

The **Tennis and Learning Center** Program Overview



The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department and the Tennis Coalition of San Francisco, in partnership with the San Francisco Parks Alliance, are proud to present the future of tennis in San Francisco. A new, world-class tennis facility in Golden Gate Park will be home to 18 courts including one tournament court with built-in seating and San Francisco's first dedicated pickleball court; lights for nighttime play; a new, larger clubhouse for expanded programming; a viewing patio; lounge; pro shop and more.

Critical to the Golden Gate Park Tennis Center's renovation is the new classroom spaces which will support RPD's youth development program, known as the Tennis and Learning Center or TLC. Modeled after the nationally recognized EPATT program, TLC improves youth outcomes by providing programs to San Francisco's most underserved communities that promote academic achievement, health and wellness, and social/emotional development, through the sport of tennis.

Vision

TLC's programs are motivated by the desire to provide underserved youth with recreation opportunities and educational support not otherwise readily available. At the heart of our programming is the belief that providing youth with access to positive relationships and inspiring experiences will promote healthy youth development and improve their long-term outcomes.

A Phased-in Approach

The San Francisco Department of Children, Youth and their Families (DCYF) uses an Index of Need to identify the neighborhoods where San Francisco's children and youth are likely to have

the greatest level of need for services. Based on DCYF's 2010 Index of Need by Neighborhood, the five San Francisco neighborhoods most in-need are: the Tenderloin/Chinatown, South of Market, Western Addition, Bayview/Hunters Point, and Visitacion Valley/Portola. TLC will be offered in these five most underserved communities, serving elementary school children.

Once the Golden Gate Park Tennis Center reopens to the public, it will serve middle school children that remain in need support while neighborhood sites continue to serve elementary school children. TLC at Golden Gate Park will act as the hub of our youth development program for middle school youth and will also and serve TLC neighborhood sites by hosting regular playdays and other special events for elementary school children.

<u>Site</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Population Served</u>	<u>Ages Served</u>	<u># Participants</u>
Palega Recreation Center	Active, since 2014	Portola	5-11	25
Hamilton Recreation Center	Active, since 2015	Western Addition	5-11	25
Betty Ann Ong Recreation Center	Active, since 2016	Chinatown/Tenderloin	5-11	25
Youngblood Coleman	Fall 2018	Bayview/Hunters Point	5-11	25
Gene Friend Recreation Center	Planned	South of Market	5-11	25
Golden Gate Park Tennis Center	Planned	All Above	11-14+	60-80
Total Served				185+

The **goals** of TLC are to:

- Provide programs to San Francisco's most at-risk communities during critical out-of-school time
- Promote healthy, active lifestyle choices
- Provide a safe space where youth can benefit from a wide range of academic support, including tutoring and homework assistance, giving students the skills and support they need to graduate from high school and plan for a positive future
- Develop the whole child by teaching the non-cognitive skills and values that help children lead positive, productive and fulfilling lives
- Support the parent-child relationship by providing parents with the tools they need to become effective advocates and resources for their children
- Develop positive relationships between youth and adult role-models

Current Stats

- Impacts 75 K-5th graders per year
- Each participant receives 10 hours of personalized homework help per week, with additional tutoring support available 3 days per week
- Participants receive 5 hours of tennis instruction per week