

# TRANSITION AGE YOUTH SUMMIT 2023

A Call to Authentic Intentional Action

October 27, 2023 9:00am–3:30pm



**Yolo County**  
OFFICE OF  
EDUCATION

**ROADMAP  
TO THE  
FUTURE**  
FOR YOLO COUNTY  
CHILDREN AND YOUTH

# Connections

Name	Notes / Description	Contact
		
		
		

# Summit Agenda



<b>9:00 AM</b>	Welcome
<b>9:15 AM</b>	Connecting to Our Purpose
<b>9:30 AM</b>	A Call to Authentic Intentional Action
<b>10:30 AM</b>	Break
<b>10:45 AM</b>	Yolo County Highlights
<b>11:05 AM</b>	Amplify TAY Voices
<b>12:00 PM</b>	Lunch/Break Bread
<b>12:45 PM</b>	Regroup & Processing
<b>1:00 PM</b>	Introduction to Our Work
<b>1:15 PM</b>	Collaboration Time
<b>2:15 PM</b>	Break
<b>2:25 PM</b>	Report & Reflect
<b>2:55 PM</b>	Hopes & Dreams
<b>3:15 PM</b>	Conclusion

# Land Acknowledgement

We take a moment to acknowledge the land on which we are gathered. For thousands of years, this land has been the home of Patwin people. Today, there are three federally recognized Patwin tribes: Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community, Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation, and Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation.

The Patwin people have remained committed to the stewardship of this land over many centuries. It has been cherished and protected, as elders have instructed the young through generations. We are honored and grateful to be here today on their traditional lands.

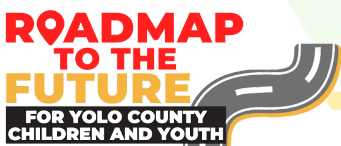
## Intended Outcomes

Set the foundation for a collaborative, well-aligned, and nurtured support system for Transition Age Youth in Yolo County to thrive into adulthood.

We will do this through...

- Celebrating our strengths, accomplishments, and resilience.
- Continually sharing our learning and growth.
- Reminding ourselves how to sustain in this long-term work.
- Define next steps for taking systemic action/change for our Transition Age Youth.

## Our Guiding Principles



**\*Access and Equity**

**\*Youth and Family Voice**

**\*Alignment and Coherence**

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Join our news and resource listserv groups

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We would love to stay connected with you to share our events, learning opportunities, and resources. Please consider joining one or more of our listserv groups here at <https://tinyurl.com/ycoelistserv> or use the QR code.



# Together at the TAY-ble

On behalf of Yolo County and the Yolo County Office of Education, our deepest thanks and gratitude go out to all of the education, business, local government, and community partners present at the TAY-ble today and through the collaborative sessions leading up to this Summit. We hope you find value and a renewed sense of community in the events, conversations, and collaborations today. Finally, we hope this serves as a call for authentic, intentional action and moves our work forward, together from promise to practice!

**Garth Lewis, Yolo County Superintendent of Schools**



## Welcome from Roadmap



**Maria Arvizu-Espinoza, Roadmap to the Future Lead and YCOE's Associate Superintendent of Educational Services**

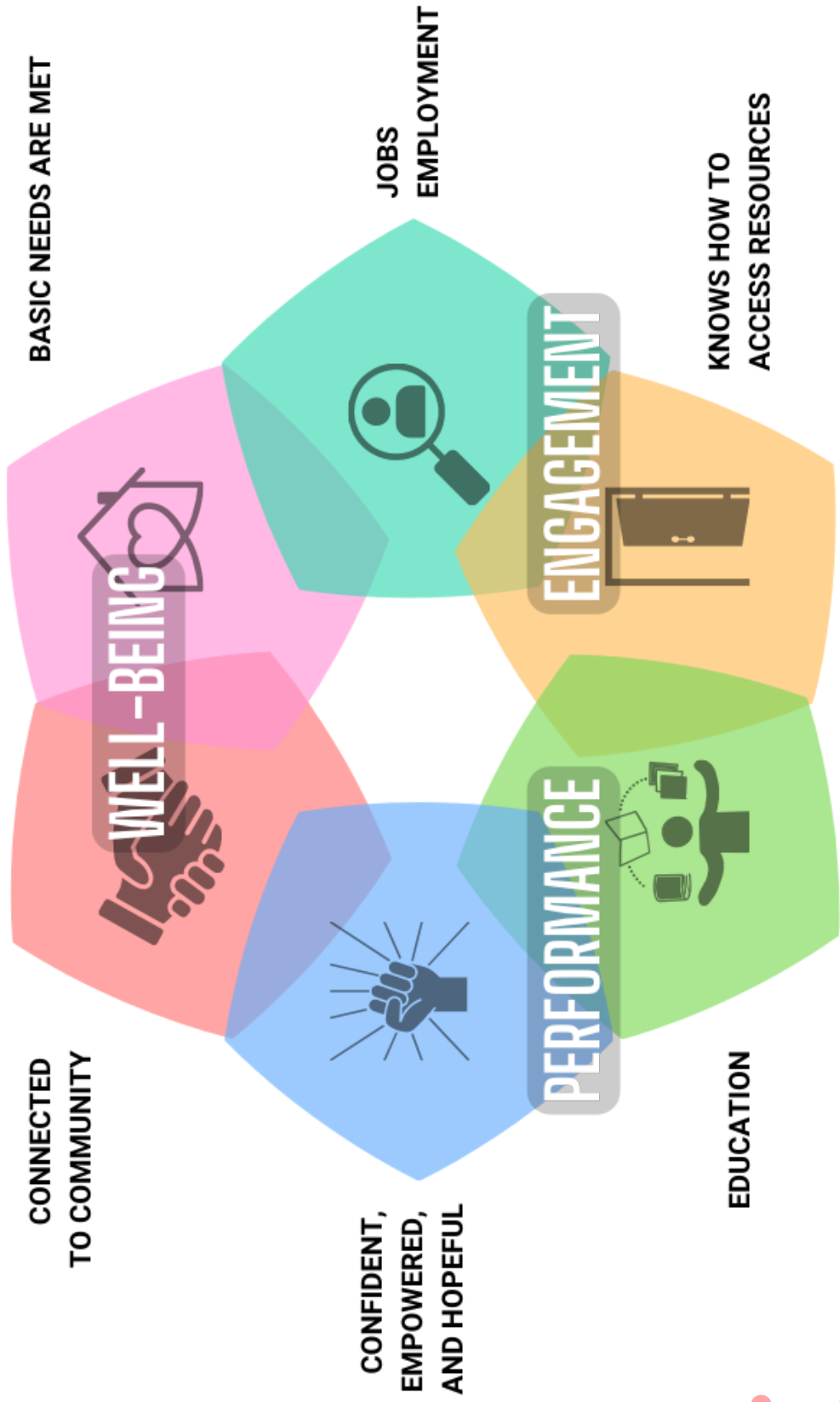
Maria Arvizu-Espinoza has served as the Associate Superintendent of Educational Services for the Yolo County Office of Education since 2021. In her role, she oversees the Educational Services Division which includes Early Childhood, Special Education, Teaching and Learning, and Alternative Education programs operated by YCOE. She has a deep commitment to education and her leadership style is one of collaboration and shared decision-making.

## Connecting to Our Purpose

Reflect upon a time when you or a loved one were thriving.

How can we collectively move from possibility to practice?

# THRIVING TRANSITION AGE YOUTH IN YOLO COUNTY



# Keynote Speaker



## Ashanti Branch

### A Call to Authentic Intentional Action

Ashanti Branch is a master in building healthy relationships in schools, a pioneer in education reform and in youth mental health, with over 18 years of experience. He is the Founder and Executive Director of the Ever Forward Club, a non-profit organization dedicated to seeing marginalized students graduate high school by providing them with emotional tools and mental health support. His work has been featured by the office of the US Surgeon General and in several media publications. Ashanti is a keynote speaker, a Fulbright Fellow, and 4x TedX Speaker and has created the global #MillionMaskMovement

**Ashanti's Instagram/Twitter: [@branchspeaks](#)**

**Ever Forward Club Instagram/Twitter: [@everforwardclub](#)**

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### Thoughts & Reflection

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What were some messages or thoughts I heard? What ideas, concepts, or understanding can I take from this experience and apply to my daily life?

# Yolo County Highlights

What are we doing well in our local community to support 16-24 year olds thrive in adulthood?



Remember a time when you felt like you belonged to a community that valued your presence and contribution. What were some elements of the experience that you feel are important in replicating?



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## Collective Celebrations

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- Add your work to our collective slideshow celebrating the current work happening in Yolo County! Send media and description to [ccr@ycoe.org](mailto:ccr@ycoe.org) or fill out this Google Form at <https://tinyurl.com/yolotayhighlights>

or use this QR code

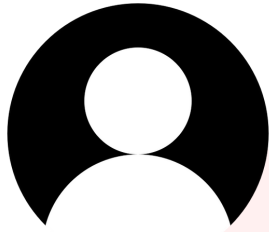




# Amplify TAY Voices

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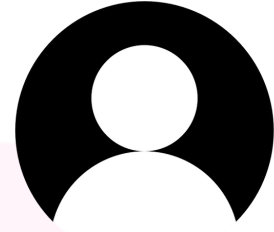
## TAY Panelists



**Korina  
Vargas**



**Matthew  
Borrelli**



**Jaime  
Torres**

## Panel Facilitators

**Edwin  
Ortega Beltran**

**Alicia  
Welch**

Thoughts & Reflection

PERFORMANCE

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# Amplify TAY Voices

What stood out to me in the TAY panel?



How do the experiences of the TAY panel inform the work of my organization?

Based on what we learned from the panel what might our next steps be as an organization?



# TARGET AREAS OF YOLO COUNTY TRANSITION AGE YOUTH WORK



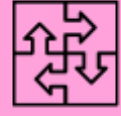
## Work-Ready Certificate

A reflective and experiential learning opportunity for TAY to gain skills, confidence, and a certificate demonstrating that they are ready for the world of work.



## Coordination of Services

Community and school-based partners working together to foster an interconnected systems framework to increase the available services across the school day.



## Communication Strategy

A centralized space for communication of resources, events and/or opportunities for TAY in Yolo County.



## Whole Family Education

Building family and student capacity to be literate in reading, finance, and how to access resources.



## Co-Navigators Network

School counselors and community co-navigators with skillsets and resources to support TAY in education/career mapping, resource navigation, and success planning.



## Workgroup Tasks

1. Define focus
2. Lightning round of introductions (name, organization or school)
3. Establish the 5 W's for the first workgroup gatherings
4. Consider next steps - Frame as a SMARTIE goal
5. Designate 1 or 2 representatives who will share out to the larger group

## The 5 W's

**What** is the area of focus? Are there identified champions?

**Who** and which organizations are present in this work?

**Why** is this area of focus important to the lives of Transition Age Youth, families, and the larger community?

**Where** do we hope this work can take us? How might this work transform systems and the larger community?

**When** will the first meeting after the TAY Summit be? Is there a cadence of meeting times and duration? Are there location requests?

# Collective Impact

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## SMARTIE Goal

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Answers to these questions will help to ensure that goals are **SMARTIE**:

**Specific:** Does each goal clearly state what is to be accomplished? Where appropriate, does it specify where and by whom activities should be carried out?

**Measurable:** Does each goal refer to a measurable outcome? Does it set a standard that will allow the team to know whether or not the goal has been met?

**Attainable/Ambitious:** Does the goal seem reachable given where things are now? At the same time, is it challenging enough that success would mean significant progress?

**Relevant:** Will attaining this goal make a difference in the quality of young people's lives? Is the goal aligned with other goals?

**Time-bound:** Has a timeframe been established for achieving the goal? Have shorter-term benchmarks been set so progress can be monitored along the way?

**Inclusive:** Does this goal invite traditionally excluded individuals to make decisions and contribute in a way that shares power?

**Equitable:** Does this goal include an element of fairness or justice that seeks to address systemic injustice, inequity, or oppression?

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Space to brainstorm and jot down ideas

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# SMARTIE Goal

Goal Area of Focus:	
Goal Statement:	
What will change?	
For whom?	
By how much?	
When will the change occur?	
How will it be measured?	
How will the process or outcomes address equity and inclusiveness?	
How will this goal be achieved?	

\*The SMARTIE Goals tool for SEL is shared by CASEL (CASEL.org) and adapted from The Management Center (managementcenter.org)

# Report and Reflect

## Hopes & Dreams

What are three ideas or experiences that resonated with me today?

What are some hopes and dreams I have for this Transition Age Youth?

How might I sustain focus and energy in this work? How will we stay focused and motivated as a collaborative group?

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## Gratitude and acknowledgements

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Many thanks and appreciation go out to our event planning and event team: Ân Tạ, Hailley Garske, Yara Cortez, Anissa DelCastillo, Gayelynn Gerhart, Heather Schlaman, Karen Swan, Cathie Irwin, Edwin Ortega Beltran, Eric Banuelos, Garth Lewis, Sonia Rambo, Alicia Welch, Andrew Martinez, Anthony Volkar, Maria Arvizu-Espinoza, Ashanti Branch, Support & Operations Services, Information & Technology Services, and many others.

# THANK YOU to our TAY Partners & Collaborators!

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**Partners & Collaborators:**

- CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO
- WASHINGTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
- ALL LEADERS MUST SERVE JOB READINESS AGE 15-25
- YOLO COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE
- American Red Cross California Gold Country Region
- CYC CALIFORNIA YOUTH CONNECTION
- YoloWorks! Connecting Yolo Job Seekers to Yolo Jobs
- CENTER for LAND-BASED LEARNING
- Sacramento City Unified School District
- YUBA CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
- valley vision Community Inspired Solutions
- CITY OF WOODLAND CALIFORNIA
- UC DAVIS Temporary Employment Services
- ESPARTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
- YCRC YOLO CONFLICT RESOLUTION CENTER
- RISE, Inc.
- EOPS/CARE & CALWORKS
- 2-1-1 Yolo County
- Yolo County OFFICE OF EDUCATION
- United Way United Way California Capital Region
- WIB Yolo County, CA
- PROBATION DEPARTMENT YOLO COUNTY
- EVER FORWARD SIEMPRE ADELANTE
- make it happen FOR YOLO COUNTY
- PAIRED SUSUN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
- WOODLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- Catholic Charities YOLO • SOLANO
- RESILIENT YOLO
- Alta California Regional Center
- PRO youth hope rises here.
- WINTERS JUD ROOTED IN EXCELLENCE
- GLENN COUNTY OFFICE of EDUCATION
- DJUSD DAVIS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
- EARLY ACADEMIC OUTREACH PROGRAM UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DAVIS eAOP
- CommuniCare HEALTH CENTERS a california health+ center
- SACRAMENTO CITY COLLEGE A LOS RIOS COLLEGE
- YOLO COUNTY SELPA Nurturing Special Needs with Leadership and Resources
- FOSTER & KINSHIP CARE EDUCATION
- PRIDE INDUSTRIES
- CASA Court Appointed Special Advocates FOR CHILDREN YOLO COUNTY
- EMPOWER YOLO Promoting Safe, Healthy & Resilient Communities
- WOODLAND JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
- Wayfinder FAMILY SERVICES
- CHOC COMMUNITY HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES
- SACRAMENTO STATE
- WEST SACRAMENTO HOME RUN