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The North Sacramento Family Resource Center offers support for hundreds of families.
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Here to help with what families need

North Sacramento Family Resource Center serves as community hub for people with kids

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Rosemary Schapira has been on the job only since October, but there's no doubt about her mastery of the complex social-services network she runs.

As program manager of the North Sacramento Family Resource Center, directing a staff of 20, she's clear on the mission: "We're a community hub here to support anyone in the community who has a child (ages zero to 17) in their life," she said. "The most important

thing we do is adapt to families' needs. Whatever the family tells us it needs, we can get it through our many resources."

Parents, she said, "need support and someone to hear them out along the way. If anything, we're here to empower them.

"It's so important they understand that learning happens in the home and that they are their child's first and best teacher," she said. "So when their child gets to kindergarten, it's not a case of starting to learn, but continuing to learn."

The NSFRC is one of three such centers around Sacramento, under the umbrella of the Sacramento Children's Home. Its services are prodigious and include support groups, parenting workshops, help with housing and employment, transportation, intervention and legal assistance, as



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