

ROADMAP TO THE FUTURE FOR YOLO COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH



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.

Guiding Principles

- Access and Equity
- Alignment and Coherence
- Youth & Family Voice

Shared Priorities

- Quality Childcare, Early Learning and TK12
- Welcoming Beacons of Community Life
- Mental Health & Wellness
- Thriving in Young Adulthood

Phase 0 - Completed

From August 2021- February 2022, YCOE led three virtual Children, Youth, and Family Convenings (later recognized as **Phase 0** of the Roadmap to the Future). Over 50 elected officials and community leaders attended the virtual convenings, which served to develop the guiding principles and four shared priorities that continue to guide the path of the Roadmap to the Future. A grant from the James B. McClatchy Foundation provided funding for the convenings.

Deliverables:

- Development of the guiding principles for the initiative
- Development of four shared priorities
- Adoption of resolution in support of Roadmap to the Future

Timeline

March 2021: American Rescue Plan approved by Congress and President Biden; Yolo County expected to receive \$42.8 million.

June 2021: 21 local elected leaders author an op-ed, "Mapping the future for Yolo youths".

August 2021: With funding from the James B. McClatchy Foundation, Yolo County and YCOE host the first Child, Youth and Family Convening with 50+ local officials in attendance, which yields the development of a collective approach and guiding principles and four shared priorities.

September 2021: Yolo County and YCOE convene the second Child, Youth and Family Convening. Yolo County presents on potential routes for ARP funding and the group finalizes a resolution for cities and school districts to adopt.

September 2021: The Board of Supervisors allocates \$5.5 million of the county's ARP funding towards children, youth and families as a priority category; Yolo County receives 180 proposals to spend approximately \$275 million in ARP funding.

February 2022: Yolo County proposes a needs assessment as part of the priority projects for funding in the Children, Youth and Families workgroup; this initiative later is renamed as the "**Roadmap to the Future**" with YCOE as the lead agency.

March 2022: Yolo County and YCOE hosts the third and final Child, Youth and Family Convening. The Roadmap to the Future initiative is solidified and submitted to Yolo County.

April 2022: Yolo County and YCOE approves \$275,000 towards the Roadmap initiative; the four cities and five school districts will also go on to add

April 2022: YCOE officially launches the work of the Roadmap to the Future

June 2024: YCOE officially completes Phase 1 and Phase of the Roadmap to the Future.



View the Op-Ed: "Mapping the Future for Yolo Youths"

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Phase 1 - Completed

Community Asset/Service Data Collection and Mapping

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 a list of services and community assets by Supervisorial District, and held a community engagement session in each District to validate and expand the initial dataset (referred to as the “All In! for Children and Youth” sessions). During the community engagement sessions, the project team secured input on missing or incorrect community assets or services, 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 the final Needs Assessment report.

Phase 2 - Completed

Needs Assessment and Final Report

In 2024, YCOE completed Phase 2 of the Roadmap to the Future, which consists of a countywide needs assessment, guided by a child and youth development framework.

In 2024, 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 provide 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.

Background

In February 2022, Yolo County executed a \$200,000 contract with the Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) for the **Roadmap to the Future** initiative, a long-term plan to effectively coordinate the services, supports, and opportunities children, youth, and families need in Yolo County to thrive, as well as establish a shared framework to ensure their healthy development. Yolo County’s contract with YCOE includes collecting data on community assets and services for children, youth, and families, mapping community assets and services, completing a needs assessment (including a child and youth development framework), facilitating community engagement sessions, and publishing a needs assessment report.

YCOE originally anticipated completion of the project in September 2023. The updated timeline for the initiative is now:

- Present - January 2024: Completion of community services and assets data list and maps
- January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024: Completion of needs assessment for future investment



View the Needs Assessment

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View the Overview of Outcomes document

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