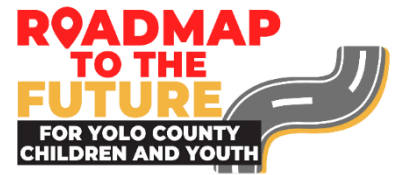


Roadmap to the Future
Overview of Outcomes
August 15, 2024



VISION

Each child and youth born, cared for, or educated in Yolo County has an advantage because of the community's response to their developmental needs.

MISSION

Develop, implement, and consistently evaluate a long-term plan to help effectively coordinate and improve the community assets and services 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, 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, convened Yolo County leaders to determine next steps, which resulted in a commitment of \$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. YCOE is leading the Roadmap to the Future with support from community partners and consultants. The deliverables for each of the four Roadmap to the Future phases are the foundation for a long-term plan with measurable objectives and actions.

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 county-wide plan with goals, measurable objectives and actions to guide this collaboration does not currently exist. YCOE will collect data on existing community assets and services, as well as conduct a needs assessment, to provide decisionmakers with the information necessary to develop a long-term plan to guide improvements to the support system. The Roadmap to the Future aligns with Yolo County's [2024-2028 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: COMMUNITY ASSET/SERVICE DATA COLLECTION AND MAPPING [COMPLETED]

In 2023, YCOE completed the first-ever county-wide collection of community assets and services data to 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 created community asset and service provider maps for the five Yolo County Supervisorial districts, secured input on missing or incorrect community assets or services from the community during the 2023 All In! for Children and Youth community engagement sessions, incorporated community input into revised maps, and created a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) database of identified community assets and services. YCOE will include a summary of the data and all completed maps in a 2024 final report.

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

PHASE 2: NEEDS ASSESSMENT [COMPLETED]

In 2024, YCOE completed 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 provided a comprehensive understanding of the strengths and gaps in the current service delivery system for children, youth, and families and community assets, such as parks, sports facilities, museums, and theatres. The needs assessment was focused on developing countywide and district-specific needs and actions to achieve the Roadmap to the Future vision and mission.

The needs assessment used a five-step process to conduct the needs assessment. The needs assessment will help identify strengths, gaps, and overlap in community assets and services within the community and will prioritize recommendations to improve community assets and services.

***How it will be used:** The needs assessment will help identify strengths, gaps, and overlap in community assets and services within the community and will prioritize recommendations to improve services. The needs assessment will allow decisionmakers to make data-informed decisions to maximize opportunity, avoid duplication, encourage collaboration, and prioritize projects which build on strengths or close gaps in community assets or services.*

PHASE 3: AND LONG-TERM PLAN [NOT INITIATED]

Phase 3 will include development of the long-term plan to inform investment and improvements to the system for at least 10 years, but YCOE has not determined which agency or agencies will lead this phase or identified funding. YCOE will work with Yolo County to develop a scope of work for Phase 3.

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