



YOLO COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE



2021
ANNUAL
REPORT
YOLOKIDS.ORG

A Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

I could not be more excited to share the 2021 Yolo County Children's Alliance annual report with you. What an exciting, inspiring, and transformative year it has been for the organization! I not only took on the mantle of leadership as the Executive Director, I've continued to guide the organization through the pandemic as we collectively work together to create a more equitable community for all. Like most people-facing organizations, the pandemic continues to challenge every aspect of our work both internally and externally, however we've managed to persevere and rise to the occasion time and time again. Our dedicated staff have done an incredible job at expanding our outreach while strengthening programs and services. I am so proud of what we achieved last year—and we have so much left to do as we work together to support families and children in Yolo County.

Last year, our community and individual impact resounded throughout the organization with an increase in program participation, from our nationally accredited Home Visiting Program to the Housing/Homeless Prevention Programs, as well as the various programs of the Family Resource Center.

YCCA provided 4,339 unduplicated individuals with Family Resource Center services, permanently housed over 100 homeless individuals through Project Roomkey and Homekey, 145 families received home visiting services. Through our community events, nearly 4097 children were provided with new backpacks and school supplies, winter coats and blankets, and holiday toys amongst food and other essential resources.

Thank you for making 2021 another remarkable year for the Yolo County Children's Alliance! Your support of our mission has meant the world to our team and the communities we serve.

We are looking forward to much more in 2022!

Sincerely,

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Supporting Families through **HOUSING**

Since 2011, the Yolo County Children's Alliance has focused our housing initiatives on preventing homelessness, and addressing housing insecurity in our community. From 2017-2019, the City of West Sacramento determined a 43% increase in homelessness. Of those counted, nearly 40% of those individuals had children.

When the pandemic hit in 2020, our Homelessness Prevention Team saw a rapid increase in need for housing support. The State's Housing is Key program provided an opportunity for families to avoid eviction by providing rent and utility support to those who qualify.

Our housing team supported nearly 20-clients weekly, and have helped bring more than \$200,000 to families at-risk of eviction.



Strengthening our most vulnerable communities
PROJECT HOMEKEY

Project Homekey and Project Roomkey were started as an aid for the homeless to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and now, the programs' focus has evolved to include helping our clients obtain permanent housing and prepare them to live independently. Many of our clients have no access to basic identification documents, which is where the YCCA staff assist in helping clients obtain these documents, and provide assistance with housing applications and overall support. Our five onsite staff provide these services to an average of 100 clients at one time throughout the program. On top of clerical work, something often forgotten is that many of the people our staff help are used to living on the streets; transitioning into a safe space that is your own is a significant, and oftentimes difficult, adjustment in someone's life.

At Project Homekey, our staff and our partners, Mercy Coalition and the City of West Sacramento Police Department, approach their work with a trauma-informed lens. Often, the clients our team are supporting have experienced extreme trauma. Our staff's time, effort, patience, and overall willingness to work in a challenging environment has proven positive outcomes for clients, and the Homekey Program.

Our staff helped provide permanent housing to more than 100 individuals in 2021.

The work our team does can be hard, frustrating and emotionally taxing at times. But the ability to provide someone with not only permanent housing, but the skills and courage to live on their own, is a priceless outcome of the Project Homekey and Roomkey programs.

11,614

INDIVIDUALS RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM THE YOLO COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE IN 2021



5,648

FAMILIES RECEIVED FRESH FOOD AT YCCA'S WEEKLY FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS.

YCCA hosts 3 distributions in West Sacramento, Clarksburg, & West Gateway Apartments. In 2021, 97 distributions were held, serving thousands of adults and children.

4,339

INDIVIDUALS WERE SUPPORTED AT OUR FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER.

Our FRC supports families and individuals through various in-person and online services, ranging from healthcare, to taxes, to emergency resources.



89

INDIVIDUALS RECEIVED NURTURING PARENT (NPP) COURSES.

NPP provided parenting classes to child care providers, parents, and development classes to more than 20 children.

WHERE DO WE SUPPORT FAMILIES?

AMERICAN CANYON
 ANTELOPE
 AUBURN
 CHARMICHAEL
 CASTRO VALLEY
 CITRUS HEIGHTS
 CLEARLAKE
 DUNNIGAN
 ELK GROVE

ELVERTA
 FAIR OAKS
 FOLSOM
 HAYWARD
 MILLBRAE
 NORTH HIGHLANDS
 OROVILLE
 PALMETTO
 ROSEVILLE

SACRAMENTO
 SAN FRANCISCO
 SAN JOSE
 SONORA
 YUBA CITY



DAVIS
 WEST SACRAMENTO
 WINTERS
 WOODLAND
 ESPARTO
 KNIGHTS LANDING
 CLARKSBURG
 YOLO
 MADISON



307
FAMILIES RECEIVED CHILD
DEVELOPMENT SCREENINGS.

Help Me Grow Yolo County provided child development snapshots to 307 parents to ensure the growth of their children, including referrals and follow-up services.



89%
OF OUR EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS
ENTERED INTO HIGHER
EDUCATION OR RECEIVED
PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT.
In 2021, 12 students graduated
our program, growing their
workplace skills. The Workforce
Innovation Opportunity Act
(WIOA) Program enrolled 10 new
participants for the 2022 year.



145
FAMILIES RECEIVED HOME
VISITING SERVICES.
Healthy Families Yolo County
provides parent education and
support to vulnerable families.

62
FAMILIES RECEIVED IN-HOME
SAFETY SUPPORT.
Providing parent education and
support to families with CWS cases.



143
FAMILIES RECEIVED
SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE.
231 children benefited
from receiving childcare
services, bringing parents
the possibility to go back to
work and school.



YCCA & THE CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL

The Yolo County Children's Alliance began as the County's Child Abuse Prevention Council. Today, we remain the leader in efforts to end child abuse and neglect. Our agency launched an online resource providing information for EVERYONE in our community to help recognize, report, and do their part in keeping our children safe.

www.StrongFamilies.org

About the Yolo County Children's Alliance

Yolo County Children's Alliance (YCCA), established in 2002, is a 501(c)(3) organization and an inter-agency collaborative that coordinates needed family support services, convenes child and family advocates to solve community problems, and gathers and disseminates local information about the needs and the wellbeing of Yolo County families. YCCA helps families, particularly non-English speaking families, access services, learn valuable parenting skills, and find support. We do this through family strengthening programs which focus on Family Support, Parent Education, and Collaboration & Advocacy.

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Our Board of Directors

Our Board comes from a variety of backgrounds, but all have one thing in common: they have a passion for strengthening our community. As an agency, we are grateful for the dedication, creativity, and support our Board of Directors provides us!



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Let's work together to improve the lives of children, youth, & families in our communities.

Annually, YCCA coordinates community-wide efforts to provide essential resources to families and children through 3 staple events. In 2021, YCCA and partners supported 4,000+ children across the events! We ask you, our dedicated supporters, to help our agency continue to provide these resources to children and families.



**BACKPACK &
SCHOOL SUPPLY
GIVEAWAY DAY**
SUMMER 2022



**COMMUNITY
GIVEAWAY DAY**
NOVEMBER 2022



**HOLIDAY TOY
DISTRIBUTION**
DECEMBER 2022