

Yolo County

Children and Families Commission

Annual Report: State Fiscal Year 2001-2002

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Current Status and Strategic Directions

Purpose: The purpose of this section is to give each County Commission the opportunity of creating a picture of their county, their strategic objectives and accomplishments in fiscal year 2001-2002. Please address each of the following areas:

1. 0 – 5 Child Population: There are a total of 10,964 children 0-5 currently residing within Yolo County boundaries. They constitute nearly 7.5 percent of the total population. The vast majority of children residing within Yolo County, reside within the five incorporated cities' limits: Woodland (38%), Davis (25%), West Sacramento (25%), Winters (6%). The remaining 6% of children 0-5 are spread out amongst Yolo County's vast agricultural plains.

2. Ethnicity of Children 0 – 5: Yolo County's children are a diverse mix of nationalities and ethnicities. The majority of children 0-5 are minority groups. The reported white population consists of 44.4% of the total. This statistic can be misleading due to the fact that 26% of the white race/ethnicity reported is made up of Russian immigrant children 0-5 for whom English may not be the primary language in their home. The predominant race/ethnicity of children residing in Yolo County is Latino/a, consisting of 43.2%. Children 0-5 of Asian and Mixed ancestry make up 5.9% and 4.6% of the total Children 0-5 population, respectfully. African American children 0-5 consist of 1.8% of the total while the remaining 1% is made up of Native Pacific Islanders (0.2%), American Indians/Alaska Natives (0.5%), and Other races/ethnicities (0.3%). Among Yolo cities, West Sacramento has the greatest diversity of languages spoken by families and children – English, Spanish, Russian, Hmong, Mien, and other Southeast Asian dialects. Woodland, Winters, and Esparto (an unincorporated rural community) families speak English and Spanish. Davis, whose families mainly speak English and Spanish, is home to international university students whose families speak multiple languages.

3. County Narrative: a. One of the guiding principles of the Yolo County Strategic Plan adopted in August 2000 is, "the plan must address language and cultural issues". One of the six Specific Outcomes of the plan is, "Increase community respect for all cultures and increase the cultural competence of services for children and families.

At their Commission meeting on December 12, 2001 the Yolo County Children and Families Commission voted to incorporate the Principles on Equity developed by the Advisory Committee on Diversity into all existing and future contracts with the Commission. The Commission is developing site monitoring tools to measure progress in implementing the Principles across all programs.

The office staff of the Commission includes bilingual English/Spanish staff and all consumer materials published by the Commission are produced in English and Spanish, including the brochure and quarterly newsletter. Most funded programs include bilingual staff. The Spanish version of our website is currently being created. Community mini grant applications were released in Russian, Spanish and English and responses were accepted handwritten in any language.

b. Yolo County is a diverse mixture of industry and geography. The eastern two-thirds of Yolo County consists of nearly level flat plains and basins, while the western third is largely composed of rolling terraces and steep uplands used for dry-farmed grain and range. The County's 661,760 acres is home to 150,000 people. Agriculture is the County's primary industry. However, the prestigious

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University of California, Davis is located in the southern realm of the county. Along the eastern border of the county the city of West Sacramento has grown into a diverse suburb of the state capitol. Nearly 85% of the population lives in the County's four cities (Davis, West Sacramento, Woodland, Winters). Currently, an estimated 11,800 children under the age of six live in Yolo County, comprising 8% of the total population.

c. Six overall themes emerged from the community meetings and discussions with service providers conducted. 1)Low-to-middle income working families are in crisis because they earn too much to qualify for publicly funded services, but too little to afford childcare, health care, housing, and other essentials. 2)While there are a number of problems facing children and families tht need immediate attention, there is a community-wide interest in focusing more resources on prevention based parent education and support. 3)There are many services for children, but families want a "system of care" that would support children from the prenatal stage to adulthood. 4)Collaborations between schools/child care programs and other vital resources – health care, after school care, identification of special needs, nutrition, etc. – are most helpful and families want more of them. 5)Lack of adequate transportation is a major barrier for low-income families in every part of the county. 6)Language is a significant barrier to families fully utilizing services and resources in the county.

d. In the Spring of 2002 the Commission renewed funding to 18 programs. The proposals for funding were required to describe innovative procedures that were implemented in the first year of funding as well as lessons learned. The Commission also funded a county-wide results based Single Outcome initiative to reduce child abuse in high-risk homes. This pilot program will provide universal home visitation services incorporating the distribution of the Kits for New Parents.

e. The priorities for FY2001/2002 were: Decreasing child abuse/neglect and domestic violence; decreasing substance abuse in households with young children; increasing community respect for all cultures and increase cultural competence of services; increasing children 0 - 5 who have a specific source of on-going comprehensive health care and who receive recommended primary care at appropriate intervals; increasing the supply of quality, affordable child care tailored to geographic areas.

4. Major Accomplishments: Some major accomplishments are: expanded Community Assessment to include underrepresented population; developed a 10 year fiscal sustainability plan, along with a fiscal leveraging plan to include leveraging Medical Administration Activities (MAA) for the Commission itself as well as the Commission sponsored programs; established cooperative relationships with school districts that will be a part of the School Readiness Initiative; awarded funding for second year grants and funding for a pilot initiative to reduce the risk factors related to child abuse county-wide; implemented a provider capacity building program offering one-on-one technical assistance to providers coupled with several technical assistance workshops covering topics ranging for grant writing to data sharing and confidentiality issues.

5. Status of Reporting and Data Collection: Each provider reports on outcomes. We use database software (ABS) to track both process and results outcomes. We use an outside evaluator for evaluation of overall effectiveness of the commission's strategies and collaborate with other agencies to produce a county-wide children's scorecard.

Summary of Innovative and Promising Practices

Purpose: This section allows your commission to highlight the programs that you feel have promising results addressing the needs identified in your strategic plan. Please address the following areas in your narrative:

1. Program Highlights:

The Yolo Family Resource Center works to improve service delivery systems through providing a central location for families to access services. The funding from CFC has allowed them to expand available services. The grant provided much needed staff, and Americorps members. Funding includes a resource specialist to assist clients with linkages and referrals in an attempt to avoid duplication of services. This funding also supports infrastructure such as rent and other administrative expenses. Support also assisted this agency in successfully applying for a recently awarded Cowell Foundation grant to develop a business plan and long range sustainability plan.

The largest financial recipient of CFC funding in Yolo County is the GET READY program. GET READY is a mobile van unit that travels throughout the county each day offering health insurance screening and referral, literacy, WIC services and CHDP information to children and families. Literacy curriculum is oriented towards nutrition, with food samples and recipes participants can take home. The program currently has 25 locations that it serves on a monthly basis.

Through Integrated Parenting Services, Yolo Connections has been able to expand the number of parenting classes offered throughout the county and has specifically been able to target the rural communities. They are currently offering classes in three communities, including one of the most isolated areas of the county. The additional funding has enabled them to integrate parenting education with workshops to improve home safety, family functioning, and child health.

CFC funding aided in the opening of the Yolo Crisis Nursery. The Nursery provides 24-hour care for children whose families are in a state of crisis. Since the beginning of the fiscal year, they have housed 92 children from families located throughout the county. Most of the children remained in the Nursery for the full 30 days, so that their parent or parents could work on the crisis that brought them in to the Nursery. Fifteen of those children required and received the necessary medical care, and follow-up appointments and treatments were arranged. Funding from CFC has allowed expansion of their capacity.

The Esparto Results grant has made it possible to start a community based pre-school serving the rural area. The result has been the stabilization of the availability of assessable quality child care with developed curriculum and set policies and procedures for the pre-school. There are now 24 new child care spaces for children in the community for low – to middle-income families to enroll their children in a pre-school that will prepare them for kindergarten. As the area begins to grow with several new housing developments in the development stages, the Esparto-Capay Valley Neighborhood Child Care Center will continue to fill vacant child care spaces. This funding also provided for first annual Kinder Round-Up for entering kindergarteners. A total of 44 children participated in the event, with 23 being entering kindergarteners. The event provided an opportunity for the children to become familiar with their new environment as well as modules for inger-printing, health screening, and health

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enrollment, just to mention a few. A portion of this grant also provides for the case management of high risk families in this isolated region.

In the latter months of the fiscal year the CFC funded a pilot program to address the risk factors that increase a child's exposure to abuse. The Welcome Baby program is in the process of initiating a universal home visiting plan county-wide.

The Yolo County Child Care Outreach program is an outcome-based collaborative which increases the availability, accessibility and the quality of child care in the county. Through home visits, training and support of child care providers the program's goal is improving the quality of child care and awareness of child development guidelines. Through the Home Visitor position, outreach can occur when it is desperately needed. The Home Visitor has been able to help new providers set up family child care homes and decrease the rate of turn over among providers. Through aid with open houses, marketing, and curriculum enrichment the child care providers now are showing stability and even some growth.

One program that was well established prior to funding is the Steps Towards Active Recovery (STAR). For the STAR program the number of clients entering treatment is much higher than was initially expected and funding from CFC has increased their capacity to serve these additional clients. Of a total of 45 families receiving services, an average of 60% have entered a treatment program; 30% of families were projected as the goal for treatment.

The need for a community playground was addressed by the CFC by providing a matching grant to the Madison Service District to complete the funding needed to plan and construct a playground in this isolated rural region. This funding allowed the citizen group who raised the majority of funds locally to adhere to standards for handicap accessibility. The CFC has provided infrastructure funds for the establishment of a Family Resource Center to serve the rural community of Knights Landing.

The CFC has also taken a role in the development for the Children's Alliance of Yolo County (CAYC). The CFC has pledged infrastructure funding for the establishment of this agency that also serves as the Yolo County Child Abuse Council. Along with the infrastructure funding, the CFC has pledged partial funding for the development of a county-wide children's scorecard.

2. Service Integration and Collaboration:

Every program that has been funded by the Yolo County Children and Families Commission utilizes several partnerships in order to efficiently and effectively reach goals and to avoid duplication of services. The GET READY program includes services from Woman Infant and Children (WIC), Children's Health Disability Program (CHDP), and Healthy Families Outreach, while the free food samples are provided by the Food Bank of Yolo County.

Through Yolo County's Assessment and Intervention system, there have been focus groups with prenatal care providers, public health nurses, perinatal substance abuse treatment providers and community members of the Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Team. Their input was used to develop a report on the issues of access to prenatal care, barriers to service and possible solutions.

Many programs' success is directly dependent on their collaboration with other service providers and community members. Yolo Crisis Nursery has a web of integration that insures that clients receive comprehensive services. Yolo Connections provides mentors to families within the Nursery who need additional support. A staff person at Yolo Connections attends the

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Crisis Nursery Advisory Committee meetings. Davis Community Meals has provided shelter for homeless parents whose children are staying at the Nursery. Lekotek, who also partners with Yolo County Child Care Outreach and Davis Community Meals, provides assessment services and parenting assistance for parents while their children stay at the Nursery.

Another funded program whose success depends directly on the collaboration of various agencies, is the Yolo Family Resources Center. The Yolo Family Resource Center provides a variety of resource services. The Resource Center's lead agency is CommuniCare Health Centers. The FRC provides numerous services, including: Home Visiting Services, Parent Education Classes, Parent/Child Play and Grow Groups, and a Father's Program. To manage such a diverse offering of services the FRC collaborated with many agencies such as; Lekotek, Yolo County Department of Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health, Yolo County Department of Employment and Social Services, Child Abuse Prevention Council, and Early Head Start.

The Welcome Baby program was a response to an RFR asking for a single community wide response to a funding request, with collaborative partners being willing to bring services to the project without receiving any additional funding. The community was extremely responsive and the result has been a collaboration of service providers agreeing to provide services to families identified at risk through the newborn home visitation program. Multiple agencies throughout the county are donating staff hours to the establishment of protocols, an MDT, and an evaluation of outcomes.

Yolo County CFC has established regular contractor meetings along with mandatory technical assistance workshops for provider capacity building. These meetings and workshops have proved an invaluable opportunity for networking and establishing collaboration and referral links between contracted providers. These meetings are used to share best practices within Yolo County and within our neighboring counties. At a recent workshop on data sharing and confidentiality all contractor agreed to come together to develop universal intake forms, release of information forms, and client rights and responsibilities. They have chosen to be a core group to advocate for universal adoption of the above on a countywide basis with the long-range goal of moving toward a web based county wide data system to eliminate the need for families to fill out multiple similar forms at several agencies.

The conference room at the CFC offices is available to community agencies whose philosophies and programs are in alignment with those of CFC. This facility has been well utilized for collaborative meetings and community networking.

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County Revenues and Expenditures
for the period July 1, 2001- June 30, 2002

County Revenues

Prop 10 Cash Revenues	List dollar amounts here. Round to whole dollars
Prop 10 Allocation <i>Monthly disbursements</i>	\$ 1,852,426.00
Augmentation Funds from the State Commission:	
• Administrative Augmentation Funds	\$ 9,616.00
• Travel Augmentation Funds	\$
• Minimum \$200,000 augmentation funds	\$
Other State Prop 10 Program Funding <i>Grant funds, state initiatives</i>	
• Child Care Retention Incentives	\$
-- SMIF payments	\$ 11,201.00
• Other (specify) – School Readiness Implementation Funds	\$ 150,000.00
Revenues from Sources Other than Prop 10	
List: CEP Grant	\$ 78,826.00
	\$
	\$
Interest Earned and Balance Brought Forward	
Interest Earned	\$ 171,075.00
Fund Balance brought forward from prior year(s)	\$4,908,095.00
Total Cash Revenue	\$7,181,239.00

Annual Expenditures and Encumbrances

	Expended or Encumbered for FY 01-02
Program Expenditures and Encumbrances (e.g. grants, initiatives, programs)	\$1,678,895.00
Implementation Expenditures and Encumbrances (all expenditures/encumbrances other than program expenditures – see detail on next page)	\$ 331,770.00
Total Cash Expenditures	\$2,010,665.00

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Financial Summary

July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002	
Total Cash Revenue	\$7,181,239.00
Total Cash Expenditures	\$2,010,666.00
Fund Balance	\$5,170,573.00
* Fund Balance that is not encumbered, but is committed or set-aside for current or future grants, initiatives, sustainability reserve, etc.	\$3,238,992.00
Funds for Future Investments and Program Sustainability	\$1,931,581.00

*Committed funds in this section are not encumbered for this fiscal year and will not show up in the fiscal audit.

Implementation Expenditure Detail

In this section you have the opportunity to report details of the implementation expenditures reported in the previous section. In the third column, check if the amount reported is based on accounting or best estimate. See glossary for expanded description of expenditure categories.

	Expended or Encumbered for FY 01-02	Based on accounting or best estimate:
Evaluation Expenditures	\$ 20,623.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Best Estimate
Administrative Expenditures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commission Operations and Support (meeting costs and support, office operations, training and technical assistance, development of policies and procedures, etc.) ▪ Grant-Making Operations and other Fund Allocations ▪ Contract Management ▪ Fiscal Management ▪ Tracking of and Compliance with Legal Requirements, including preparing reports to the State Commission 	\$ 239,107.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Best Estimate
Planning, Communication and Outreach Expenditures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strategic Planning ▪ Community Outreach (media, websites, other community outreach, civic engagement) ▪ State-level Involvement, Communication, and Planning for State-Level Initiatives ▪ Activities to Promote Collaboration and Integration of Services and Leveraging of Resources 	\$ 72,040.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Best Estimate
Total Implementation Expenditures	\$ 331,770.00	

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Tracked In-kind: If your Commission receives in-kind resources and tracks them in the fiscal accounting system (and therefore, they are reflected in the fiscal audit), please describe them here, noting major sources and type of in-kind, as well as the total amount of tracked in-kind.

We currently have no tracked in-kind services.

Untracked In-kind: If your Commission receives in-kind resources but does not track them in the fiscal accounting system (and therefore, they are not reflected in the audit), please describe them here, noting major sources and type of in-kind.

We currently have no untracked in-kind services.

Discussion of Additional Cash Resources: If your Commission activities have brought additional cash resources into your community in the last fiscal year, describe your successes in this regard. How were the funds used, or for what use are they intended?

Additional resources included private foundation funding for Civic Engagement. The Commission has use this funding to continue the development of its Community Engagement program.

**Activity Summary Sheet Number 1
July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002**

If your county commission is grouping projects, please enter the number of projects included in this summary sheet:

1. RESULT AREAS	FOR EACH RESULT AREA		4. PARTICIPANTS SERVED E = ESTIMATE			5. TOTAL NUMBER OF MONTHS	6. TOTAL FUNDS SPENT IN EACH RESULT AREA
	2. Intended Result(s) <i>Enter one or more codes from Appendix 1.</i>	3. Strategy(ies) <i>Enter one or more codes from Appendix 2</i>	<i>Total children prenatal to 5th birthday</i>	<i>Total family members of children prenatal to 5th birthday</i>	<i>Total providers that serve children prenatal to 5 or their families</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improved Systems	S1 Increase Accessibility of service/activities	37 Home Visitation 19 Encouraging Family Participation in Communities	217	107	3	10	\$33,707.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Improved Child Health	H3 Children receive preventive and ongoing regular health care	05 Use of pooled resources to address root causes 70 Community Events and Celebrations	375	271	1	10	\$55,000.00

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<input type="checkbox"/> Improved Child Development	C6 Children enter kindergarten “ready for school”	11 Developing Conveniently Located Service Sites	225	275	2	10	\$175,033.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Improved Family Functioning	F6 Children are safe from intentional injury in their homes and communities F7 Children are in environments free of tobacco and other substance abuse	29 Developmental Cognitive Assessments 30 Mental /behavioral health assessments 55 Other 32 Substance Abuse Screening 33 Substance Abuse Treatment 37 Home Visitation 39 Information and referral	1,283	902	14	10	\$687,128.00
<i>Note: Please use this section to explain or qualify any of the information provided above.</i>							