like, without you!"

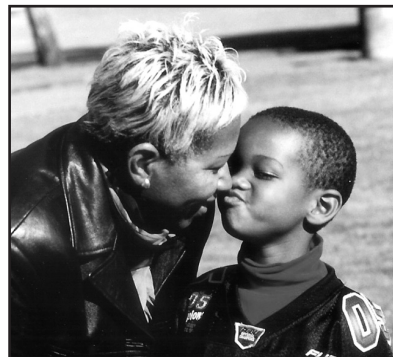
"Matrix is a necessary tool to help navigate the frustrating, emotional process of helping our different learners."

"I believe my whole family is much better off for the help Matrix provided."

"Matrix helps to focus our ideas, supports us through hard times, and encourages us to find and try new approaches."

"My children would have never benefited from services if it weren't for the help Matrix provided."

"Because of Matrix I achieved a better understanding of my child's world."



Matrix is a community supported
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inform + educate + support = empower

Empowering families of children with special needs to successfully understand and access the systems that serve them.

Bilingual Services available

Serving Marin, Napa, Solano, and Sonoma Counties

who we are...

Matrix was formed in 1983 by three mothers around a kitchen table. Today Matrix is a:

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI) designated by the U.S. Department of Education to provide training and information to parents of children with special needs from birth through 26.

Family Empowerment Center through the California Department of Education, providing similar services as a PTI for children 3-22 who are historically underserved.

Family Resource Center, part of the California Early Start network of services for parents of children birth to age 3.



Matrix is a place for families to find emotional support and share experiences with other families of children with special needs.

what we offer...



Helpline 800.578.2592
Online services at www.matrixparents.org
E-newsletter
Resources and referrals
Trainings
In-depth consultations
Support groups
Lending library

why do parents need matrix?

- for information and community resources
- to better understand Special Education, Early Start, Regional Centers, County Mental Health and other systems
- to find support from other parents
- for assistance in understanding and organizing special needs paperwork
- to fine tune communication and advocacy skills
- to prepare for an IEP or IFSP meeting
- to arrange training for a group of parents or professionals
- to talk through questions or concerns such as:
 - behavior, social or emotional challenges (including bullying)
 - helping others understand their child's special needs
 - school problems
 - the impact of special needs on family life and parenting
 - transitions such as entering preschool or adult life