



## COMMISSION GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

November 18, 2025, 3:00 p.m.

At Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation, 950 Tharp Road, Ste. 1303, Yuba City, CA 95993

Contact Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation at 530-751-8555 or ysedc@ysedc.org for any questions.

### CALL TO ORDER

Roll call & declaration of a quorum for the transaction of business.

Introduce new board member Hannah Schelby

### LATE AGENDA ITEMS

### ITEMS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

*Members of the public may address the Commission on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Any member of the audience who may wish to bring something before the Commission that is not on the agenda may do so at this time; however, State law provides that no action be taken on any items not appearing on the posted agenda.*

*All meetings of the Yuba County Community Services Commission are open to the public. From time to time the Commission is required to discuss certain matters, as defined by State law, in a closed session. When such an occasion arises, the presiding officer will announce that the Commissioners adjourning to a closed session, and will explain the purpose of the closed session.*

### Consent Calendar

All matters listed under Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and can be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the time the Commission votes on the motion unless members of the Commission, staff or public request specific items to be discussed or removed from the Consent Calendar for specific action.

- **ACTION:** Review and approve the minutes of the Commission General meeting September 23, 2025 (attached)
- **ACTION:** Review and approve YCCSC's 2025 Organization-Wide Expenditure Report as of October 31, 2025 (attached)
- Current balance/statement of financial position is \$22,430.50 as of November 11, 2025.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Organizational Standards and Informational items

- Tour YSEDC office – file locations, retention
- Review 2025 service provider client satisfaction survey summary results (attached)

### Committee Updates

- **Executive Committee** (Chair-Rich Webb; Vice-Chair-Carmen Rodriguez; Secretary/Treasurer-Dennise Burbank)
  - Discuss Executive Director 2025 Annual Review
- **Ad-Hoc Committees**
  - **Site Review** (Kyle Heggstrom-Chair, Andi Crivello-Co-Chair, Vera Correa, Rich Webb, Carmen Rodriguez, Carolina Coronado Carrillo, Dennise Burbank, Crystal Mirabal, Renick House)
    - **ACTION:** Review and approve 2025 Service Provider Site Visit Summary Report (attached)
  - **Community Action Plan** (Full Board)  
No report
  - **Strategic Plan** (Full Board)

#### YCCSC Mission

*To identify the needs of the low-income population, assess the effectiveness of the agencies that strive to meet said needs and to deploy resources to achieve our shared goal of reducing poverty.*

- **ACTION:** Review and approve the DRAFT 2026-2027 Strategic Plan (attached)
- Staff Report on 2024-2025 Strategic Plan Activities October/November 2025 update (attached)
- Regional Homeless Update-October 2025 (attached)

▪ **Nominating** (Rich Webb, Dennise Burbank)

- Carolina Coronado resignation as Private Sector member (attached)
- 1 Low-income vacancy since January 2025 and 1 private sector vacancy since November 2025

▪ **Allocation Committee** (Entire board)

- Conflict Disclosure/Declaration-Excuse board members with conflict of interest
- **ACTION:** Discuss 2026 CSBG allocation from CSD for guestimated \$269,000, authorize signing of Board Resolution to accept 2026 funds (attached)
- **ACTION:** Review and discuss 16 applications, determine allocations for 2026 CSBG regular funding of guestimated \$269,000 (\$236,720 for service providers, \$32,280 for YSEDC 12% admin)

**NEW BUSINESS** – Discuss service provider presentation for January 2026 meeting

**MEMBER UPDATES**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**2026 Community Services Commission Meetings**

(4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month)

January 27, March 24, May 26, July 28, September 22

*Generally meetings of the Commission will be held at 3 p.m.*

*Yuba County Government Center, Linda Room, 915 Eighth Street, Marysville, CA.*



## **Minutes of the Board of Directors General Meeting – September 23, 2025 3:00 p.m.**

Yuba County Government Center, **Linda Room**, 915 Eighth Street, Marysville, CA 95901

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### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dennise Burbank, Andi Crivello, Kyle Heggstrom, Renick House, Crystal Mirabal, John Nicoletti, Carmen Rodriguez-Vice Chair, Don Schrader, Rich Webb-Chair

### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Carolina Coronado Carrillo, Vera Correa, Enrique Figueroa, Crystal Richards

### **STAFF**

Jackie Slade-YSEDC, Brynda Stranix-YSEDC

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 3:00pm by board member Chair, Rich Webb. A quorum was present for the transaction of business.

**LATE AGENDA ITEMS** – Jackie Slade asked to add, review and approve board application from Hannah Schelby for the low-income sector to the Nominating Committee.

### **ITEMS OF PUBLIC INTEREST - None**

### **Consent Calendar**

- Review and approve the minutes of the Commission General meeting July 22, 2025
- Review and approve YCCSC's 2025 Organization-Wide Expenditure Report as of August 31, 2025
- Current balance/statement of financial position is \$33,645.50 as of September 16, 2025

**MOTION: Renick House made a motion to approve the entire consent calendar, Kyle Heggstrom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Organizational Standards and Informational items**

- **Presentation/update from Twin Cities Rescue Mission** – Aaron Walrath reported the following:
  - Mission has been open to men since 1958 and is funded by donor support, no government funding. He has been with the Mission for two years
  - Have a 60% success rate of client getting sober/drug free, kids back, employed, etc
  - Recently took over the 14Forward site adjacent to the Mission. They will be renovating/updating some of the sheds and the modular unit with lighting, drywall, etc. He is also working to open the modular unit as an adult school with trainings like job search, parenting, expungement classes, learning computers, etc.
  - Currently has 46 beds that are always full. With the addition of the 14Forward complex, they will have additional beds available
  - In his tenure, he has implemented many new things including a focus on helping out the community with mowing lawns, trash pick-up, assembling and moving furniture, etc. as well as adopting the nearby 14<sup>th</sup> Street park to help keep it clean and graffiti free and regularly cutting and trimming the trees and weeds around their complex.
  - Will have soft opening on Saturday, September 27 and hopes to offer services to women in the future
- **Board member docs needed** – Jackie Slade reported she passed out several documents that need to be signed by various board members that will help satisfy organizational standards requirements.

- **Review DRAFT YSEDC/Yuba County Agreement for Professional Services** – Jackie Slade reported the existing five-year agreement is due to expire January 1, 2026. At the Executive Director evaluation, the Executive Committee indicated a desire to review the agreement before it went to Yuba County for consideration. Group reviewed DRAFT agreement with a new expiration of January 1, 2031 and discussed maximum of 12% of CSD allocation that can be used for administration services and what will happen with the agreement if CSBG funding is cut. No changes suggested. Brynda to send agreement to County for review and approval.
- **2025 Organizational Standards submitted** – Jackie Slade reported all documents necessary to satisfy organizational standards were submitted by the August 31 deadline. Waiting for CSD approval/acceptance.

#### Committee Updates

- **Executive Committee** (Chair-Rich Webb; Vice-Chair-Carmen Rodriguez; Secretary/Treasurer-Dennise Burbank)  
No report
  - **Ad-Hoc Committees**
    - **Site Review** (Kyle Heggstrom-Chair, Andi Crivello-Co-Chair, Vera Correa, Rich Webb, Carmen Rodriguez, Carolina Coronado Carrillo, Dennise Burbank, Crystal Mirabal, Renick House)
    - **Update from site visit chairs** – Andi Crivello reported she received from Jackie the list of agencies to visit, the board member site visit form and the agencies completed pre-visit questionnaires and semi-annual reports. She has reached out to the committee to begin scheduling the visits.
    - **Community Action Plan** (Full Board)
      - **Review and accept finalized Yuba-Sutter 2025 Community Needs Assessment** – Jackie Slade reported a separate needs assessment document was mandatory to submit with the 2026-2027 Community Action Plan this year. The document was completed prior to submitting the 2026-2027 CAP but needs to be officially approved by the YCCSC board. Group reviewed.
- MOTION: Renick House made a motion to approve the Yuba-Sutter Community Needs Assessment, Dennise Burbank seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **YCCSC CAP Approved by CSD August 25** – Jackie Slade reported the 2026-2027 Community Action Plan has received official approval from CSD.
  - **Strategic Plan** (Full Board)
    - **Staff Report on 2024-2025 Strategic Plan Activities August/September 2025 update** - Brynda Stranix reported the staff report aligns with the Strategic Plan and provides updates for the last two months on programmatic activities by YCCSC management, service providers, other community efforts toward assisting the low-income and progress toward achieving YCCSC's Strategic Plan objectives and key strategies. Jackie Slade reported this time it also includes semi-annual accomplishments from the service providers.
    - **2026-2027 YCCSC Strategic Plan update with Mission/Vision review** – Brynda Stranix reported that since the 2026-2027 Community Action Plan (CAP) has been approved by CSD, the group needs to review the mission and vision of YCCSC and review the current Strategic Plan to see if the goals/objectives/key strategies are still in line with the top priorities determined in the 2026-2027 CAP.

Brynda reported a Strategic Plan worksheet was provided in the agenda packet that included suggested changes/additions to the current strategic plan in red ink as well as suggested strike outs to bring it in alignment with the 2026-27 CAP priorities.

Group reviewed the mission and vision statement. No changes were suggested.

Group read through the worksheet, specifically each red ink and crossed out item, and discussed needed changes. Jackie Slade reported she will make the changes requested and bring the 2026-27 Strategic Plan back to the board for final review at the November meeting.

▪ **Nominating** (Rich Webb, Dennise Burbank)

- **Review and approve board application from Hannah Schelby for low-income sector position** – Per Jackie Slade’s request, this is the late agenda item added. Jackie Slade distributed Hannah Schelby’s application along with her low-income supplement and petition to the group for review. Group reviewed and discussed that Hannah meets all the qualifications to be a low-income rep—she is a case manager at Hands of Hope, an agency that serves the un-housed, self-certifies she is low-income, has at least 10 signatures from low-income individuals on her petition to be a representative and is a Yuba County resident. Brynda Stranix reported it is her great niece.

**MOTION: Don Schrader made a motion to approve Hannah Schelby as a low-income sector representative, Renick House seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

- **2 Low-income vacancies since January 2025** – Rich Webb reported that with the acceptance of Hannah, YCCSC only has one low-income vacancy. He encouraged the group to help find another applicant.

▪ **Allocation Committee** (Entire board)

- **2026 RFP’s distributed, application process, due October 31** – Jackie Slade reported the 2026 RFP’s will be distributed this week.
- **Applicant presentations Wednesday, November 5** – Jackie Slade asked the group to save all day Wednesday, November 5 for applicant presentations with possible overflow into Tuesday, November 4 depending on the number of applications received.
- **Discuss and allocate 2025 CSBG Discretionary Contract of \$26,000 - 12% (\$3,120) for YSEDC admin, balance to sub-grantee(s) - \$22,880** – John Nicoletti and Renick House were excused from the meeting due to conflicts of interest. Jackie Slade reported CSD recently allocated additional funds available to YCCSC via a Discretionary Contract to be spent by December 31. Group discussed how much agencies have spent to date on their regular contract, who is in most need, who would be able to spend the funds by December 31.

**MOTION: Andi Crivello made a motion to allocate 50% of available sub-grantee funds to Child Advocates of Placer, Yuba & Sutter (\$11,440) and 50% to Bridge to Housing (\$11,440), Dennise Burbank seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

- **Discuss and allocate 2025 CSBG Regular Contract amendment of additional \$1,621 - 12% (\$194) for YSEDC admin, balance to sub-grantee - \$1,427** – Jackie Slade reported CSD recently allocated additional funds to their regular contract to be spent by December 31.

**MOTION: Don Schrader made a motion to allocate the available sub-grantee funds to Bridges to Housing (\$1,427), Dennise Burbank seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS** – Jackie Slade reminded the group their next board meeting on November 18 will be at YSEDC’s office in Yuba City and will include a tour of where YCCSC’s files are kept.

**MEMBER UPDATES –**

- Kyle Heggstrom reported they will be meeting tomorrow to discuss the merger of Linda Fire services with Marysville Fire services to improve operational efficiency, eliminate overlap and ultimately enhance public safety.
- John Nicoletti reported Habitat for Humanity is hosting a Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project, Rural Rally, from October 26-31<sup>st</sup> that, if successful, could position our community for a “Carter Build” where multiple houses are

built in a single week. The Rural Rally will bring together volunteers to rehab/improve several houses on Pine Street in Marysville, with one to be available for affordable ownership for a local veteran or person with lived experience of homelessness.

- Renick House reported the Seniors on the Go program at Tri Counties Community Center in Marysville is increasing its activities to four times per month. They are also working to add a program in Olivehurst. Yuba Gardens Intermediate School in Olivehurst hosts a monthly basketball event for kids
- Dennise Burbank reported the nonprofit, SoYouCan, will host a Bingo fundraiser on Saturday, November 1 at Hard Rock Hotel & Casino to help during the holidays for those in need.
- Carmen Rodriguez reported First 5 Yuba County will host a drive thru car seat installation event at Yuba County One Stop from 10am-12noon on Saturday, September 27 and Sutter County Children and Families Commission will host one the same day at the former Kmart parking lot in Yuba City from 10am-12noon.
- Crystal Richards reported the 32-unit affordable apartment complex for seniors 62+ in Wheatland has cleared occupancy and residents will be able to move in soon. In addition, a 133-unit affordable housing complex, Richland Village in Yuba City, has secured necessary funding and will be breaking ground soon.
- Andi Crivello reported the nonprofit, SYRVA, will host a Wild West Saloon fundraiser on Saturday, November 1 in Wheatland to benefit youth sports and holiday family meals.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30p.m. **The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be November 18, 2025, at 3 p.m.** at Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation, 950 Tharp Road, Ste. 1303, Yuba City, CA 95991.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

**Yuba County Community Services Commission**  
**2025 Organization-Wide Report of Expenditures by Service Provider**

Agency		1st Period 1/1/-2/29	2nd Period 3/1-4/30	3rd Period 5/1-6/30	4th Period 7/1-8/31	5th Period 9/1-10/31	6th Period 11/1-12/31	% used
Bridges to Housing-01	Budget	15,067.00						91%
	Expenditure	1,000.00	11,638.00	1,002.00	0.00	0.00		
	Remaining Balance	14,067.00	2,429.00	1,427.00	1,427.00	1,427.00	1,427.00	
Casa de Esperanza-02	Budget	17,600.00						70%
	Expenditure	2,632.13	2,086.78	3,624.14	174.82	3,732.97		
	Remaining Balance	14,967.87	12,881.09	9,256.95	9,082.13	5,349.16	5,349.16	
Child Advocates-03	Budget	15,983.00						100%
	Expenditure	1,154.98	4,050.12	2,455.75	8,322.15	0.00		
	Remaining Balance	14,828.02	10,777.90	8,322.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Habitat for Humanity-04 Empowerment	Budget	26,400.00						71%
	Expenditure	6,052.56	6,157.01	6,554.35	0.00			
	Remaining Balance	20,347.44	14,190.43	7,636.08	7,636.08	7,636.08	7,636.08	
New Day Training Center-07	Budget	26,400.00						85%
	Expenditure	3,115.00	5,780.00	1,700.00	4,839.00	7,000.00		
	Remaining Balance	23,285.00	17,505.00	15,805.00	10,966.00	3,966.00	3,966.00	
Salvation Army -08	Budget	44,000.00						83%
	Expenditure	7,333.33	7,333.33	7,333.33	7,333.33	7,333.33		
	Remaining Balance	36,666.67	29,333.34	22,000.01	14,666.68	7,333.35	7,333.35	
Yuba-Sutter Food Bank-10	Budget	44,000.00						76%
	Expenditure	4,928.80	6,026.47	5,674.50	7,840.88	9,161.87		
	Remaining Balance	39,071.20	33,044.73	27,370.23	19,529.35	10,367.48	10,367.48	
Habitat for Humanity-05	Budget	19,800.00						100%
	Expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,912.78		
	Amendment		13,234.47		652.75			
Rent/utilities	Total	0.00	13,234.47	0.00	652.75	5,912.78	0.00	
	Remaining Balance	19,800.00	6,565.53	6,565.53	5,912.78	0.00	0.00	
Yuba Sutter Legal Center-11	Budget	15,840.00						62%
	Expenditure	2,454.76	2,305.17	2,881.84	2,229.61			
	Remaining Balance	13,385.24	11,080.07	8,198.23	5,968.62	5,968.62	5,968.62	
Sutter Yuba Homeless Consortium-09	Budget	13,200.00						100%
	Expenditure	3,816.43	2,672.06	2,734.47	2,216.37	1,447.17		
	Amendment		313.50					
	Total	3,816.43	2,985.56	2,734.47	2,216.37	1,447.17	0.00	
YSEDC-ADMIN	Remaining Balance	9,383.57	6,398.01	3,663.54	1,447.17	0.00	0.00	83%
Under SYHC	Budget	Actual Expenditures						
Hands of Hope	9,636.00	2,297.10	1,837.68	1,837.68	2,216.37	1,447.17		100%
SYHC	3,564.00	1,519.33	1,147.88	896.79	0.00	0.00		100%
	13,200.00	3,816.43	2,985.56	2,734.47	2,216.37	1,447.17		100%
YSEDC-ADMIN	Budget	32,493.00						83%
	Actual Expenditure	5,383.00	5,383.00	5,383.00	5,451.00	5,451.00		
	Remaining Balance	27,110.00	21,727.00	16,344.00	10,893.00	5,442.00	5,442.00	
Total Contract		270,783.00						
Sub-Grantee Expendit		32,487.99	61,596.91	33,960.38	33,608.91	34,588.12	0.00	196,242.31
YSEDC Expenses		5,383.00	5,383.00	5,383.00	5,451.00			21,600.00
Remaining Balance		232,912.01	165,932.10	126,588.72	87,528.81	52,940.69	52,940.69	217,842.31

2025 Discretionary Contract Report of Expenditures by Service Provider

Service Provider		1st period-8/15-9/30	2nd period-10/1-11/30	3rd period-12/1-12/31			
YSEDC	Budget	3,120.00					
	Expenditure	352.75					
	Remaining Balance	2,767.25	2,767.25	2,767.25	2,767.25	2,767.25	2,767.25
Bridges to Housing	Budget	11,440.00					
	Expenditure	0.00					
	Remaining Balance	11,440.00	11,440.00	11,440.00	11,440.00	11,440.00	11,440.00
Child Advocates	Contract	11,440.00					
	Expenditure	638.88					
	Balance left	10,801.12	10,801.12	10,801.12	10,801.12	10,801.12	10,801.12
Service Provider Total		26,000.00					
Expenditure Total		991.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Remaining Balance		25,008.37	25,008.37	25,008.37	25,008.37	25,008.37	25,008.37

% used

11%

0%

6%

991.63



## 2025 Service Provider Site Visits

### **BRIDGES TO HOUSING (Regular and Discretionary Contract)**

Date Visited: **October 1, 2025**

Agency Reps Interviewed: **Ann Fletcher-Vice President, Debbie Schmidt-Project Assistant, Betty Nelson-Treasurer**

YCCSC Reps: **Carmen Rodriguez and Rich Webb**

#### **Primary Mission/Overview of Organization:**

Our mission is to assist homeless and low-income families to obtain safe, decent, affordable housing in Colusa, Yuba and Sutter Counties and to ensure successful, permanent housing by building relationships with landlords and property managers.

#### **How would you like to change/improve/better your services/programs in the coming year or two?**

- Expand our board of directors
- Research and secure new funding streams
- Increase our volunteer base

#### **Can YCCSC provide any additional services/assistance to your agency?**

- Research and secure new funding streams
- Possible leads on potential board of director's members

#### **What are the top 3 services/assistance clients you serve most often need that they are UNABLE to obtain in the community?**

- Housing that is affordable
- Jobs that pay a living wage
- Skills to assist and secure higher paying jobs

#### **Any reasons the services are not provided? What recommendations do you have to fill identified gaps in the services?**

- Most of our clients need to work more than one job to have enough funds to just pay the rent. Needing funds for day care also creates issues with learning new skills.
- Finding ways to create a co-op to help assist each other with childcare will create time to learn new skills. Creating ways for the clients to help each other.

#### **What are some of your recent program successes?**

Being able to continue to provide services. They have funded multiple rental deposits and historically have an 85% success rate when they follow up after 1 year. Several of their recent clients are low income and have experienced some sort of unforeseen circumstance that has put their ability to pay rent or deposit in jeopardy.

#### **Outside of funding, what are some challenges you are currently facing?**

- They have an aging Board of Directors and would like to attract some younger people to serve on the Board. They currently have 5 Board members and can expand to as many as 9.
- Recently they have had an issue with landlords not cashing checks in a timely manner. This has created a cash flow problem at times as they are unable to submit the outstanding amounts for reimbursement.

#### **What is a long-term goal or need for your agency?**

- Expanding Board membership.

- Encouraging clients to volunteer or give back in some way.

**Have you seen the demand for services increase at your agency in the last year?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

**If yes, for what specifically?**

They have experienced new clients moving into the area and needing services. They believe the reason for this is the rents are less expensive than in Sacramento or the bay area. They also note that many of their clients have no reserve or emergency fund, so one unexpected expense can put them in a vulnerable position.

**What do you think the community or your clients would say is the best thing about your organization?**

That they truly listen to their clients and give them a chance to “vent” or tell their story. They also believe they would be described as helpful, even when they can’t provide assistance, they often can refer them to an agency that can help. That clients feel “seen” and “heard” when they come to them.

**Other Site Visit Notes/Comments:**

- They occasionally experience language barriers with clients. They have been able to overcome this by utilizing bilingual persons at Hands of Hope or CRLA. They try very hard not to utilize young children from the client families as interpreters.
- They have occasionally acted as advocates for renters when landlords have tried to take advantage of them.
- They have very low overhead, with the Board performing a majority of the work. The emphasis is to distribute every dollar to the clients.

## **CASA DE ESPERANZA**

Date Visited: **October 3, 2025**

Agency Reps Interviewed: **Michelle Downing, Executive Director**

YCCSC Reps: **Kyle Heggstrom and Dennise Burbank**

**Primary Mission/Overview of Organization:**

Dedicated to fostering a resilient and united community, Casa de Esperanza offers compassionate support and safe refuge to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, and human trafficking. Our mission is to empower individuals through crisis intervention, supportive services, comprehensive therapy services, and educational programs that promote healing, safety, and renewal within our community.

**How would you like to change/improve/better your services/programs in the coming year or two?**

In the coming year, we aim to broaden the reach and accessibility of our therapy services. Additionally, we will increase our prevention education and outreach efforts by delivering education in middle and high schools on healthy relationships and expanding our public awareness campaigns.

We envision purchasing our current building and transforming it into a comprehensive healing and empowerment center. The main floor will continue to house our counseling, advocacy, and support services, while the second floor will be converted into a safe, furnished transitional housing unit. The front street-facing space will be transformed into a community cafe or coffee shop providing workforce training and income opportunities for residents.

**Can YCCSC provide any additional services/assistance to your agency?**

Any services that bring our vision to fruition

**What are the top 3 services/assistance clients you serve most often need that they are UNABLE to obtain in the community?**

- Safe, affordable and long-term housing
- Long waitlist, scarcity of low-cost rentals combined with excessive application fees
- Lack of affordable legal services. Family law representation.
- Lack of local medical treatment for sexual assault victims. Forensic exam clients have to travel for sexual assault exams to the BEAR Clinic in Sacramento, delaying care.

**Any reasons the services are not provided? What recommendations do you have to fill identified gaps in the services?**

Recommend seeking funding for civil legal aid in Domestic Violence cases

**What are some of your recent program successes?**

Michelle informed us that Casa has hired a new Clinical Services Director that has really helped their counseling Center. This addition has greatly helped with the counseling opportunities for individuals. Having a Clinical Director has opened the opportunity to bill CALAIM for services. This allows the service to be sustainable.

**Outside of funding, what are some challenges you are currently facing?**

One of Casa's challenges is the collaboration with local government to move forward with the Marysville Café. This venue would be beneficial to the clients Casa works with. This would give opportunity for work and provide a tax base to the community.

**What is a long-term goal or need for your agency?**

Purchasing the property at 103 D Street and making additional transitional housing. This would open beds at the shelter and help serve additional woman and children. Housing is a large issue and would help with this service.

**Have you seen the demand for services increase at your agency in the last year?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

**If yes, for what specifically?**

Domestic violence, sexual assault are higher than the state average in Yuba County. This in turn creates more need for services.

**What do you think the community or your clients would say is the best thing about your organization?**

Opportunity for safe refuge. Community, providing services in need.

**Other Site Visit Notes/Comments:**

None

**CHILD ADVOCATES OF PLACER, YUBA AND SUTTER COUNTIES (Regular and Discretionary Contract)**

Date Visited: **September 29, 2025**

Agency Reps Interviewed: **Krisi Varum-Senior Program Manager-Family Services, DeAnna Martin-PEG Case Manager/Support Group Supervisor**

YCCSC Reps: **Dennise Burbank and Andi Crivello**

**Primary Mission/Overview of Organization:**

Be the bridge between the most vulnerable in our community and caring volunteers who make a difference.

**How would you like to change/improve/better your services/programs in the coming year or two?**

- We would like to have the ability to serve more families and have a full-time case manager in Yuba County.
- We would like to double the number of families we serve.
- We would like to add another online peer support group.

**Can YCCSC provide any additional services/assistance to your agency?**

No

**What are the top 3 services/assistance clients you serve most often need that they are UNABLE to obtain in the community?**

- Life Skills Training
- Co-Dependency classes
- Co-Parenting classes
- Affordable, reliable vehicles and the ability to service and maintain them
- Lack of affordable, safe housing
- Often our clients have to go out of the County for residential substance abuse treatment

**Any reasons the services are not provided? What recommendations do you have to fill identified gaps in the services?**

Recommend creating programs that provide or support these services and the availability of options/choices.

**What are some of your recent program successes?**

Has had 12 reunifications and have more to come before the end of the year - both Men and Women  
Those consisted of 12 adults and 24 children

**Outside of funding, what are some challenges you are currently facing?**

- The field work challenge is the locations. Serving Placer, Yuba & Sutter counties and primarily wanting to meet with people in person vs online appointments. In person it is more personable.
- Learning about and getting connected with the community partners and resources
- Recruiting and training the volunteers

**What is a long-term goal or need for your agency?**

Having full time staffing for Yuba/Sutter counties and also more recruiting/training.

**Have you seen the demand for services increase at your agency in the last year?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

**If yes, for what specifically?**

More Advocate Volunteers – to serve for both family services and children

**What do you think the community or your clients would say is the best thing about your organization?**

That the parents appreciate the support during a time when they needed it most. Our community would say how important the work we do is, whether it's advocating for our foster youth or empowering our parents to make changes, which is all helping our community grow stronger and together.

**Other Site Visit Notes/Comments:**

- Please add them to the Non-Profit Newsletter: Please add the following email addresses to the list:  
[Kristi@casaplacer.org](mailto:Kristi@casaplacer.org)  
[Amy@casconnects.org](mailto:Amy@casconnects.org)
- They help prepare parents for their visits (often supervised) by helping them “pack a bag”. Snacks, age-appropriate toys, books, possibly a small gift. They also have a visitation room if needed as well as a “casa store” with donated toys, activities, clothes and blankets that the parents can pick from their visits (ie. Kid has a birthday coming up etc.)

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – EMPOWERMENT CONTRACT**

Date Visited: **September 29, 2025**

Agency Reps Interviewed: **Camille Benner, Director of Family Services**

YCCSC Reps: **Andi Crivello and Dennise Burbank**

**Primary Mission/Overview of Organization:**

To end homelessness and substandard housing in a fiscally and socially responsible manner.

**How would you like to change/improve/better your services/programs in the coming year or two?**

Implement a HUD approved client management system. This would document tracking across all programs, including Housing Counseling, which would allow better follow-up, and outcome tracking.

**Can YCCSC provide any additional services/assistance to your agency?**

Additional funding is always helpful

**What are the top 3 services/assistance clients you serve most often need that they are UNABLE to obtain in the community?**

- Down payment assistance

- Closing Costs Assistance
- Utility payment assistance

**Any reasons the services are not provided? What recommendations do you have to fill identified gaps in the services?**

We do not currently have funding for homeownership to assist in down-payment or closing costs, and we have run out of utility assistance funding.

**What are some of your recent program successes?**

- 13 people completed the required HUD training to qualify for home purchases.
- Cami & another team member will be getting HUD certified

**Outside of funding, what are some challenges you are currently facing?**

- Staffing - Finding an efficient certified HUD counselor (the original one is no longer with the organization).
- Not getting the Ahead grant (meeting with them next week to find out why and what to do differently for next time).

**What is a long-term goal or need for your agency?**

More funding and a strong HUD Housing team.

**Have you seen the demand for services increase at your agency in the last year?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

**If yes, for what specifically?**

Yes, there is a need for certified training in our area. Services currently only offered in Sacramento

**What do you think the community or your clients would say is the best thing about your organization?**

- We have a lot of people come in on a referral from a friend that we have housed in affordable rentals. They tell us that they were told by their friend that if they are willing to do the work, and get us the information we ask for, that we will find them housing-but they have to follow the rules and be ready to change their life.
- I think they would say that when we see a need for a service we don't provide, we either find a partner agency that does-or build a new program to administer to those that need it.

**Other Site Visit Notes/Comments:**

The Nonprofit Newsletter email currently goes to the admin box. Please add Cami's direct email to the list cami@yubasutterhabitat.org

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – RENT/UTILITIES CONTRACT**

Date Visited: **October 1, 2025**

Agency Reps Interviewed: **Karen Gheorma, Supportive Outreach Services Program Director**

YCCSC Reps: **Crystal Mirabal and Rich Webb**

**Primary Mission/Overview of Organization:**

End homelessness and eliminate substandard housing through responsible and sustainable practices. In addition, mitigate housing insecurity among low-income residents in Yuba-Sutter.

**How would you like to change/improve/better your services/programs in the coming year or two?**

Cannot think of anything

**Can YCCSC provide any additional services/assistance to your agency?**

Cannot think of anything

**What are the top 3 services/assistance clients you serve most often need that they are UNABLE to obtain in the community?**

- Affordable housing

- Prevention funds for both housing and utilities
- Better job opportunities/financial help

**Any reasons the services are not provided? What recommendations do you have to fill identified gaps in the services?**

Mostly due to lack of funding and government actions

**What are some of your recent program successes?**

- They have been able to help multiple families stay in their home, preventing homelessness. One family had 9 children and \$13,000 in PG&E debt.
- An elderly couple, who are a long-time farming family in our community were displaced as a result of a death in the family which passed the property on to a different family member. The assistance they were able to provide got them into housing.

**Outside of funding, what are some challenges you are currently facing?**

- Lack of housing available
- Finding places for disabled clients to be placed

**What is a long-term goal or need for your agency?**

Branching into Behavioral Health services and Substance abuse disorder assistance.

**Have you seen the demand for services increase at your agency in the last year?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, for what specifically?

Substantial increase in PG&E bills.

**What do you think the community or your clients would say is the best thing about your organization?**

Helpful. Provide hope. They are getting shirts made for staff that will read "Hope Dealer".

**Other Site Visit Notes/Comments:**

- They receive other funds, HHIP, which they are also able to use for this program.
- They vet the clients extensively to ensure they aren't taking advantage of multiple services inappropriately.
- They need a bigger space for the program.

**NEW DAY TRAINING CENTER**

Date Visited: **October 20, 2025**

Agency Reps Interviewed: **Dr. Ben Seigler, Founder and CEO**

YCCSC Reps: **Vera Correa and Renick House**

**Primary Mission/Overview of Organization:**

New Day Training Center's mission is to promote the field of psychotherapy by providing effective training, ongoing coaching, and the education necessary to enhance the services of therapists who support their communities. To provide mental health services to low-income and disadvantaged community members and to equip new mental health professionals to do the same.

**How would you like to change/improve/better your services/programs in the coming year or two?**

- New Day would like to attract, train and retain more mental health professionals to the Yuba-Sutter area in order to increase the provision of mental health services to low-income community members. This would include expanding its budget through grants or other funding sources to offer more competitive compensation to mental health professionals interested in serving low-income clients.
- New Day would also like to train therapists to provide trauma-informed care and couples counseling, skills very needed in serving the disadvantaged.

**Can YCCSC provide any additional services/assistance to your agency?**

- support in promoting its services and in reaching new low-income clients for its services

- support in finding additional funding opportunities to retain therapists interested in serving low-income clients and to fund services for these clients.

**What are the top 3 services/assistance clients you serve most often need that they are UNABLE to obtain in the community?**

- couples counseling
- group therapy
- family therapy

**Any reasons the services are not provided? What recommendations do you have to fill identified gaps in the services?**

- Couples therapy is rarely provided because insurance does not cover it. Thus, clients have to pay out of pocket for couples therapy, something many low-income community members are not able to afford.
- Many providers do not offer group therapy or family therapy, especially to low-income clients.
- Many providers are also not trained or equipped to provide these services.

New Day has used grant funding and a sliding fee scale as appropriate to help cover the costs of providing these services to low-income clients. New Day is also focusing on training staff to meet the needs of low-income clients, including clients who have experienced trauma.

**What are some of your recent program successes?**

- Training entire staff for and implementing clinical excellence. Ben mentioned that he has developed training curriculum and processes through his years of experience at MJUSD to improve the experience of his target patients. They want to have a private funded practice quality for their Medi-Cal and Medi-Care patients.
- Working with some of the hardest patients that have trauma; school children and also working with seniors that have a lot of long-term trauma.
- They have a great training clinic, teaching new therapists and clinicians as well as working with CSU Chico and the students that they are training.

**Outside of funding, what are some challenges you currently face?**

- They work mostly with Medicare and Medi-Cal patients. Regularly they have to wait for Medi-Care denials before they can bill Medi-Cal, which causes delays in services. Some clients can pay out-of-pocket, but most of them come under the program of Medi-Cal and Medicare and have to endure the wait.
- They also pursue grants to help offset the cost when they can't bill for services due to the denial waiting game. Hopefully they can find a better system to recover funds more timely. The care is urgent and the grant funds bridge the gaps.

**What is a long term goal or need for your agency?**

- Better PR and getting the word out to the community so people can understand what they do for counseling for children, seniors, therapists, teaching them the ways for recognizing what they do.
- Improve and expand the expectation of clinical excellence in the north state by offering more training to outside programs. Overall get the tax payer the most bang for their buck, respecting timely care of trauma.

**Have you seen the demand for services increase at your agency in the last year?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

**If yes, for what?**

Since Covid the stigma of therapy and self health has gone away. They now see major demand. They also see a level of deep trauma that is commonly found in the low income, justice involved communities like Yuba-Sutter. The difficulty is that deep trauma takes a long time to treat. There is not a quick fix, so it takes more of their time and money to support the program.

**What do you think the community or clients would say is the best thing about your organization?**

They would say they feel cared for. Ben says they are deeply committed to our community and only serve Medi-Cal, Medi-Care, and self-pay by choice to make a difference.

**Other Site Visit Notes/Comments:**

**Vera's Notes**

- I feel that they need more money and if we could help that would be a bonus for them.
- Their services are long term, not a quick fix.

**Renick's Notes**

- This program has multiple sites, 22 therapists, and a deep commitment to our community.
- I wish we could help them streamline the Medi-Care delays.
- Ben seems to have a network of highly skilled therapists and leaders engaged in his work.
- They need help getting more attention for the work they are doing to help clients know how to access their facility.

**SALVATION ARMY**

Date Visited: **October 23, 2025**

Agency Reps Interviewed: **Shari Tucker, Finance & Contract Manager, Pep Dhaliwal-Director of Operations**

YCCSC Reps: **Crystal Mirabal & Carmen Rodriguez**

**Primary Mission/Overview of Organization:**

Hope Express is a mobile meal service that serves unhoused people in Yuba & Sutter County

**How would you like to change/improve/better your services/programs in the coming year or two?**

Increased Funding to provide more meals. We need funding to continue with Hope Express

**Can YCCSC provide any additional services/assistance to your agency?**

More Funding for both The Depot (not in this grant award) and Hope Express

**What are the top 3 services/assistance clients you serve most often need that they are UNABLE to obtain in the community?**

- Housing

**Any reasons the services are not provided? What recommendations do you have to fill identified gaps in the services?**

- Find more low-income housing
- Food insecurity would be reduced if people had stability and a place to store and prepare food

**What are some of your recent program successes?**

- Added a Registered Dietitian
- Implementation of medically tailored grocery program (medically tailored meals beginning next fall)
- Distributed 23,000 meals
- Using food services to the fullest

**Outside of funding, what are some challenges you are currently facing?**

- Staffing
- Training
- Funding for the Depot

**What is a long-term goal or need for your agency?**

- Update facilities
- Adding after hospitalization day rehabilitation

- Procure funding to keep Depot running

**Have you seen the demand for services increase at your agency in the last year?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

**If yes, for what specifically?**

All services related to food scarcity and shelter

**What do you think the community or your clients would say is the best thing about your organization?**

Consistent and reliable

**Other Comments:**

Always in need of volunteers. You can volunteer through the website

## **YUBA SUTTER FOOD BANK**

Date Visited: **October 9, 2025**

Agency Reps Interviewed: **Maria Ball, Executive Director**

YCCSC Reps: **Crystal Mirabal and Carolina Coronado**

**Primary Mission/Overview of Organization:**

Our mission is to recover nutritious, surplus food and distribute it efficiently through our network of dedicated partner agencies, ensuring it reaches individuals and families facing food insecurity. In alignment with California's SB 1383 mandate, we are committed to reducing organic waste by rescuing edible food that would otherwise go to landfills. Through these efforts, we aim to build a more resilient, equitable, and sustainable food system for the Yuba Sutter community.

**How would you like to change/improve/better your services/programs in the coming year or two?**

We are eager to expand our team to better support and grow our food recovery efforts. By increasing staff capacity, we will be able to onboard additional food recovery partners, strengthen existing partnerships, and ensure more food is rescued and redirected to those who need it most. An expanded team would also allow us to provide hands-on training and support to our agency partners, empowering them to actively participate in food recovery efforts. This collaborative approach not only increases the volume and variety of food available but also strengthens the regional network working to reduce food waste and combat hunger.

**Can YCCSC provide any additional services/assistance to your agency?**

No, not at this time.

**What are the top 3 services/assistance clients you serve most often need that they are UNABLE to obtain in the community?**

- Meal and grocery delivery
- Help with rent and utilities
- Culturally specific food

**Any reasons the services are not provided? What recommendations do you have to fill identified gaps in the services?**

- There is a significant need for expanded home delivery programs in the Yuba-Sutter area, but unfortunately, the resources to support them are lacking.
- Funding continues to be a major barrier for essential services such as home-delivered groceries, rent and utility assistance, and culturally specific food support.
- While we strive to provide culturally appropriate staple items, sourcing specific proteins remains a consistent challenge due to limited funding and availability.

**What are some of your recent program successes?**

- Added more agencies to help get the food out to people that need it, including Be Xtra
- Distribution of food at 4 sites, two of which are new

- Staff attended 'Partner Agency Summit' with guest speakers and networking opportunities

**Outside of funding, what are some challenges you are currently facing?**

Staffing, there are currently only 11 employees. The food bank relies heavily on volunteers

**What is a long-term goal or need for your agency?**

Would like to add a new position - Inventory Management

**Have you seen the demand for services increase at your agency in the last year?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

**If yes, for what specifically?**

Number of people serviced increases an average of 20% each year

**What do you think the community or your clients would say is the best thing about your organization?**

- Consistency of distributions
- Accessible
- Offers a dignified experience

**Other Site Visit Notes/Comments:**

- Volunteer opportunities on the YS Food Bank website
- Toured the warehouse. The facility is very clean and organized

**YUBA SUTTER LEGAL CENTER FOR SENIORS**

Date Visited: **October 17, 2025**

Agency Reps Interviewed: **Joseph Carrico, Directing Attorney, Pam Epley -Paralegal**

YCCSC Reps: **Carolina Coronado and Vera Correa**

**Primary Mission/Overview of Organization:**

The Yuba Sutter Legal Center has been serving Yuba and Sutter County senior citizens since 1977. Each year about 300 seniors are served by the Legal Center. Our mission is to promote seniors' self-sufficiency by enabling them to assert their legal rights, maintain financial independence, obtain health care, avoid abuse, etc.

**How would you like to change/improve/better your services/programs in the coming year or two?**

We plan to strengthen our volunteer program to make it easier for community members to assist the legal center. With our limited staffing, expanding volunteer involvement will help us provide timelier services to clients and create opportunities for modest growth in the scope of services we offer. For example, volunteers can support clients with completing basic forms, which would enhance our capacity and allow staff to focus on more complex legal matters.

**Can YCCSC provide any additional services/assistance to your agency?**

- share connections to potential funding sources or grantors that may align with our mission
  - identify opportunities for services that fall outside of our current scope but could complement the work we do.
- These collaborations could provide meaningful ways for us to expand and strengthen our impact

**What are the top 3 services/assistance clients you serve most often need that they are UNABLE to obtain in the community?**

- Access to emergency funds for urgent expenses such as storage fees, moving costs, and other necessities that arise during an eviction.
- Reliable transportation, which is essential for accessing services and attending court or medical appointments.
- Affordable housing, as the lack of safe and reasonably priced housing options continues to be a significant barrier to stability and long-term well-being.

**Any reasons the services are not provided? What recommendations do you have to fill identified gaps in the services?**

The primary reason these services are not available is the limited funding within the community to support them. To help fill these gaps, increased investment in flexible funding sources that can be used for urgent client needs, along with stronger partnerships among local agencies to pool resources and expand service capacity.

**What are some of your recent program successes?**

- They've been successful in building a solid team. As of right now, they are working strongly together and it has created a lot of successful cases.
- They've been able to help with rent, evictions, cases involving solar companies. Joe spoke about specific case successes, for example he mentioned in some cases he really just facilitates conflicts instead of winning a court case for them.
- They've also had great success with a database called "Practice Panther", it's helped their efficiency

**Outside of funding, what are some challenges you are currently facing?**

- It's been hard to find Pro Bono assistance.
- They don't have enough staff for good grant writing.
- Working with Sutter County courts, they have longer turn around times for processing filings, and that really puts a hindrance on cases.

**What is a long-term goal or need for your agency?**

Keeping their organization alive. They're very concerned about funding, especially since they recently lost state funding from Area 4 on Aging grants. So getting more funding is their long term goal to stay alive.

**Have you seen the demand for services increase at your agency in the last year?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

**If yes, for what specifically?**

Yes, in areas such as overcharging tenants, helping seniors with evictions, restraining orders, domestic violence cases, issues with Social Security, and CALFRESH cases have seen an increase.

**What do you think the community or your clients would say is the best thing about your organization?**

- The best thing they said is the help, respect, compassion they offer, and that their underserved clients know they have someone they can call and help them in some way. They're very proud of the work they do.
- Director Joe Carrico mentioned a text message he received from a client, that relayed he had saved her life. She was so overwhelmed and ready to end her life. He helped her get her financial and legal affairs in a better place, and his help really helped her see a better future for herself and a life worth living.

**Other Site Visit Notes/Comments:**

- They would appreciate any help in finding grant writers for the organization.
- Another note they mentioned was interpreters needed for their organization. For example, for performing notary services for them, they are limited if the client is not an English speaker.

**SUTTER-YUBA HOMELESS CONSORTIUM**

Date Visited: **September 30, 2025**

Agency Reps Interviewed: **Johnny Burke, Executive Director**

YCCSC Reps: **Rich Webb and Andi Crivello**

**Primary Mission/Overview of Organization:**

The Sutter Yuba Homeless Consortium is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that serves as the Continuum of Care for Yuba and Sutter Counties. SYHC envisions a community where every person has the opportunity to have a safe place to call home. SYHC works to coordinate the services of community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, and local governments to provide a continuum of services and maximize resources to better serve the homeless residents of Sutter and Yuba Counties. In addition to being a primary conduit for homeless service funding and being the primary statistical reporting organization for homeless numbers, SYHC oversees the local Coordinated Entry System. Coordinated Entry is designed to be a "one-stop shop" for residents experiencing homelessness to obtain access to services.

**How would you like to change/improve/better your services/programs in the coming year or two?**

Our goal is to streamline the speed for those receiving Homeless Prevention Assistance. Oftentimes, they do not contact us until they have received a "3-day pay or quit" notice, and then the clock is really moving for a response for them to get assistance. SYHC's Homeless Prevention Partners either have or are adding staff to process Prevention referrals in a timelier manner.

**Can YCCSC provide any additional services/assistance to your agency?**

No, we are very appreciative for the financial assistance over the last 10 years and the identification of needs in our community.

**What are the top 3 services/assistance clients you serve most often need that they are UNABLE to obtain in the community?**

- Housing
- Employment
- Shelter

**Any reasons the services are not provided? What recommendations do you have to fill identified gaps in the services?**

- Lack of affordable housing in our area (and all of California). Some projects are underway, but it takes years to develop, build, and implement. Even when all current planned and in-progress projects are built, there will still be a need
- Many clients have a lack of education, criminal records, and poor work history. One Stop has been exceptional at working with individuals facing different barriers and helping them to overcome.
- Lack of enough shelter beds to accommodate single men, single women, families, and clients with pets. Although 14 Forward is no longer servicing single men and women, it is under construction to ultimately shelter more men and women within 2 years.

**What are some of your recent program successes?**

- More players have come to the table.
- The HMIS software has had multiple improvements every year, specifically being able to do field intakes this year.
- Seeing the results from the 2023-2024 prevention efforts – 1<sup>st</sup> time the #'s have went down for 1<sup>st</sup> time homeless.

**Outside of funding, what are some challenges you are currently facing?**

- State bearing down on accountability
- More people coming into homelessness and 50% of funding has to go to housing the homeless. Takes away from "prevention efforts"
- If programs can't show as sustainable, they lose funding from the state/federal funding

**What is a long-term goal or need for your agency?**

They currently are in a position to be financially sustainable for 2 more years, but looking to get locked into a Grant or Foundation opportunity

**Have you seen the demand for services increase at your agency in the last year?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

**If yes, for what specifically?**

Demand for service with current residents is about the same. There has been a no/low influx of new homeless people to our area

**What do you think the community or your clients would say is the best thing about your organization?**

- Everyone has bought into the system, even with funding cuts.
- All agencies are at the table and have many collaborative groups

**Other Site Visit Notes/Comments:**

- Unsheltered Homeless is a new priority for the state/fed – Since there is a new process/application for organizations, they might finally have an opportunity for a larger piece of the pie.

- Big changes came with prop 36 so the county was motivated to make changes.

## **HANDS OF HOPE – funded under SYHC**

Date Visited: **October 2, 2025**

Agency Reps Interviewed: **Rick Millhollin-Hands of Hope Director**

YCCSC Reps: **Kyle Heggstrom and Carmen Rodriguez**

### **Primary Mission/Overview of Organization:**

Hands of Hope, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that manages the two Coordinated Entry physical locations in Sutter and Yuba Counties. Hands of Hope provides intake workers, case managers, day services, and shelter staff to work with the needs of homeless residents. Hands of Hope's goal is to provide supportive services to homeless families with children, families without children, and individuals and seeks to alleviate the conditions leading to chronic homelessness.

### **What are some of your recent program successes?**

A recent success has been the agency's ability to expand housing support for individuals experiencing homelessness by providing them with a safe place to stay and a fresh start. At the Life Building Center, there is a minimum of 25 beds, and the addition of cots has allowed the agency to increase capacity and serve even more people in need. This expansion has strengthened their impact and responsiveness to the community.

### **Outside of funding, what are some challenges you are currently facing?**

- Housing budget cuts
- During the site visit, we learned that Yuba County has withdrawn all funding for the agency, while HHAP has also reduced its support. These combined cuts create major challenges for the agency's ability to continue housing assistance and prevention services.

### **What is a long-term goal or need for your agency?**

A long-term goal for the agency is to expand professional development opportunities for staff through free or low-cost training. Areas of need include anger management, de-escalation techniques, and strategies for effectively working with diverse client populations. These training courses would strengthen staff capacity and enhance the quality of services provided to the community.

**Have you seen the demand for services increase at your agency in the last year?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

**If yes, for what specifically?**

The agency has not experienced a significant increase in demand over the past year; rather, services have remained steady. They continue to see consistency in the number of clients served and the types of support requested. This stability has allowed the agency to focus on maintaining quality and reliability in their programs.

### **What do you think the community or your clients would say is the best thing about your organization?**

Clients and community members would likely say that the best thing about the organization is the compassion shown by staff and the genuine care provided to those served. Their team strives to treat every individual with dignity and respect, offering them not only support but also an opportunity for a fresh start. This approach builds trust and strengthens their connection with the community.

### **Other Site Visit Notes/Comments:**

None

### MISSION

To identify the needs of the low-income population and deploy resources to improve their lives and achieve the goal of reducing poverty.

### VISION

To combat poverty by empowering local agencies that represent the needs of low-income residents.

- Increase homelessness prevention and reduction services (Including financial literacy, rent/deposit assistance)
- Expand access to health services (Including mental, behavioral, physical, locational and alcohol/substance abuse)
- Improve access to food and basic needs



ROMA* GOAL	OBJECTIVES/STRATEGIES
<b>1</b> Individuals and families with low-incomes are stable and achieve economic security.	<p>Increase homelessness prevention and reduction services (including financial literacy, rent/deposit assistance)</p> <p><b>Key Strategies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support agencies that provide funding for unexpected hardships (i.e. utilities, rent, car repair, rental deposits etc.)</li> <li>▪ Support agencies that provide emergency shelter and counseling/education services (including domestic violence services)</li> <li>▪ Support agencies that provide affordable legal services to help low-income obtain or maintain income, housing and medical care</li> </ul> <p>Improve access to food and basic needs</p> <p><b>Key Strategies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support agencies that provide access to healthy food</li> <li>▪ Support increased food distribution days/times available to accommodate working families</li> </ul> <p>Reduce barriers to stability for vulnerable populations</p> <p><b>Key Strategies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support agencies that provide job training programs/skills and education required for employment and/or job advancement</li> <li>▪ Promote and market the new Yuba-Sutter Transit Mobility on Demand system to assist low-income and mobility challenged individuals access employment and educational opportunities</li> <li>▪ Support programs designed to promote self-sufficiency, accountability and life skills training</li> </ul>
<b>2</b> The condition in which low-income people live is improved and they are engaged and active in building opportunities in Yuba County.	<p>Expand access to health services (including mental, behavioral, physical, locational and alcohol/substance abuse)</p> <p><b>Key Strategies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support agencies that provide outpatient medical and behavioral health programs for the low and moderately severe mentally ill</li> <li>▪ Support agencies that provide semi-permanent shelter that offer a comprehensive array of services to include mental health counseling and substance abuse programs</li> </ul> <p>Provide opportunities that improve the quality of life of low-income residents in Yuba County</p> <p><b>Key Strategies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support the creation of affordable housing, transitional and permanent supportive housing in the region</li> <li>▪ Support agencies that improve the areas in which the low-income live, including but not limited to; improving safe passages, developing parks/community centers, low-cost housing rehabilitation programs, etc.</li> </ul> <p>Increase community engagement among low-income residents</p> <p><b>Key Strategies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increase awareness of volunteer, board and committee opportunities available within regional service providers</li> </ul>
<b>3</b> Educate the community of efforts and progress to reduce homelessness and poverty and assist agencies that serve the low-income to increase their capacity to achieve results	<p>Strengthen the efficiency, effectiveness and sustainability of YCCSC and its service providers</p> <p><b>Key Strategies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Encourage and educate the non-profit community of funding opportunities and capacity building measures</li> <li>▪ Increase community education about YCCSC and its service providers activities, achievements, needs, volunteer opportunities, etc.</li> <li>▪ Maintain and refresh YCCSC website, Facebook page and bi-monthly newsletter</li> </ul>

\*Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) is a performance based initiative designed to preserve the anti-poverty focus of community action and to promote greater effectiveness among state and local agencies receiving Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds.



November 18, 2025

TO: Yuba County Community Services Commission Directors

FROM: Brynda Stranix, Executive Director

RE: Staff Report on 2024-2025 Strategic Plan Update of Activities- October-November 2025

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**GOAL: INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WITH LOW-INCOMES ARE STABLE AND ACHIEVE ECONOMIC SECURITY**

**OBJECTIVE: Fund services that reduce barriers to stability for vulnerable populations**

Support agencies that provide job training programs/skills required for employment

- November 2025, Yuba County One Stop announced they will hold a Job Fair/Career Expo at Yuba College in April 2026
- November 2025, Yuba County One Stop announced they are offering an Employment Law Informational Workshop on November 19 and December 3

Support improved transportation systems as a means of increasing employment and educational opportunities

- November 2025, Yuba-Sutter Transit announced Passengers can download Passio GO! on their smartphones to view live bus locations and projected bus stop arrival times. With this technological upgrade, Yuba-Sutter Transit riders can now track buses on all six local fixed routes and the Sacramento Commuter schedules. The app provides detailed route, schedule, and stop information, along with service alerts and delay notifications providing real-time information to make travel easier and more convenient.
- November 2025 - Hope Point Bike Kitchen announced they are having an event on Thursday, November 20 at 10:00am at 812 Gray Avenue, Yuba City (former K-Mart parking lot). Event provides the unhoused with used bikes, bike repairs and a light meal to help them maintain/obtain transportation.

Support agencies that provide supportive services and counseling to reinforce self-sufficiency skills

- \$26,400 in 2025 YCCSC funding was awarded to Habitat for Humanity for their Empowerment Education Program that provides pre-purchase homeownership counseling, foreclosure prevention, financial literacy and budgeting and post-purchase home maintenance to low-income individuals.
- \$15,983 in 2025 YCCSC Regular funding was awarded to Child Advocates of Placer, Yuba and Sutter County to provide reunification support coupled with a peer support group for parents who are navigating the child welfare system.
- \$11,440 in 2025 YCCSC Discretionary funding was awarded by the YCCSC board to Child Advocates of Placer, Yuba and Sutter County to provide reunification support coupled with a peer support group for parents who are navigating the child welfare system.

**OBJECTIVE: Increase food security**

Support agencies that provide access to healthy food

- \$44,000 in 2025 YCCSC Regular funding was awarded to Yuba-Sutter Food Bank for their food recovery and distribution program to provide food to low-income individuals.
- \$44,000 in 2025 YCCSC Regular funding was awarded to Salvation Army to provide Hope Express, a program that provides daily meals (hot and ready to go) to sheltered and unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness.

Support increased food distribution days/times available to accommodate working families

- November 2025, Marysville Elks Lodge announced they will host a free Thanksgiving Community Dinner on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27 from 10am-2pm for anyone.

- November 2025, Yuba-Sutter Food Bank held an emergency food distribution on Saturday, November 8 to help bridge the gap for families in need due to delays in SNAP/CalFresh benefits. Over 650 families (2,350 individuals) attended.
- October 2025, Yuba-Sutter Food Distribution Schedule indicates the following:
  - There are 12 food pantries/food giveaways in Yuba County, 4 of which distribute at times convenient for working families.
  - In addition, of the nine USDA distributions/Community Food Giveaways, the following are available for working families:
    - USDA Food Distribution 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month 10-11am at Marysville Bible Baptist Church, N. Beale Road, Linda
    - USDA Food Distribution 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month 5-6pm at Wheatland High School, Wheatland Road, Wheatland
    - Community Food Giveaway 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month 9am at Ella Elementary, Olivehurst Ave., Olivehurst

**OBJECTIVE: Increase homelessness prevention programs/services**

Support agencies that provide emergency funds for unexpected hardships (ie utilities, rent, car repair, etc.)

- \$13,200 in 2025 YCCSC funding was awarded to Sutter Yuba Homeless Consortium to manage a Homelessness Prevention Program that offers referrals to partnering agencies for financial support for low-income individuals for rent to help avoid eviction and prevent homelessness.
- \$19,800 in 2025 YCCSC funding was awarded to Habitat for Humanity to provide financial assistance to low-income Yuba County residents for rent and utilities to help avoid eviction and prevent homelessness.

Support agencies that provide emergency shelter and counseling/education services (including domestic violence services)

No October/November update

Support agencies that provide affordable legal services including counseling on legal rights as tenants and homeowners

- \$15,840 in 2025 YCCSC funding was awarded to Yuba-Sutter Legal Services for Seniors to provide free legal services and advocacy for low-income persons age 60 and over in Yuba County to help them obtain or maintain their income, housing and medical care.

Misc. activities to assist low income become stable and achieve economic security

- \$15,067 in 2025 YCCSC Regular funding was awarded by the YCCSC board to Bridges to Housing to provide rental deposits, rent payments and other housing assistance to low-income clients.
- \$11,440 in 2025 YCCSC Discretionary funding was awarded by the YCCSC board to Bridges to Housing to provide rental deposits, rent payments and other housing assistance to low-income clients.

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**GOAL: THE CONDITION IN WHICH LOW-INCOME PEOPLE LIVE IS IMPROVED AND THEY ARE ENGAGED AND ACTIVE IN BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES IN YUBA COUNTY**

**OBJECTIVE: Provide opportunities that improve the quality of life of low-income residents in Yuba County**

Support the creation of affordable housing, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing in the region

- November 2025, Habitat for Humanity announced the groundbreaking celebration of their Merriment Village affordable housing project in Yuba City. The event will be on November 19 at 428 North Walton Avenue, YC. Phase I will include 79 two-bedroom units with construction expected to be completed in 18 months. Once fully developed, the site will feature 217 affordable homes across multiple phases, including studios, one-bedroom apartments, and family-sized two-bedroom units.

Support agencies that improve the areas in which the low-income live including but not limited to; improving safe passages; developing parks/community centers, rehabilitation of existing housing, etc.

- October 2025, Habitat for Humanity hosted a Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project, Rural Rally. The Rural Rally brought together volunteers to rehab/improve several houses on Pine Street in Marysville, with one that will be available for affordable ownership for a local veteran or person with lived experience of homelessness.

Upgrades included new paint, yard work and power washing, free ovens and refrigerators gifted to each resident on Pine Street.

Misc. activities that provide opportunities to improve the quality of life of low-income residents in Yuba County

- November 2025, nonprofit agency, Grief with Hope, announced the start of a new support group for those grieving a loss. The Grief With Hope support group meets from 6-7:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Walk-ins are welcome. Attendees can be experiencing any type of loss — a spouse, family members, friends, and even divorce. The group is housed at the Be Xtra Community Event Center, 1251 E. Onstott Road, behind Target in Yuba City. To become a sponsor, or find out more about Grief With Hope, visit the website, [griefwithhope.com](http://griefwithhope.com), call (530) 434-3875, or email [griefwithhopeyc@gmail.com](mailto:griefwithhopeyc@gmail.com).

**OBJECTIVE: Improve access to healthcare (including mental, behavioral, physical, locational and alcohol/substance abuse)**

Support agencies that provide outpatient behavioral health counseling and programs for the low and moderately severe mentally ill

- \$26,400 in YCCSC 2025 funding was awarded to New Day Training Center to provide low-income couples, sexual trauma survivors and families who need mild to moderate level therapeutic care with mental and behavioral health group therapy.
- \$17,600 in YCCSC 2025 funding was awarded to Casa de Esperanza to provide therapy services for children who are victims of, or witness to, family violence and/or child abuse.

Support agencies that provide semi-permanent shelter that offer a comprehensive array of services to include mental health counseling and substance abuse programs and counseling.

No October/November update

Misc. activities that improve access to health services

- November 2025, The Yuba County Tobacco Coalition and Blue Zones Project Yuba Sutter announced they were collaborating on a Community Tobacco Forum on Thursday, November 13, from 3:30 – 7pm at the Tri-Counties Community Center. The forum, themed “Air Out the Truth”, aims to raise awareness about youth vaping and nicotine addiction, while empowering students, parents, and educators with the tools to promote a healthier, tobacco-free future.

**OBJECTIVE: Increase low-income resident’s community engagement**

Increase awareness of volunteer, board and committee opportunities available within regional service providers

- October/November 2025 newsletter had a flyer on low-income sector volunteers needed for YCCSC’s board and private and low-income sector volunteers needed for SCCAA’s board.
- November 2025, Sutter Yuba Homeless Consortium announced they are beginning a tab on their homepage with volunteer opportunities for individuals looking to help out organizations

Misc. activities to encourage low-income individuals to have civic engagement

- October 2025, YCCSC posted flyer on Facebook for November 7, State of Homelessness Summit 2025. Summit will gather stakeholders to address the challenges and strategies related to homelessness in Sutter and Yuba counties. All encouraged to attend to analyze the ongoing work and identify next steps in the region's efforts to end homelessness.

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**GOAL: PARTNERSHIPS AMONG SUPPORTERS AND PROVIDERS OF SERVICES TO LOW-INCOME PEOPLE ARE ACHIEVED AND AGENCIES THAT SERVE THE LOW-INCOME INCREASE THEIR CAPACITY TO ACHIEVE RESULTS**

**OBJECTIVE: Strengthen the efficiency, effectiveness and sustainability of YCCSC and its service providers**

Continue to encourage and educate the non-profit community about funding opportunities and capacity building measures

- October 2025, advertised YCCSC and SCCAA’s 2026 Request for Proposals for CSBG funding by direct emailing 117 nonprofit agencies, posting the information on Facebook pages, having a press release printed in the Territorial Dispatch, sending out an information flyer via constant contact to 229 nonprofit contacts.

- October/November 2025 newsletter (see attached) was distributed and included information/tips on Nonprofit Fundraising: Are you Choosing the Right Grants?, Beginners Guide to Filing a Form 990 for your Nonprofit, Strategies to move board members into action, six grant opportunities, nonprofit agency events and more.

Increase community education about YCCSC and its service providers activities, achievements, needs, volunteer opportunities, etc.

- October/November posted flyers on Facebook to promote Hope Point Bike Kitchen, Salvation Army Rock the Red Kettle fundraiser event, REST volunteer training, Sutter Yuba Homeless Consortium State of Homelessness Summit, Yuba-Sutter Food Bank's shout out for food items needed, YCCSC 2026 CSBG RFP, Harmony Health Medical Clinic's Life Recovery Class, Yuba County One Stop's Expungement and Employment Law workshop, Be Xtra's blanket collection.
- October/November 2025 newsletter had YCCSC's board vacancies, 2026 RFP Application, article on Yuba-Sutter Food Bank's recent Partner Agency Summit and flyer advertising Sutter Yuba Homeless Consortiums upcoming Homelessness Summit
- (Ongoing) Each board meeting is printed in Appeal Democrat and Territorial Dispatch under events or business calendar and the agenda packet is posted at the Yuba County Library and Yuba County Government Center.

Maintain and refresh YCCSC website, Facebook page and bi-monthly newsletter

- Facebook page was created September 2016 and is posted on regularly. Currently it has 1,019 followers.
- Bi-monthly newsletter began distribution in December 2016. It is currently distributed to 225 contacts from local non-profits.
- (Ongoing) YCCSC and its service providers activities are posted on Facebook, [www.yubacares.org](http://www.yubacares.org) and/or in the bi-monthly newsletter to increase visibility.
- (Ongoing) a services resources page by category is on YCCSC's website [www.yubacares.org](http://www.yubacares.org) and is reviewed and updated continually.

Misc. activities to strengthen the efficiency and effectiveness of YCCSC and its service providers

- October 2025, YCCSC management did site visits with each sub-grantee to check client files and discuss correct report completion
- October/November 2025, YCCSC management virtually attended a CA ROMA Coalition Meeting and Quarterly CSBG provider meeting

**OBJECTIVE: Promote collaboration and partnerships between community organizations to address homelessness and related issues**

- (ongoing) YCCSC's Executive Director is active with the following groups in an effort to encourage community agencies to partner with Coordinated Entry, collaborate together and find solutions for our region:
  - President-Sutter Yuba Homeless Consortium (Continuum of Care)
  - Board member-Sutter Community Affordable Housing Board
  - Administrative staff to Sutter County Community Action Agency



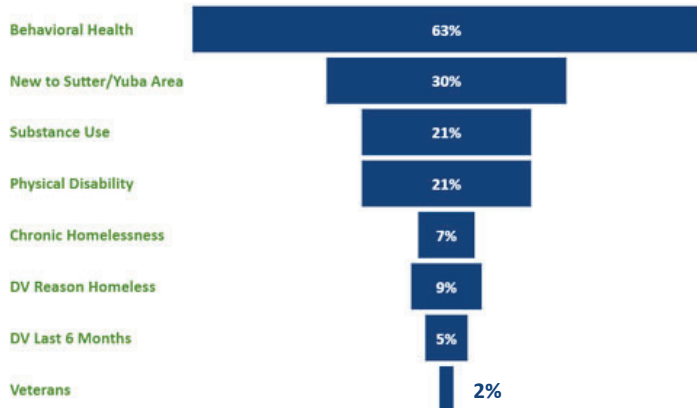
# Regional Homeless Update

## October 2025

### Total Clients Entering the CE System:

Total Clients Entering CES	<b>135</b> (50 New Clients)
Total Clients Entering CES Sutter County	<b>40</b> (16 New Clients)
Total Clients Entering CES Yuba County	<b>95</b> (34 New Clients)

### Self-Reported Survey Responses for New Adults

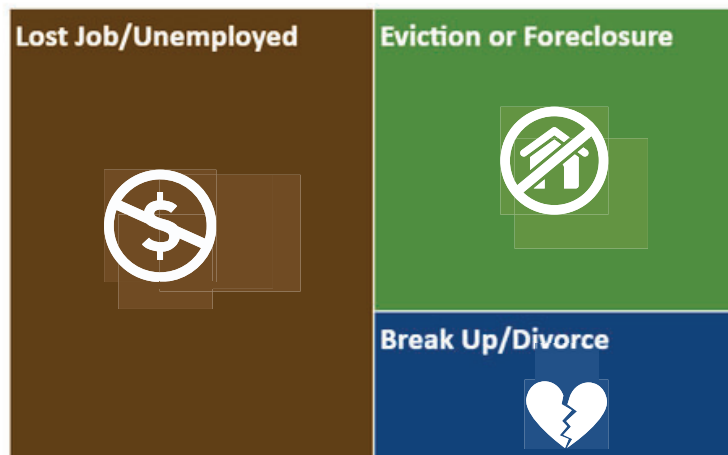


### People Connected to Shelter October 2025

Shelter	New	Total Capacity	Utilization Rate*
Better Way	7	40	100%
Casa De Esperanza	9	24	88%
Life Building Center	9	25	136%
The Depot	13	50	70%
The Mission	4	46	111%

\*Shelter utilization rates are from the last day of the month.

### Top 3 Reasons for Becoming Homeless



### Average Monthly Income & Percentage with Income

#### Households with Children

**\$1,123** **88%**  
Average Income Percent with Income

#### Households without Children

**\$572** **46%**  
Average Income Percent with Income

### Number of People Housed through SYHC Partners

January 1st to October 31, 2025

Month	Sutter Active Clients	Sutter County Housed YTD	Yuba Active Clients	Yuba County Housed YTD
January	627	24	783	40
February	670	42	835	73
March	692	81	839	101
April	750	113	872	111
May	748	130	845	130
June	722	149	843	135
July	770	175	894	141
August	688	200	851	146
September	712	211	879	166
October	627	237	850	177

List of SYHC Partner Agencies can be found at: <https://www.syhomelessconsortium.org/our-partners>

**Jackie Slade**

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Resignation

**From:** Carolina Coronado <help@taqueria5demayo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 7, 2025 11:45 PM  
**To:** Jackie Slade

Hi jackie! Im so sorry I didn't get back to you! I don't have child care during the week so I wouldn't have been able to attend. Also, I'm moving to Sacramento this month, so i wont be a yuba county resident for a while! I might have to be taken off the board unfortunately. Hope you're doing well!  
-Carolina

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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the State of California Department of Community Services and Development has made available Community Service Block Grant funds for 2026, and

WHEREAS, the State of California, Department of Community Services and Development has offered CSBG Contract # \_\_\_\_\_ to the Yuba County Community Services Commission, and

WHEREAS, the Yuba County Community Services Commission Board of Directors has determined that there is a need for anti-poverty programs and is willing to accept the aforementioned contract, and

WHEREAS, should the Yuba County Community Services Commission accept a contract from the California State Department of Community Services and Development, the organization certifies that all uses of funds will be in compliance with Department of Community Services and Development regulations, guidelines and contract provisions.

WHEREAS, Yuba County Community Services Commission has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Brynda Stranix of Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation for the administration of this contract as Executive Director.

WHEREAS, the Board Chairperson or the Executive Director, Brynda Stranix, can act on behalf of the Yuba County Community Services Commission and will sign all necessary documents required to complete the contract.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of the Yuba County Community Services Commission hereby authorizes the Board Chairperson or the Executive Director, Brynda Stranix, to enter into contract # \_\_\_\_\_ and any amendment thereto with the California Department of Community Services and Development, including amendments to the aforementioned contract # \_\_\_\_\_ which alter Section 2, Term, and Section 3, Amount. The Executive Director is further authorized to sign subsequent required fiscal and programmatic reports, and to perform any and all responsibilities in relationship to such contract.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yuba County Community Services Commission, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of November, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES (     )

NOES (     )

ABSENT (     )

ABSTAIN (     )

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_