



Yolo County Children's Alliance

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About Yolo County Children's Alliance

Formed in 2002, Yolo County Children's Alliance (YCCA) is a nonprofit organization that ensures everyone in Yolo County has access to the resources they need to build meaningful ties to their communities and each other. To accomplish this, YCCA has expanded our foundational role as the designated Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) of Yolo County. Today, we serve as an inter-agency coordinator, building networks of support throughout Yolo County to deliver programs focused on three family-strengthening pillars: Family Support, Parent Education, and Community Collaboration. In 2022, YCCA participated in the creation of the 2023-2025 Yolo County Community Health Assessment (CHA) as a nonprofit partner that provides direct services to families. The CHA report uses data analysis as well as community and leadership input to determine a county's Significant Health Needs (SHNs). Listed in order of priority, Yolo County has determined the following SHNs: (1) Access to basic needs such as housing, jobs, and food; (2) Access to mental/behavioral health and substance use services; (3) Injury and disease prevention and management; (4) active living and healthy eating; (5) Access to quality, primary care health services; (6) System navigation; (7) Access to specialty extended care; (8) Increased community connections; (9) Safe and violence-free environments; (10) Access to functional needs; and (11) Access to dental care and preventative services. In addition to identifying the SHNs, the CHA also identifies the county's priority communities: families living in poverty, rural communities, and communities of color, particularly in West Sacramento and Woodland. The CHA is meant to be a tool for action, and YCCA has prioritized participating in the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) workgroup. YCCA has 20+ years' experience working with the community, particularly the Spanish, Russian, African American, and Afghan communities. We provide systems navigation support for newly arrived refugees from Ukraine and Afghanistan as well as case management support for basic needs, parent education, public assistance programs, food security, housing, and other supports through resource and referrals. We are also the only nationally accredited Healthy Families America (HFA) Home Visiting program in Yolo County serving prenatal and postnatal women and children. We are requesting additional funding to continue supporting the women and children in our programs as they continue to recover from the pandemic. In 2022, YCCA's direct services were accessed more than 60,000 times by families through our Family Resource Center Programs, and more than 120 families were supported through our HFA Home Visiting Program. Accessed resources include basic needs like food, diapers, formula, and hygiene kits; housing support for families facing homelessness; and resource and referral. Additionally, YCCA coordinates three annual community events, convening partner organizations while providing hundreds of families with concrete resources and supports. With expanded resources, YCCA would develop an emergency fund for families, increase the number of children receiving concrete resources, and continue to support women as they recover from the pandemic and create economic mobility for their families.