Building and Strengthening Protective Factors: In Home Safety Program
The in-home safety program has served 50 families since January of 2021

The program has been able to offer services to families seven days per week with one In-Home Safety Specialist working on Sunday and two working on Saturday. There has been a total of 415 sessions offered to the families that the program is currently serving. Of the 50 families, 9 of those families were either discharged, withdrew from services, were referred to more appropriate services, or had their Child Welfare Service (CWS) case close before completing the program. The other 41 are either new referrals, roll-over referrals, or are in some transition with being assessed for the program. The program has been able to teach the Nurturing Parenting Program (NPP) to most of the families served and were able to connect families to much needed services.

94% of the services offered to the families have been offered virtually while 6% have been in-person emergency services. The Building and Strengthening Protective Factors program is developing an inclusive resource folder including resource connections in both Yolo and Sacramento Counties that will benefit the families being served there.

Demographic of the participants:

- 30% of the families we serve are from the Woodland Area
- 26% of the families we serve are from West Sacramento
- 18% of the families we serve are from outside of Yolo County
- 10% of the families we serve are from Davis
- 2% of the families we serve are from Esparto
- 7% had inadequate housing and needed services for permanency.

EPSDT - Yolo Community Based Services (YCBS) | Stanford Sierra Youth and Families
The YCBS Program serves 40 families through a single Family Service Coordinator.

The program is able to connect young people to mental health services virtually via a secured virtual platform. The YCBS team is able to provide a therapist, family services coordinator, psychiatrist, family partner, and youth partner to every youth who needs them. The Family Services Coordinator has been able to slowly go back into the community to engage youth in services. Roughly 70% of services have been provided in the virtually while the remaining 30% were offered in the community.

Our Family Services Coordinator is continuing her education to become a licensed counselor and continues her year-long internship with Stanford Sierra Youth and Families. Weekly, she is completing 20 hours of internship time, and 30 hours as a full-time Family Services Coordinator. During her sessions with clients, The Family Services Coordinator has been able to offer the following interventions:

- Art activities
- Mindfulness training
- Cooking sessions
- Creating books with kids to increase self-awareness
- Creation of incentive programs and coordination with other community resources and supports

The flexibility amongst the team and the commitment to service delivery despite the global pandemic has been a highlight of this program. Due to the lack of referrals in the program, the program is only at about 56% capacity and is only able to support having one Family Services Coordinator. Once the census is up to about 70%, hiring another Full time Family Services Coordinator will be an agenda item for the program.

*EPSDT: Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
Supporting participants with ensuring their family’s basic needs are met and providing material aid continues to be a main focus of the program due to the pandemic. We are seeing increased need for mental health support as parents struggle to cope with ongoing loss of income, isolation, and children not in school. Housing insecurity due to lack of affordable housing and need for rental assistance is a critical stressor for many of our participants. The HFYC team is leveraging many resources to alleviate economic stressors and connect participants to all available aid they qualify for. We recently documented one participant’s success in securing housing with the assistance of the HFYC team and their coordination with YCCA’s Housing Assistance team:

“One of the biggest stressors on families these days is housing insecurity. The high cost of housing in California has only been exacerbated by the economic devastation of the pandemic and more and more pregnant women are finding themselves with no place to call home as their baby’s arrival approaches.

One such pregnant woman was recently enrolled in Road to Resilience (R2R)/HFYC. With less than 2 months until her Expected Due Date, our In-clinic Navigator learned she was homeless and staying in a series of temporary housing situations. She also was running out of money to buy food each month and needed support identifying which programs she was eligible for and help filling out the applications.

The In-clinic Navigator and her newly assigned in-home Navigator immediately began making referrals to address these significant stressors to try to make as much progress as possible before the baby was born. Some of the Resource & Referral services included connecting her with housing assistance at YCCA, CalWorks, CalFresh application assistance, giving her bus passes to ensure access to services, providing her with Emergency Food Vouchers until her CalFresh benefits began, and suppling her with essential items needed to prepare for her baby’s birth.

Before long we were thrilled when she was able to get her own apartment thanks to our referral to housing assistance through YCCA. Her in-home Navigator was even able to connect her with a local church to get donated furniture for her new apartment! This formerly homeless woman is now mother to a happy, healthy baby boy growing and thriving in a stable, safe home because of her participation in R2R and the numerous connections and resources utilized by our team.”

California Home Visting Program current enrollment: 53
Pending enrollment completion: 0
R2R current enrollment: 43
Pending enrollment completion: 8

Healthy Families America national office continues to revise and update guidance for sites adapting the model to virtual service delivery well into 2021. Guidance is being developed in coordination with other evidence-based national home visiting models on what policies will be recommended for a return to in-person visits including vaccination related issues with staff and participants.
Yolo County Community Health Initiative (CHI) / OERU

CHI \ County Medical Service Program (CMSP) \ MediCal Outreach & Engagement
During this still unprecedented time, the CHI staff has had to get creative when it comes to outreach. In place of large, community-resource events, staff continues to distribute Medi-Cal fliers at weekly food distributions throughout the County. Additionally, staff has been on site with the Yolo County Covid-19 testing team to reach our lower income clients as well as clients from rural areas. The County service centers have opened new walk-up windows in Davis and Winters, giving our fliers more reach.

Our team has acquired two new staff members to work within the Community Health Initiative program; we fully expect them to be handling cases on their own by Spring. The Family Resource Center has begun to open with a limited capacity, allowing clients to drop off their paperwork while wearing masks. However, staff continue to accept client appointments virtually. Lastly, CHI staff has sought to re-establish partnerships with other local agencies to assist each other on meeting enrollment goals; this initiative has included regular meetings with RISE in support of Medi-Cal work.

CalFresh
Through partnerships with the Contra Costa & Solano Foodbanks as well as the River City Foodbank, we continue to receive external referrals to the CalFresh program. Our CalFresh outreach and enrollment is still being conducted virtually with staff conducting applications via phone and Zoom meetings. Additionally to continuing enrollment, all YCCA staff recently took part in the annual CalFresh civil rights training.

Expanded Family Resource Center Initiative: Family Resource Center

Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (W.I.O.A) Program
The WIOA program enrolled 1 new participant in the 3rd quarter of the 2020-2021 program year, for a total of 10. Currently, there are 4-6 additional potential youth in various steps of the application process.

3 youth are currently placed in a paid work experience with a local business, one has completed their hours, and another will begin work soon. We have limited spots left for in-school youth in response to connections with the school district, virtual presentations to classes and Yolo County Office of Education. Connecting with out-of-school youth has continued to be difficult due to lack of in-person outreach, but have been contacting office managers of low-income housing complexes to try and locate potential youth.

The program has gained 8 new worksites this quarter due to expanding outreach efforts including a direct-mail initiative to local businesses. Available new worksites now include Rite Aid in West Sacramento and Davis, El Marcero Country Club in Davis, Tree Top Sacramento, and the Tree House Café in West Sacramento. 20 youth are now in the follow-up process and are currently being supported by case managers with any employment and educational needs. 50-60% of the youth in the follow-up process are currently employed or enrolled in post-secondary education.

West Gateway Place
West Gateway Place walk-in services are still closed to residents, however staff continue to provide services virtually or by appointment as well as socially-distanced food distribution services. Staff is also providing virtual homework assistance services to elementary-age children via Zoom.

We have been working closely with our low-income families who are in need of rental and utility assistance as well and we have had significant successes in that area. Starting April we are launching our first NPP class in Farsi language for our Afghan families at West Gateway Place. At the moment, we are doing outreach in order to enroll those interested families in the class.
Help Me Grow

The Help Me Grow program continues to conduct outreach within the community, including conversations and partnerships with schools, community agencies, childcare providers, and YCCA’s weekly food distribution events. We continue to do to screenings and follow-ups with clients.

We have seen an increase need for housing and mental health resources during these times and the team has continued to connect families to the appropriate resources while continuing to stay up to date on the most current resources to ensure we are able to provide the correct and most services to clients during this pandemic. We have completed more than 100 unique screenings and 18 re-screens thus far.

Nurturing Parent Program Impact Program (NPP)

During the third quarter of the fiscal year, the NPP/IMPACT program enrolled a total of 16 Friends, Family and Neighbors (FFN) and Family Childcare Home (FCCH) childcare providers from the city of Woodland. These providers are currently participating in a 20-session course of the Nurturing Parenting Program curriculum which addresses topics regarding early childhood development, Covid-19 safety practices and while providing them with bi-weekly activity bags for the children in their care. These classes are being offered both in English and Spanish. As part of their participation in the program, the participants are also receiving coaching and support through the county’s iPinWheel, Quality Improvement Plan (QIPs) and continuous support through the Family Engagement Labs where both children and caregivers join twice a week via zoom.

More crucially, our program is busy disseminating information regarding vaccination clinics that are made available and helping our current and past FFN providers sign-up for appointments. We are also preparing for our upcoming NPP/IMPACT courses in Davis and Knights Landing as well as a Farsi NPP class for the WestGateway Place–West Sacramento Family Resource Location.

Food Distribution Program

YCCA’s food distributions continue to run with great success at all three of our sites. Due to COVID-19, we continue to do our best to maintain social distance and follow county guidelines. With the help of YCCA staff and Yolo Food Bank volunteers we continue to serve an average of 200 families weekly. Our Clarksburg and West Gateway sites have continued as walk up distributions and we are serving about 25 families at each site.

VITA (Voluntary Income Tax Assistance)

YCCA has been partnering with VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) for more than eight years to serve the Yolo County Community. YCCA began taking VITA appointments on February 1, 2021, and officially started seeing clients on February 16th, 2021.

As of March 10th, 2021, YCCA has completed more than 151 tax returns. YCCA understands that some of our clients have demanding schedules and do not have time to stop by during weekdays, therefore, we have decided to remain open on the following Saturdays: 2/20/21, 3/13/21, 3/27/21, and 4/10/21. In addition, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, YCCA is temporarily offering online services which can be accessed at GoGetMyRefund.org. For those who prefer not to utilize the online services, on-site drop-off is also available.
February CAPC Meetings

February 5, 2021

- Introduced Chief Rob Strange as a new CAPC Board Member
- Introduced new Child Abuse Prevention Program Manager, Vanessa Batres
- Discussed CAPC membership—taking different factors into consideration (Ex, Diversity)
- Names were put forth—
  - Tessa Smith, Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA)
  - Eric Sanchez, UC Davis
  - Tatiana Shevchenko
  - Dr. Jann Murray Garcia
- CAPC members agreed to put together bios and present to the rest of CAPC members
- Discussed Child Abuse Prevention Month activities
- Natalie Audage is contracted with YCCA until website is complete
- Dissemination of posters, flyers, social media posts, emails and presentations will begin in April
- Resolutions of Board of Supervisors agenda
- Discussed that Mariasabel and Vanessa will receive the resolution
- Press release for the new website launch was approved
- Approved document – Child Abuse and Neglect: What It Is and What to Do About It
- Approved – Natalie Audage will present the reporting document to the California ACEs Learning and Quality Improvement Collaborative (CALQIC)
- Prevention planning team – Troy and Elizabeth, our Points of Contact with the Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP) noted that OCAP is still finalizing their Prevention Planning Team orientation and is not yet ready to do that with CAPC

February 22, 2021

The CAPC held a special meeting to change name of campaign. Tracy shared that the Children—The Heart of Yolo CAPC campaign was very close to the name of the Court Appointed Special Advocates’ (CASA) ‘Hearts of Yolo’ campaign.

- Voted on whether to change the Children—The Heart of Yolo campaign name
- Two options to consider—Great Childhoods Yolo and Strong Families Yolo
- CAPC members discussed that the new name of the campaign should make sense when you read it, be all inclusive, support the family, and should speak to the system.
- Outcome of vote—New name of campaign “Strong Families Yolo”.

Safe, Stable, Nurturing Relationships Committee

- Meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2021 and will focus on enhancing parenting skills
- Will meet to discuss data

Child Abuse and Neglect reporting document

Natalie Audage worked with Laura Nielsen of Child Welfare Services and Tessa Smith of HHSA to modify. The final document has been translated into Spanish and Russian. Lucy Roberts is working on getting it translated into Dari and Farsi.

The next CAPC meeting will be on April 2, 2021. All the CAPC agendas and minutes are now available on the CAPC web page.
Child Abuse Prevention Month 2021

YCCA is in the process of finalizing the creation of a new website called Strong Families Yolo (modeled on K(no)w More Lane County). The purpose of this website is to support Yolo County families, and encourage everyone to see how we all play a part in caring for Yolo kids and strengthening Yolo families. The website will have hundreds of resources and practical ideas of how we can all help. There are also resources for parents and youth who are seeking help. Strong Families Yolo is organized into 15 sections that represent different roles we might have, including businesses, family members, first responders, neighbors, and youth activity leaders.

Natalie Augage, the previous CAPC Manager, received permission from K(no)w More Lane County to use their idea and website content. Natalie adapted their content and added Yolo resources and additional ideas. She received and incorporated feedback from over 15 Yolo County reviewers, including CAPC members and YCCA staff. The website will be released in April for Child Abuse Prevention Month and it is still on target even with the new campaign name.

In addition, CAP Month efforts will involve sending out a press release and outreach through emails, flyers, social media, and posters. Additionally, YCCA will work with the Yolo County Board of Supervisors and the Cities of Woodland, West Sacramento, and Davis to accept resolutions declaring April to be Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Yolo Families Strengthening Network (YFSN)

YFSN Meetings
February 3, 2021: CANCELLED. Next meeting will be held on March 30, 2021.

YFSN Listserv
Vanessa Batres, CAPC Program Manager, continues to send emails several times a week with resources, trainings, events, and other materials related to child abuse prevention and strengthening families.

Yolo Child and Family Initiatives document
In November, Natalie Audage updated and shared the Yolo Child and Family Initiatives document that contains information about multi-sector collaborative related to children and families in Yolo County. Vanessa Batres will update and share this document in Fall 2021.

Other CAPC Information

Collaborative Participation
Vanessa Batres attended two Resilient Yolo meetings on February 12 and March 12, 2021. She will attend the next Sierra Sacramento Regional meeting on March 18 and the Child Death Review Team meeting on April 15, 2021.

Parenting Guides
Vanessa Batres has continued to distribute parenting guides to the community.

SAMPLE CAPC REPORTING DOCUMENT COMING SOON!
Life at the motel is generally really good! Project Homekey and Project Roomkey are continuing to progress and improve. The housing program is certainly making a difference in the lives of many people. With regard to stopping the spread of Covid-19, over 1/3 of the clients at the Rodeway motel and all YCCA staff working at the motel have courageously been vaccinated.

48 people have been able to obtain permanent housing as a result of their own efforts and the assistance and advocacy of YCCA staff. Currently, staff is focusing on intensive case management for all clients to assess for and assist them with housing readiness. Goals across the board include improved budgeting skills, employment, mental health, alcohol/drug treatment, cleanliness and hygiene, pet care, transportation needs, and accessing resources. Staff are focusing their work to empower the clients and help them become more responsible for their own well-being and independence.

A brief anecdote: A client was referred to the motel after living in places not meant for habitation. She was struggling with her addiction and barely functioning in her daily life. Now, she is comfortable in her room on the second floor on the Rodeway Inn and practicing harm reduction with regard to alcohol/drugs. She has been responsible in caring for herself, building self-esteem, and developing relationships with her peers and the YCCA staff. This client will be working on obtaining necessary housing documents and moving towards another momentous goal in her life of achieving stable and permanent housing!

Staff Updates
We are happy to report that YCCA staff at the motel has just about finished moving into a new office space! There is now a property manager on site to deal with daily operations concerning the property. Also, a gate for the front entrance has been approved to create a safer environment and to help monitor guests coming on to the property.

Prevention
YCCA’s Homeless Services Program continues to meet the financial need of households who are unable to pay rent due to being affected by COVID-19. Many of these clients have received direct financial assistance: the full amount due or the 25% required to avoid an eviction. We have also referred these households to Short Term Emergency Aid Committee (STEAC), Legal Services of Northern California and Yolo County Housing Authority when applicable. The program is also anticipating helping households apply for the state’s upcoming program aimed to help households pay 80% of back rent. YCCA’s Homeless Services Program is also working to improve our tracking system to better reflect our referrals and referral outcomes. In addition, the homeless prevention side of the program is assisting Project Homekey and Roomkey clients to secure permanent housing. For example, during the first week in March, we provided direct financial assistance to two families that allowed them to secure public housing. We also continue to help clients apply for non-COVID related rental assistance and move-in costs. Lastly, we have welcomed a new housing navigator to Siemer Family Stability at YCCA on March 8th!
Donations
From mid-January to Mid-March 2021, we’ve received several donations in both monetary and supplies.
- Donations received: 17 + donations
- Including Facebook Fundraiser Donations, Our Promise 2020 Campaign Donations, Individuals
- Amount received: $11,265, 285 blankets, tons of baby supplies

Notable Donors:
- UNION PACIFIC
  - UP has been a consistent partner of YCCA and is a reliable donor, especially in emergency situations. This past winter, we had many families in need of emergency groceries, and UP was able to deliver a donation of $5,000 to our emergency food voucher program. These families were able to receive vouchers for essential grocery items, all due to Union Pacific’s generosity.
- JOHN HO & WAY FONG
  - John is not only a donor to YCCA, but also volunteers almost every Friday morning at YCCA’s weekly food distribution events. He is always working hard through the entire event, and always brings a great sense of humor – rain or shine!
- YOLO COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS
  - YCCA was chosen as the Yolo County Association of Realtors 2021 benefactor for the several fundraisers the organization holds. We are able to present to their group, help them promote their fundraisers and organization, and attend the events to meet our amazing benefactors. This is truly an amazing opportunity to not only receive funding, but to share our narrative and grow our presence in Yolo County.
- FIRST 5 YOLO
  - First 5 Yolo has given us the opportunity to supply our families with free diapers and basic baby supplies, including soap, shampoo, formula, wipes, and safe-sleeping materials. We served more than 150 families for our first diaper distribution event, and continue to build our partnership with them to serve more of Yolo County.

Fundraising & Partnerships
For general fundraising purposes, we have developed a Donor Menu. This document outlines how individuals and organizations can support and donate to YCCA, while telling them the narrative of YCCA and how their donation supports their community. Since January, YCCA has met with several major employers and community based organizations to discuss partnerships, donations, and collaborations with each other. These organizations include: In-N-Out, IKEA, Davis Natural Foods Co-op, the Luna Vista Rotary Club, the Davis Rotary Club, Grocery Outlets of Davis, Woodland, and West Sacramento, and the Yolo County Association of Realtors. All of these organizations are looking to give back to the community in one way or another, and our goal is to work with them and build a strong relationship where they give to YCCA, and we provide them coverage in the community and appreciation from our organization and our clients.

Upcoming Events:
- BIG DAY OF GIVING | MAY 6, 2021
  - Marketing Plan: we are developing a marketing plan that focuses on telling our clients’ stories to encourage people to donate. We are also partnering with a student from Davis High School to create a YCCA video to tell our story.
- SPRING GIVING EVENT | MAY 1, 2021
  - This year, we have decided that our community needs a Giveaway Day more than YCCA needs a fundraiser. That being said, this Spring Giveaway Day will also have a large fundraising aspect, surrounding the narrative of “While you’re giving to us for BDOG, we are giving back”. This event will provide families with basic needs and resources, including clothing, diapers, food, and educational materials.
CALWORKS CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM (CCCS)

The CCCS contract continues and has not been significantly affected by the COVID 19 restrictions. Payment services still continue with most employees working from home 90% of time. There has been no change to Senate Bill 117 (Chapter 3, Statutes of 2020) allowing for the continued payment of Child Care Providers, regardless of attendance reporting through June 30, 2021.

The current contract expires 06/30/2021. Yolo County has not released RFP for Contract Year 2021/2022. The County has notified YCCA that the contract will be extended past June 30, 2021 on a month to month basis while they determine how the change of all stages going into the HHSA (from Department of Education) will effect services and budgets. We are keeping a close watch on RFP status.

Social Media & Online Presence

As of March 11, 2021, YCCA is active on the following social media channels: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube. We post 3–5 per week, and sometimes more if we have several events, fundraising requests, or news stories to promote. Below is our current reach compared to January 15:

- **Facebook**: 1,873 likes, 2,032 followers
  - Facebook: 2,015 Followers
- **Instagram**: 528 followers
  - Instagram: 475 Followers
- **Twitter**: 430 followers
  - Twitter: 396 Followers
- **LinkedIn**: 7 followers
  - LinkedIn: 2 Followers
- **YouTube**: 2 followers
  - This platform is used mainly for hosting the videos we create, not sharing information.

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