This past quarter has been a true reflection of YCCA’s mission: working together to improve the lives of children, youth, and families in our communities. From the months of July thru October, YCCA staff and partners, have come together on multiple occasions to continue to provide exceptional services and support to families in need – all while navigating the lingering effects of the pandemic. In July, we held our annual Backpack and School Supply Distribution Event, providing over 1100 students with new backpacks, school supplies, and resources to prepare them for returning to in-person classes. In August, our agency collaborated with our partners at First 5 Yolo to celebrate our work together to provide thousands of diapers, formula, PPE, and resources to families who were hit hardest by the pandemic, ensuring that no new parent in our community struggles to provide diapers and formula to their baby. In October, our agency has been ramping up fundraising efforts for the upcoming holiday season, a time when we work with every partner and supporter to bring a little extra comfort and cheer to families in need in our community. Throughout this quarter, our agency has welcomed many new team members to the YCCA family. Our agency has received support from our partners to beautify our Family Resource Center, and has continued the process of revitalizing our agency’s strategic and communications plans. Overall, this quarter has been busy as usual, and our YCCA team has continued to bring creativity, perseverance, and support to each other and our community.
Serving primary caregivers of children from pregnancy to age 3, the Healthy Families Yolo County program aims to improve the infant-parent relationship by enhancing skills, promoting healthy child development, and supporting bonding in a safe home environment. The program serves Yolo County’s most vulnerable mothers and provides practical support for accessing basic needs and community resources as well as activities to build parenting skills.

Approaching November 2021, Healthy Families Yolo County has 54 families enrolled in the California Home Visiting Program (CHVP), and two pending, nearing capacity for this program. In our Road to Resilience Program (R2R), we have 39 families enrolled and two pending enrollments, with one of our Family Support Specialists on maternity leave. In total, this program has with 4 pending enrollments.

The HFYC program’s plans for a staged return to in-person visits were halted after the emergence of the Delta variant and breakthrough COVID-19 infections. The majority of our participants prefer virtual services to continue at this time, along with monthly in-person contact to deliver essential items. With school aged children returning to in-person school, we have seen an increase in our participants returning to work. Flexibility and virtual service as an option will remain critical to participant retention. We are continuing to see the families we serve struggle with multiple stressors such as homelessness, rising rent cost, food insecurity, higher rates of depression and anxiety, and difficult family situations.

- A total of 560 Emergency Food Vouchers that have been distributed since the beginning of the pandemic;
- 45 trips to the Yolo Food Bank in the last year to shop for and deliver food to feed 182 people who were unable to go out due to quarantine, high risk pregnancies, young infants, or no access to transportation;
- 58 applications for Uptober/ United Way COVID relief funds equaling to $29,000;
- Emergency gift cards for gas, clothing/shoes, and household supplies continue to be distributed and utilized to ensure families can meet their basic needs (Arco, Ross, WalMart);
- Delivery of essential items: diapers, baby wipes, diaper rash cream, thermometers, masks, hand sanitizer, books, toys to promote developmental goals, safe sleep kits & pack n plays, welcome baby kits (diaper bags, receiving blankets, bibs, towel sets, pacifiers, hygiene kits), child proofing supplies, baby carriers/wraps, donated clothing for babies and older children, strollers, infant car seats for twins and NICU babies, and new parent kits from First 5 California.

HFYC is thrilled to celebrate the accomplishment of one of our participants. With the support, encouragement, and strategies to prepare from her Family Support Specialist, Gicela Mora-Lopez, this parent passed her U.S. citizenship test on the first try. She was even able to answer her questions in English due to diligent language practice and studying. Her next goal is to buy a house which has been her dream since she arrived in the U.S. She will graduate from the HFYC program this November.
Within YCCA’s housing department, we manage several programs that focus on rental assistance, homelessness prevention, and case management for those who are homeless and are in need of housing services. We partner with several other community organizations, as well as the City of West Sacramento and Yolo County, to provide these services.

The need for housing assistance has not declined in the past quarter. Within our homelessness prevention department, the SIEMER family stability program is currently serving families and supporting them in achieving a multitude of positive goals. Outreach continues for the Covid-19 Rent Relief Program, and our prevention team continues to help approximately clients with their applications. A total of eight households have been approved and received payment from the California Rent Relief Program. Currently, we have and are awaiting payments. In addition to the California Rent Relief program, our eviction prevention department continues to process funding requests for clients facing barriers, to ensure their first/last month’s rent, security deposit, and emergency stays at motels. In total, our direct client assistance in the last fiscal year has totaled to

Within our Project Homekey and Project Roomkey programs, the YCCA housing team provides clients with intensive case management to those experiencing homelessness with the goal to permanently house them.

The housing staff in this department have been assisting clients to procure documents, complete housing applications and obtain emergency housing vouchers. This team has been working with the City of West Sacramento to ensure our program’s clients have a home at the new permanent supportive housing units at 1801 West Capitol Avenue. Our clients and program staff are excited to witness how all their hard work will pay off with this new housing unit. We anticipate approximately 40 of our clients will move into the new complex within the next several months, where many of them will be able to use their newly obtained housing vouchers! An additional bonus is that the transition of these clients will open up several rooms at the motels within Project Roomkey to provide shelter for those who have been living on the streets and waiting to enter the program. Community-building events such as barbeques and coffee/donut socials continue to take place at the Rodeway Inn. Other weekly services in operation include showers for unhoused persons on Mondays, a harm reduction trailer on Tuesdays, and a street medicine team with doctors to provide medical care on Thursdays.
The Building & Strengthening Protective Factors (BSPF) program utilizes the six protective factors and safety actions to support and assist parents with stabilizing their children in their home placement or returning their children to the home after living in a foster/resource home. The In-Home Support Specialist utilizes their knowledge of the Nurturing Parenting Program Curriculum and their experience with protective factors and safety actions to advocate for the children through interpersonal connections with the parents, in-home redirection, coaching, and resource support.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic we have had to become creative in how we support our families as in person meeting is sometimes not available. We have been able to meet with families through Zoom when needed to prevent the need to cancel sessions with families. The Family Strengthening Program has continued to offer services to 34 families in Yolo County (Davis, Woodland, West Sacramento, and Knights Landing).

The Family Strengthening Program recently welcomed its new program manager, Jessica Olazaba. Jessica brings to YCCA extensive experience working with at-risk youth, homeless families, and children with learning disabilities. She has several years of experience working with Juvenile Probation, Child Welfare Services, and the education system. Additionally, Jessica has experience working in the mental health setting as an experienced facilitator and skills trainer. The team is also currently in search of a third Parent Support Specialist to join the team.

A mother, J.D., in our program was able to graduate from our program successfully and increase her Adult Adolescent Parenting Inventory (AAPI) assessment scores, bringing her from a medium risk at intake, down to a low risk. She has also been able to maintain housing and go from Phase 1 of her Drug Program to Phase 4, completing the program and maintaining her sobriety which in turn will be a step closer to receiving custody of her son and closing her case with Child Welfare Services.

Some of the parents in our program have shared that they would like to continue staying involved with our programs, even after their case has been closed with (CWS) Child Welfare Services as they find our resources beneficial as they continue to gain knowledge from our Parent Support Specialists, such as parenting techniques that are appropriate for their children.
YCCA-CCCS is contracted with Yolo County Health and Human Services agency to provide subsidized child care for families who are receiving cash aid services through CalWorks. Families who are interested in receiving childcare, request it from their Welfare to Work representative with the County. The representative, upon approval of cash aid, sends a referral to YCCA-CCCS for childcare enrollment. YCCA-CCCS enrolls these families and providers and pays the providers directly for the childcare services approved and provided to the families.

The CCCS program serves any family who resides in Yolo County. The majority of families currently enrolled live in West Sacramento, Woodland and Davis, and some families in the surrounding smaller cities of Yolo County. Enrollment started picking up over this quarter, after a noticeable drop during the COVID-19 pandemic. Most public schools have re-opened to all students for in-person learning so there is a steady increase in before/after-school care. YCCA-CCCS is preparing to administer a fall parent satisfaction survey to the families we serve. Our clients continue to use our services uninterrupted, to ensure our clients have stable and reliable childcare.

The Yolo County Children’s Alliance is the lead for the Yolo County Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC). Child Abuse Prevention Councils (CAPCs) of California are community councils whose primary purpose is to coordinate the community’s efforts to prevent and respond to child abuse and neglect.

The CAPC met twice in the last quarter- August 6, and October 10, 2021. Throughout the last quarter, the CAPC and YCCA team have been recruiting for the CAPC Coordinator position. This part-time position would lead the CAPC in child abuse prevention efforts, especially during April 2021.

The Yolo Family Strengthening Network (YFSN) is a group of Yolo County family-serving organizations and agencies dedicated to strengthening families and preventing child abuse and neglect. YFSN Meetings were held on March 30 and May 25, 2021. Continuously throughout the month, YCCA worked in tandem with the YFSN Listserv and sent multiple emails with resources, trainings, events, and other materials related to child abuse prevention and strengthening families education.
Family Support Program

Program Updates

Family Support - Yolo County Community Health Initiative (CHI) / OERU

Medi-Cal is a health insurance option that is offered to Californians that are living below the 138% FPL (Federal Poverty level). This is a federal and state funded program for children and families with limited income and resources. In the months of June-August, our program has served 57 individual clients with Medi-Cal services, including enrollments and navigation assistance. Throughout this quarter, we have collaborated with various partners, including but not limited to, internal YCCA programs, Mercy Coalition, local municipalities, and local Chambers of Commerce, to continue outreach and enrollment for this program. In addition to these outreach efforts, we’ve continued grassroots outreach within the community, including reaching out to small businesses and attending and leveraging efforts at community-wide events such as YCCA’s Backpack Giveaway, distributing over 1200 flyers, National Night Out, and the region’s International Kids Festival. Additionally, our outreach coordinators have been presenting to various community-based organizations and businesses throughout the County, and delivering outreach materials to our partner organizations.

CalFresh

CalFresh is a food and nutrition assistance program for low income families living in California. Formerly known as Food stamps, this program provides families with monthly benefits to assist with purchasing nutritious and fresh food. From June-August, YCCA has assisted application navigation and enrollment. YCCA has hired an individual through the Community Work Experience (CWEX) program, who will be trained to assist families in the CalFresh navigation process. Throughout this quarter, there has been an increase in clients needing CalFresh application assistance both in person, and through phone assistance.

Our team has continued outreach collaboration with our local partners, libraries, businesses, and internal programs. Additionally, we have focused outreach efforts with the low-income housing residents at Las Casitas, and through local homeless shelters throughout the County. Like our other health-related programs, our outreach team has continued to promote CalFresh application assistance at local community events, at YCCA events and through internal programs, and presentations to community-based organizations, schools, and businesses.
COVID-19 VACCINE OUTREACH
The community residing in the 95605 zip code, also a community YCCA serves, has the lowest vaccine rates in Yolo County. To ensure YCCA does our part in keeping our community safe, we implemented the COVID Vaccine Outreach Campaign, a project created with the purpose of providing this community specifically with ample COVID-19 vaccine information that is accurate and in languages other than English. To ensure the success of this campaign, the YCCA staff were trained on how to navigate the MyTurn Vaccination Clinic website, where families and individuals can access local clinic information, sign-up to receive their vaccinations, and learn about the vaccine - all for free. In addition to grassroots outreach efforts, all staff members interacting with clients ask if they are vaccinated or interested in becoming vaccinated, and if they have interest in signing up with the MyTurn website. During our community-wide events, our team has provided vaccine information, testing information, and in most cases, the opportunity to get vaccinated on the spot. In addition to YCCA staff conducting outreach, our team hired and trained 8 volunteers to conduct outreach in their communities for a small stipend.

Finally, in addition to all in-person outreach, our team has consistently posted on YCCA’s social media platforms, and has held several virtual public forums with doctors who speak languages other than English, to present and host Question and Answer sessions for clients and staff members.

NURTURING PARENT PROGRAM (NPP) IMPACT PROGRAM
The NPP Impact Program is an early learning quality improvement initiative that provides coaching for a variety of childcare providers including Family, Friends, and Neighbors; family childcare; and center-based providers caring for children 0-5.

During the first quarter of the fiscal year, the NPP/IMPACT program engaged with Family Friend Neighbor (FFN) and Family Child Care Home (FCCH) childcare providers through our Family Engagement Lab classes which offer a Storytime hour twice a week via Zoom. This has allowed many families and in-home childcare providers and their children to join class from the comfort of their homes.

During this quarter, we also collaborated with First5 Yolo to ensure that FFN providers received an air purifier through the First5 Yolo “Free Air Purifiers for Childcare Providers Event” which took place in mid-August. Because of this event and our efforts in contacting FFN and FCCH providers, we were able to enroll and deliver air purifiers to providers previously enrolled in our program.

Another engagement effort has been signing up providers for Spanish CPR courses offered through Quality Counts. Many of those who have registered are FFN providers currently in the process of becoming licensed.

Currently, our program is conducting outreach and recruitment for our upcoming NPP/IMPACT courses in Woodland and Knights Landing.
THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM
YCCA has been hosting a weekly food distribution since 2005. Our weekly food distribution helps strengthen families in need of food assistance. Every Friday, we partner with the Yolo Food Bank, and provide free groceries for the week at our Family Resource Center. Throughout the week, we also provide free food distributions in Clarksburg and at the West Gateway Place apartments. We have continued to see a small increase in families we serve since the pandemic, especially with the new Delta variant. Complementing the increase in families, we have been fortunate to receive an influx in fresh produce, meats, dairy, and dry goods at our food distributions. At each distribution, our team has continued to practice social distancing and wearing face coverings, while implementing the drive-thru distributions in West Sacramento and the walk up distributions in Clarksburg and at West Gateway Place.

VOLUNTARY TAX INCOME ASSISTANCE (VITA)
VITA is a program that offers free tax assistance to clients that meet the income guidelines of less than $60,000 annually, and qualifications including proof of ID and their social security card. The Family Resource Center (FRC) offers VITA services to all qualified residents throughout the year, including residents outside of Yolo County. However, YCCA is a certified VITA local partner. Clients in this program have the opportunity to file in-person with a staff member, or drop off printed and completed forms to maintain social distancing. Our tax returns are a simplified format, however we do assist those who have stocks, dividends, or are self-employed with proper documentation. We continue to offer our services for back year taxes from 2017 to present, however 2017 tax returns cannot be e-filed and have to be paper returns. Currently, we are getting ready to begin our training for new staff and the 2021 tax season.

HELP ME GROW
Help Me Grow Yolo County (HMGY) offers free and confidential developmental screenings to families with children, from birth to age 5-years old. The results of the screenings offer families a quick snapshot of their child’s current development status and are used to bridge families to community resources that strengthen and address their individual needs. Help Me Grow Yolo County provides resources, referrals, and follow-up to all children and their families.

With schools and daycares opening back up, HMGY has been seeing a noticeable increase in referrals for child development screenings. We are currently working with the Washington Unified School District to screen all their incoming preschoolers to address early signs of delayed development for intervention.

We are committed to continue to grow as lifelong learners and we are educating ourselves to best support the families by attending virtual trainings and webinars. Our trainings and webinars have been facilitated through agencies such as ACES AWARE, A Better Way, and Attitude. Our recent donation of diapers from First 5 Yolo has allowed our program to reach more families in need, since they act as a catalyst in connecting with these families. Families have reached out to HMGY for screenings because they know we will address their need for diapers and baby supplies.
**WEST GATEWAY PLACE**

West Gateway Place (WGP) is YCCA’s satellite site at a West Sacramento apartment complex where our team provides services including, but not limited to, food distributions, open office hours for clients receive services provided by the Family Resource Center (STEAC applications, ID vouchers, application assistance for CoveredCA, Medi-Cal and CalFresh) and Nurturing Parenting (NPP) classes. We offer COVID-safe walk-in services for individuals and families Monday–Thursday.

This quarter, we have successfully completed our virtual NPP class in the Farsi language for our Afghan families at WGP, where we provided not only parenting lessons but also activity bags, raffle prizes, and baby supplies including diapers & wipes. All 13 of our participants graduated from the class on August 4th, and received their completion certificates.

As of August 16th, we started our after-school program for the students of the WGP, where the residents’ children receive help with homework as well as tutoring on Mondays and Wednesdays.

**WORKFORCE INNOVATION OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA)**

WIOA supports youth, 16-24 years old, with barriers to employment and places them in a 300 hours paid work experience. Barriers include foster, homeless, documented disability, pregnant or parenting, high school dropouts and justice system experience. Youth are supported throughout placement and provided with assistance towards employment and/or educational goals.

Due to a delay with the County contract, we were not able to enroll any youth until the end of August.

We also have 17 youth that are in follow up, five of which were from the 2019–2020 program year and will complete their follow up services as of 9/30/21. The remaining 12 will be in follow up until June 2022. 4 of our new participants reside in Davis. Despite the contract delay, we have already enrolled more youth this year than the 2020–2021 program year. We have a handful of potential youth that we are trying to enroll at this time and will continue outreach efforts to reach more youth including, social media, virtual and in person presentations and tabling at community events.

We have been able to connect with a number of new businesses that are interested in partnering with the WIOA program, including Davis Kids Klub after school programs, Davis Swim and Fitness, Lime Bike and Scooter, UNFI Foods, and the Washington Unified School District Groundskeeping department.

As a program, we are anticipating restructuring and growth within WIOA, so we are considering additional training opportunities for the youth in the program, along with orientation preparation, assessments, and updating all program processes to ensure that we supply our clients with all of the tools they need to succeed.
4TH QUARTER SUMMARY
This past quarter’s fundraising efforts have been focused on grant applications towards our newest program, Employment Services, and event fundraising for our final three community giveaway events. The Employment Services program is in need of technological resources, and funding towards trainings and conferences for participants. We have been tapping into major employers and local foundations to apply for various grants to support the development of this program. On July 31, YCCA and partners held our annual Backpack and School Supplies Giveaway Day, bringing new backpacks, resources, and supplies to more than 1100 students. Currently, we are planning and fundraising for YCCA’s holiday season, when we will host our 16th annual Community Giveaway Day, and Holiday Toy Distribution. This year, we anticipate serving more families than ever as the winter months approach.

NOTABLE DONORS
All of our donors are the reason YCCA is able to serve as many families as we do. Every day we want to yell from the rooftops our gratitude for every single one of them. This quarter, we would like to highlight our partners who have been involved with our community, and by financially supporting YCCA.

Yolo Federal Credit Union (YFCU)
Yolo Federal Credit Union has been an outstanding partner in community-wide events, both in sponsorship and volunteer support. For all community-wide events, the team has provided a significant monetary contribution to the event, and has joined the YCCA team in working the event. YFCU truly embodies the spirit of philanthropy for the community they serve.

Yolo Association of Realtors: Young Professionals Network
The Young Professionals Network is a part of the Yolo Association of Realtors, one of our annual sponsors. YPN has gone above and beyond to support the work YCCA does. In September, their team led a beautification day effort for the clients and staff at our Family Resource Center, not only donating funds for the space, but cleaning, painting, and revitalizing the space so it’s a nice and usable space for clients and staff.

Waste Management
Waste Management is a consistent supporter of YCCA, and recently, has been an exceptional community-event partner. Waste Management has been able to provide in-kind services for trash removal for community events, along with donations for giveaway supplies to help support the families we serve.

FUNDRAISING AND PARTNERSHIPS
We are currently in need of funds for our Holiday Season. This year, we are expecting to serve more than 1,000 families at our annual Community Giveaway Day, and 1,000 children at our Holiday Toy Distribution. Support from the community is essential to the success of these events, and to meet the needs of the community we are all coming together to serve.

Employment Services Program Partnerships: At YCCA, we are dedicated to serving underserved communities, and right now, our youth, ages 16-21 are underrepresented in the programs and services we offer. To fill this gap, we are looking to build up our employment services department, to be able to offer job trainings, interview preparations, soft skills trainings, and mentorship opportunities to all youth in the community, despite their barriers. We have been applying for various smaller grants to get this program started that will be bringing in technology resources, in-kind donations of time and training, and supplemental pay for YCCA staff.
COMMUNICATIONS & EVENTS
This past quarter, YCCA has been developing our 2022 strategic plan. The development of this plan has consisted of several planning meetings with the entire staff, leadership team, board, and various client and partner surveys. The strategic plan is being drafted, and we anticipate the completion of a final plan by January 2022. Following the strategic plan update, YCCA will be implementing an updated internal and external communications plan. This plan will be focused on providing the best experience for our clients, our staff and leadership team, and further engagement with our board, partners, and funders.

Past Quarter Events
Annual Backpack and School Supply Distribution Event
At this annual event, YCCA and partners served more than 1,100 student in West Sacramento, providing them new backpacks, school supplies, and other community resources. The community we serve looks forward to this event every year, and relies on the support from our community to provide their students with the tools they need to succeed.

Bryte Family Festival
YCCA worked in tandem with local elected officials to host a vaccination opportunity and family event for the Bryte and Broderick neighborhoods. Together, we supplied families with much needed baby supplies, vaccination opportunities and information, and an overall free and fun community building opportunity. This event hosted nearly 300 families.

This will be YCCA’s 16th annual Community Giveaway Day. We will work together with our neighbors, local business and community leaders, and local elected officials to hand out more than 1,000 new winter coats to children, Thanksgiving meals to more than 900 families, and hundreds of blankets to families in need. We are currently fundraising for donations towards new winter coats and winter materials for children and families.

Our Holiday Toy Distribution used to be a part of our Community Giveaway Day, and recently became so large, we made it a separate event, focused on children and a family-oriented giveaway event. We will be handing out new toys to more than 900 children at this event, and are currently fundraising for toys and supplies.

SOCIAL MEDIA & ONLINE PRESENCE

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