
Roadmap to the Future: Overview of Outcomes

Vision: Being born, cared for, and educated in Yolo County is an advantage for each child and youth.

Mission: To develop, implement and consistently evaluate a long-term plan to help 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.

Background: On June 27, 2021, 21 local Yolo County elected leaders co-authored an opinion editorial in local newspapers (*The Davis Enterprise, Winters Express*) entitled “Mapping the Future for Yolo County Youths.” The op-ed called for development of a long-term plan to confront the issues of poverty and physical and mental health facing Yolo County children and youth, which are exacerbated because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Following the op-ed, Yolo County Supervisor Jim Provenza, Yolo County Assessor, Clerk-Recorder and Chief Election Official Jesse Salinas, Yolo County Superintendent of Schools Garth Lewis, and Yolo County Supervisor Lucas Frerichs (then City of Davis Vice-Mayor), convened Yolo County leaders to determine next steps, which resulted in a request for \$450,000 from Yolo County, the Yolo County Office of Education (“YCOE”), all four cities in Yolo County, and the five school districts to develop a “Roadmap to the Future” for Yolo County children, youth, and families. The Roadmap to the Future consists of four phases led by YCOE with support from community partners and consultants. The deliverables for each phase form the foundation for development of a long-term plan with measurable objectives and actions.

Identified Need: The Roadmap to the Future will inform the long-term, collaborative efforts of organizations and agencies across Yolo County to invest in efforts to ensure the healthy development of Yolo County children, youth, and families. A countywide plan with measurable objectives and actions to guide this collaboration does not currently exist. YCOE will collect data and existing services and community assets, as well as conduct a needs assessment, to provide decisionmakers with the information necessary to develop a comprehensive source of online information about community assets and services for the first time in Yolo County, as well as a long-term plan to guide improvements to the support system. The Roadmap to the Future aligns with Yolo County’s [2020-2025 Strategic Plan](#) goal of “Thriving Residents”, specifically the outcome to reduce economic and educational disparities while building resiliency for vulnerable children and their families.

Phase 0 [Completed]: YCOE led three virtual Children, Youth and Family Convenings from August 2021-February 2022 in Phase 0 to develop the principles and shared priorities that continue to guide the path of the Roadmap to the Future. Over 50 elected officials and community leaders attended the virtual convenings, which served to develop the principles and shared priorities to guide the project. A grant from the James B. McClatchy Foundation provided funding for the convenings.

Phase 1 and Phase 2 [In Progress]: YCOE is currently implementing Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Roadmap to the Future, which consists of three components: 1) community asset and service data collection and mapping; 2) needs assessment, including a child and youth development framework; and 3) final report. Phases 1 and 2 also will include a robust community engagement strategy to seek feedback on these components, including community meetings and outreach to people who may not have the resources to attend meetings but may be interested in providing feedback. This outreach will provide an opportunity for YCOE to verify information about community assets and services, seek additional information, and gather feedback from community members on both strengths and gaps in the system of support.

The following provides a brief description of each component in Phase 1 and Phase 2:

- 1. Community Assets and Services Data Collection and Mapping:** The community assets and services data will provide information about the existing system of support for children, youth, and families in Yolo County, including county-wide services and services provided within homes. The project team will create a map for each the five Yolo County Supervisorial districts to allow the community to review and validate the type and location of current community assets and services. YCOE will include a summary of the data, divided into categories for ease of use, and all completed maps in a final report.

***How it will be used:** The community assets and services data and maps will help identify existing community assets and services for children, youth, and families in Yolo County, which will serve as the foundation for the needs assessment and an eventual community online tool.*

- 2. Needs Assessment:** YCOE will conduct a needs assessment to identify community assets and services in which the community should invest to help support children, youth, and families. The needs assessment will include the collection of demographic data to show areas where children and youth 0-24 may need support in relation to the location of existing community assets and services. The needs assessment will include a child and youth development framework to outline key developmental milestones prenatal through 24 years of age, including milestones related to a child or youth's physical, social, educational, cultural, organizational, and economic development. The needs assessment will help identify strengths, gaps, and overlap in assets within the community, the results of which YCOE will describe in detail in the final report.

***How it will be used:** The needs assessment will help identify strengths, gaps, and overlap in community assets and services within the community. The child and youth development framework will provide the foundation to assess the adequacy of the support system for children and youth in Yolo County. By describing key milestones, the project team can match assets to milestones and evaluate strengths and gaps in the support system. The needs assessment will therefore allow decisionmakers to make data-informed decisions to maximize opportunity, avoid duplication, and prioritize transformational projects when allocating funding or making other relevant decisions to improve outcomes for children and youth.*

- 3. Final Phase 1 and Phase 2 Report:** YCOE will produce a final report describing the community asset and service data and the needs assessment. YCOE may also provide recommendations to consider for Phase 3 as part of this report, including development of a long-term plan with measurable objectives and actions.

***How it will be used:** The report will describe the process through which YCOE collected the community assets and services data and the results of the needs assessment, including the results of the community outreach effort.*

Phase 3 [Not Initiated]: Phase 3 will include development of the community online tool and the long-term plan to inform future investment and improvements to the system, but YCOE has not determined which agency or agencies will lead this phase or identified funding. The approach to Phase 3 also may change because of community feedback received during Phase 1 and 2. YCOE will work with Yolo County and the Children, Youth and Families American Rescue Plan (ARP) Workgroup to develop a scope of work for Phase 3 once Phase 1 and Phase 2 are complete.

Yolo County Office of Education Roles and Responsibilities: During Phase 1 and Phase 2 of Roadmap to the Future, YCOE and partners will review existing plans, collect data, coordinate with the Children, Youth, and Families ARP Workgroup, and conduct community engagement meetings to collect data on existing community assets and services, as well as inform the needs assessment. YCOE will strive to ensure the effort

is complementary to other planning efforts in Yolo County. YCOE will also help develop a scope of work outlining funding and tasks for Phase 3, including the community online tool and the needs assessment. The Children, Youth and Families ARP Workgroup, composed of a group of trusted community partners who are serving in an advisory capacity to help advance and develop the Roadmap to the Future project, will advise YCOE throughout this process.