



# PANEL: Yolo County Roadmap to the Future

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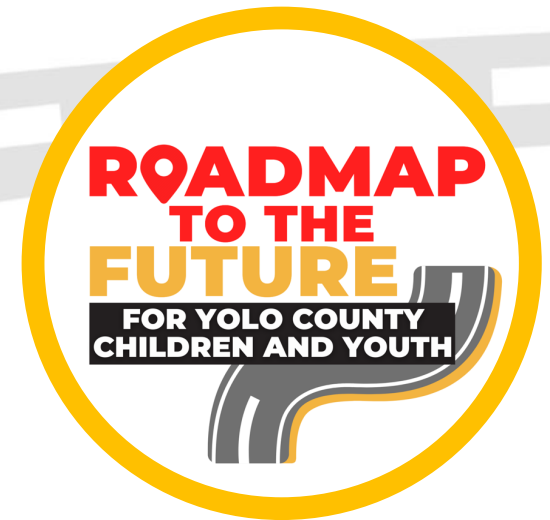
**FOR YOLO COUNTY  
CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

**Yolo County's Roadmap to the Future**

November 15, 2023

# AGENDA

- Introduction to the Roadmap to the Future Initiative
- Discuss our Collaborative Effort and Funding Strategies
- How We Measure Impact
- Gained Insights from the Project



**The Roadmap to the Future** is a long-term plan to help effectively coordinate the services, supports and services children, youth and families in Yolo County need to thrive.

# PANEL SPEAKERS



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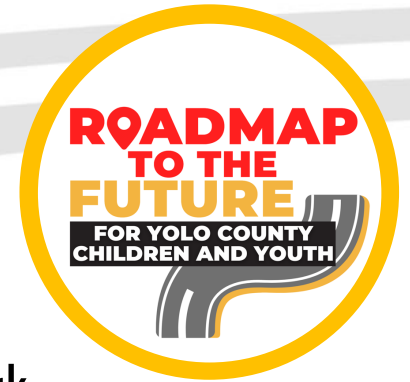
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# ROADMAP TO THE FUTURE

We had a once-in-a-generation opportunity to implement system change to benefit children, youth and families.

The Roadmap to the Future provides the container for this collaborative work and vision for Yolo County's whole child approach.

**connects** our work..... **removes the silos**.....  
create **synergy** and... move us together for a **common purpose**



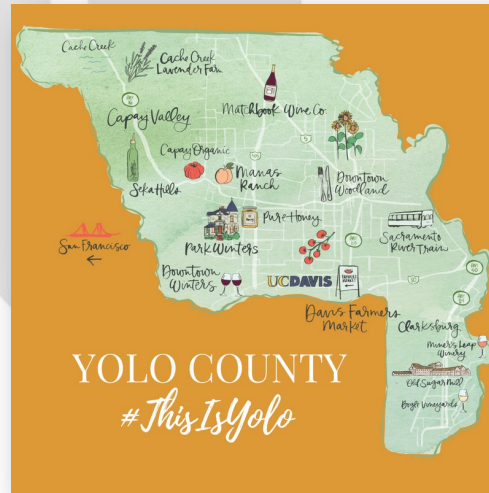
Roadmap to the Future is our:

- Response to the Pandemic
- Response to Whole Child Approach
- Response to One-Time Funding

Items to be delivered include:

- Asset maps
- Community engagement process
- Youth development framework
- Final report with a needs assessment

# ABOUT YOLO COUNTY



- 30,000 students in K-12 school
- 13,600 children ages 0-5
- 26.4% of population is ages 0-19
- 15% of all children live in poverty
- Depression-Related Feeling in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: 25.6%
- 22% of youth access Medi-Cal mental health services at crisis level

**Population 216,703**

**Poverty Rate 17.2%**

**Median Age 31.5**

**26.4% of population is ages 0-19**

**Median Household Income \$78,386**

**Median Gross Rent \$1,475**

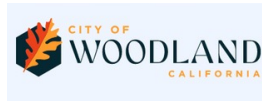
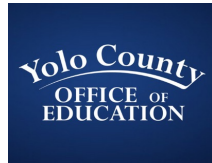
**Insured Adults 92.9%**





# BUILDING THE COALITION

## Joint Op-Ed with Partners



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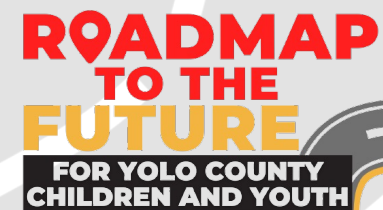
# JOINT FUNDING STRATEGY

## Roadmap to the Future Needs Assessment: **\$482,500**

- Yolo County ARP Funds - \$200,000
- Yolo County Office of Education - \$75,000
- Five School Districts - \$65,000
- Four Cities - \$62,500
- Student Behavioral Health Incentive Program - \$50,000
- UC Berkeley - \$30,000

## Roadmap Priorities Implementation:

- Yolo County ARP Funds - **\$2.2 million**





# LEVERAGING ARP FUNDING

## ARP Funding Structure

Board of Supervisors

County Administrator & CAO Office

ARP Workgroups

(1)  
Homeless  
& Housing

(2) Child,  
Youth &  
Family

(3) Food  
Security

(4) Mental  
Health

(5) Parks  
&  
Facilities

Yolo County adopted **ARP guiding principles** in March 2021:

- One-time funding
- Nexus to the pandemic
- Needs based and informed by data
- Maximize opportunity
- Avoid duplication
- Transformational projects
- Link to the County's Strategic Plan

# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES ARP WORKGROUP

## CYF Workgroup Members

- Health & Human Services Agency
- 0-5 Representative (First 5 Yolo)
- Education (Yolo County Office of Ed)
- Local Childcare Planning Council
- MCAH Advisory Committee
- Child Abuse Prevention Council
- Yolo County Children's Alliance
- County Administrator's Office

## Funded Projects

- \$2.2M: Implement of Priority Needs
- \$1.3 Childcare Recovery Grants (First 5 Yolo)
- \$1.1M: Yolo Crisis Nursery
- \$700,000: Boys & Girls Club (Woodland)
- \$550,000: Yolo Basic Income Program
- \$400,000: Childcare Facility (YCOE)
- \$200,000: Roadmap to the Future (YCOE)
- \$200,000: Child March (Esparto)
- \$115,000: Childcare Connection (YCOE)
- \$50,000: RaiseAChild (Child Welfare)

## CYF Workgroup Priorities

Sustain existing access | Expand access | Countywide reach | Serving those impacted by pandemic

# MEASURING IMPACT

- In 2022, Yolo County began providing a guaranteed basic income — the Yolo County Basic Income Program or YIOBI — to 67 families with children under age 6 with 90% of them led by single women.
- Marquisha Brown said that her cash payment was invaluable in ensuring that she and her son Eli could heal after they suffered a horrifying loss.

“When I did get YIOBI, it was just ... a relief for me and I knew that when I did get YIOBI, that my family was for sure going to be alright.”

- Marquisha Brown

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Yolo County program helps needy families heal and recover

## 'I needed that extra support'

**"I was staying in shelters"**  
Marquisha Brown talks about how guaranteed income program helped her family find a home after the death of her daughter. @gsnews/Balk

Marquisha Brown carries son Eliah Washington, 6, in West Sacramento in March after visiting with the case worker for the Yolo Basic Income program.

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# ENGAGING WITH COMMUNITY

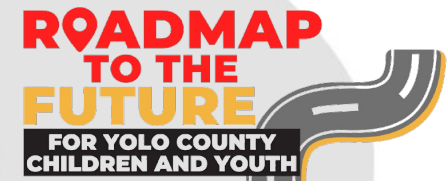


- 12 community sessions
- 600+ community members in attendance



## Four shared priorities

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



# VALUING YOUTH VOICE

2 youth workshops hosted; open to middle to high school students



## Where Do You Stand?

- I have everything I need in my city.
- I have access to free after school and out of school activities.
- I always feel supported at home and at school
- I know all the problems my community faces.

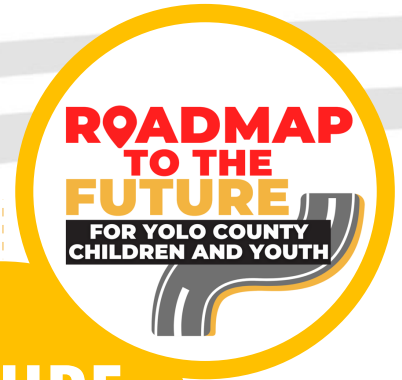
## What the Yolo Youth Commission Found

- Free recreational activities are needed to build a sense of community across the various school districts
- After school programs provide needed life skills
- Younger children need early exposure to civic engagement





# PAVING THE WAY FORWARD



**Needs Assessment  
and Child and Youth  
Development  
Framework**



**Final  
Report**



**Exploring  
Continued  
Partnerships**



**Workgroups & Summits**

- Early Learning & Early Care
- Transition Age Youth
- K12 School Partnership



## Q&A WITH PANELISTS



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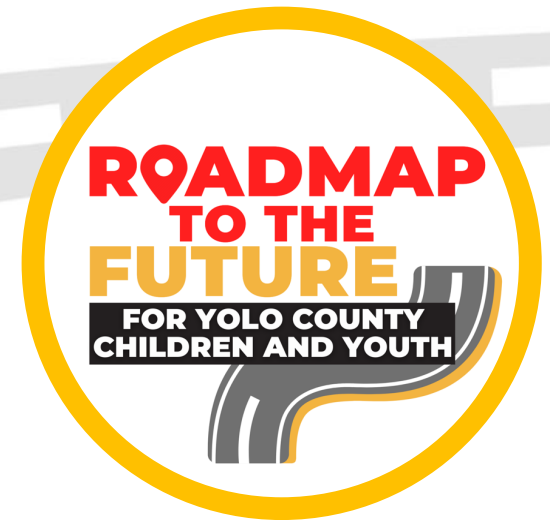
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