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# Roadmap to the Future: Overview of Community Assets and Services Data Collection and Mapping May 24, 2023

#### What is a Roadmap to the Future asset map?

The Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE), with support from community partners, is developing the Roadmap to the Future — a long-term plan to effectively coordinate the services, supports, and opportunities children, youth, and families in Yolo County need to thrive, as well as establish a shared framework to ensure their healthy



development. An early part of this process involved collecting data on community assets and services across Yolo County which benefit children, youth, and families to provide a comprehensive source of information about available support. To help validate the data, YCOE created maps of areas within each of the five Supervisorial Districts in Yolo County with locations of existing community assets and services and hosted community engagement meetings to ask members of the public to help confirm data accuracy.

## Why do we map community assets and services?

The collection and mapping of community assets and services data helps provide a full understanding of the support available to a community, as well as identify strengths and opportunities. The community assets and services data collected for the Roadmap to the Future will serve as the foundation for development of a future online database, as well as a needs assessment to identify gaps in the support system and inform future investments.

#### How do we categorize community assets and services?

YCOE built a comprehensive map key which displays the assets and services according to ten "Aspects of Community" categories, which include:

- Economic (e.g. employment services, low-interest loans)
- Physical (e.g. recreation, outdoor activities)
- Basic Services (e.g. broadband, public transportation)
- Health & Human Services
- Education & Information

- Civic & Political
- Cultural & Artistic (e.g. art classes, dance lessons)
- Spiritual & Religious (any church that provides services)
- Social & Associational
- Individual Development

Each Yolo County Supervisorial District is displayed on one map with one corresponding key. In addition, there is a separate list of countywide services which any eligible Yolo County resident can access, also sorted by these 10 categories. The maps and data represent the complex, comprehensive system of community support for children, youth, and families.

## How will the community use the community assets and services maps?

YCOE will summarize the data and include all completed maps in a final report to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. YCOE also will work with partners to identify the appropriate entity to develop a community online database to provide easily accessible, consistently updated information about community assets and services. Decisionmakers can also use this database to continually evaluate needs and inform investments. YCOE hopes the coordination and evaluation of services will ensure improved outcomes for all children raised in Yolo County and provide a model for other counties to emulate.