



San Jose State University and 10 Books A Home Establish Early Education Service-Learning Partnership

**Partnership extends access to nonprofit's highly demanded school-readiness program
Students to gain valuable experience working with preschoolers and parents**

East Palo Alto, CA -- Approximately 500 students a year in SJSU's Child and Adolescent Development (ChAD) Department will have the opportunity to help under-served families prepare for a successful transition into kindergarten in the Ravenswood School District, East Palo Alto, CA.

Students interested in careers in human development, early childhood education, childcare, and the social sciences in general, will have a unique opportunity to encourage the healthy development of a preschooler in the comforts of their home.

Students will be trained by 10 Books A Home to implement an approach that has already resulted in children transitioning into kindergarten ahead of their peers, and that has garnered widespread accolade from various local agencies. Through 10BH's Learner Centric Approach, students will influence children's academic, language, and social growth while inspiring and modeling for parents how to develop their children's school-readiness skills.

This partnership supports 10 Books A Home's strategic mission to ensure that at least 30% of students living in the Ravenswood School District have completed 10BH before they begin kindergarten. 10 Books A Home's philosophy rests on the assumption that fundamental change flows from the home, into the community, and finally into the school system. Success, the nonprofit believes, starts at home.

About 10 Books A Home

10 Books A Home (10BH) is a 501(c)(3) early childhood education nonprofit whose mission is to raise student achievement in under-resourced school communities by preparing children and their parents for kindergarten. 10BH currently serves families living in the attendance area of the Ravenswood School District, East Palo Alto, CA, where nearly all students come from disadvantaged backgrounds. Research shows that approximately 20% of U.S. students who struggle in school and fall short of completing high school live in the same type of school communities that 10BH serves. 10BH's approach is innovative, but combines many elements of programs that have been shown to help disadvantaged children succeed in school and life.

About SJSU ChAD Program

The San Jose State ChAD Department is committed to providing its students with “a thorough grounding in child and adolescent development.” The ChAD 60 course, which 10BH has tailored the service-learning partnership around, expects students to engage in an empirical and theoretical examination of human development which includes such areas as physical, cognitive, and social-emotional development. Specifically, the course aims to, “increase students’ understanding of human development and of the impact that families, teachers and the broader community have on development.” The service-learning requirement serves to enhance students understanding of course material by allowing them to see and do what they are learning about in the classroom.

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