

MORRISON CREEK: FOSTERING YOUTH EMPOWERMENT IN SOUTH SACRAMENTO



This holistic approach fosters student development, civic responsibility, and community connection.



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FOSTERING YOUTH

Morrison Creek

The Psychology Department, through a grant, collaborates with Morrison Creek to support 4th-grade children at Elder Creek Elementary in developing college-going and community-engaged identities. Using participatory action research (PAR), the project addresses issues related to psychological resource preservation threatened by gentrification. The university-based team, including faculty and students, meets weekly for this afterschool program, fostering research and action projects while cultivating relationships with partner organizations.

Aligned with the anti-racism projects, the program recognizes the impacts of gentrification on communities of Color. Involving K12 youth and Sacramento State students, it not only supports academic success and engagement but also forges connections between children and the university. Beyond academics, the initiative aims to contribute positively to the community by empowering students to enhance their neighborhood, aligning with broader anchor initiative goals.



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Sacramento State works to align its efforts and resources to create long-term meaningful partnerships between the University and the communities we serve.

