

Transforming the System of Care for California's Children and Families



Uplift Family Services has evolved over 150 years to deliver the most visionary behavioral health services to California's children and their families. We began in 1867 as Eastfield Home of Benevolence, a San Jose orphanage, and Ming Quong Presbyterian Mission Home, an orphanage for Chinese girls who had been rescued from slavery. Today, we are one of the most comprehensive, innovative, family-centered treatment programs providing services to over 20,000 children and their families annually throughout 30 counties in California.

Milestones

- 1867** Eastfield Home of Benevolence was founded in San Jose.
- 1874** Ming Quong Presbyterian Mission Home was founded in San Francisco, the first U.S. charity to admit Chinese children.
- 1935** Ming Quong opens another orphanage for younger girls in the hills of Los Gatos.
- 1953** Ming Quong enrolls boys and needy children of all races, and becomes independent of the Presbyterian Church.
- 1987** Eastfield and Ming Quong merge, later to be called EMQ Children & Family Services.
- 1994** In 1994, in partnership with the county departments of Social Services, Juvenile Probation, and Mental Health, EMQ launched California's first Wraparound program.
- 2004** Mental Health Services Act passes in California making Wraparound available to children. EMQ's Jerry Doyle chaired the subcommittee that wrote the children's portion of the legislation.
- 2009** EMQ and FamiliesFirst merge to create EMQ FamiliesFirst. CEO Jerry Doyle retires after 39 years, and Darrell Evora is named President/CEO.
- 2016** EMQ FamiliesFirst becomes Uplift Family Services.

