



COUNTY OF YOLO

Health and Human Services Agency

PUBLIC HEALTH BRANCH REPORT

January 2024

Program	July 2023	August 2023	September 2023	October 2023	November 2023	December 2023
Medi-Cal/PHC Enrollees	63,950	63,280	61,604	60,681	59,640	N/A
WIC Participants	3,546	3,550	3,562	3,588	3,572	3,558
CMSP Cases	3	2	2	2	1	0

Mental Health Services Act

- Yolo MHSA, through the RFP process, has selected and partnered with EVALCORP to provide professional support services inclusive of research, analysis, community planning, facilitation, and technical writing in the development of upcoming MHSA plans (FY 24-25 Annual Update; FY 25-26 Annual Update; FY 26-29 Three Year Plan). EVALCORP has been conducting countywide needs assessments and evaluations of MHSA-funded projects throughout California since 2008.
- **Upcoming:** Yolo MHSA will reconvene the Community Engagement Work Group (CEWG) in January to begin the FY 24-25 Annual Update community planning process. The CEWG is an ongoing engagement workgroup to support Mental Health Services Act Planning. The group is open to any stakeholder in Yolo County who wants to participate.
 - **Save the Date:** Yolo MHSA Community Engagement Work Group is scheduled for Tuesday January 16, 2024 @3:30pm – 5:00pm (<https://www.yolocounty.org/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/57512/21>).
 - **Agenda:** Annual Update-Community Planning Process
 - MHSA JAN CEWG [Flyer](#) for distribution (attached)
 - Please forward along to anyone you feel would be interested in joining the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82104162473?pwd=VjV4dlpxUktkYUVUaEtmK3ZDd24rdz09&from=addon>
Meeting ID: 821 0416 2473

All MHSA meetings are open to the public. We invite you to join us. We want to hear from YOU!

- **January MHSA Suicide Prevention and Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Trainings:**
There are a few upcoming training opportunities (with multiple dates) to learn about suicide prevention and mental health first aid. These trainings are open to all interested individuals, Yolo County staff, provider staff, community volunteers, and council members. To register for these free trainings, please e-mail your contact information to MHSA-MHTrainings@yolocounty.org. Classes are calendared monthly and posted publicly on the Yolo County Calendar of Events website.
- **Suicide Prevention in the Workplace:** This training is 2 hours in length and includes videos, group discussions/exercises and roleplays to create a better understanding of your role in suicide prevention.
 - January 11th or 23rd, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- **QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer):** QPR is a 2-hour suicide prevention training. The mission is to reduce suicidal behaviors and save lives by providing innovative, practical and proven suicide prevention training. The signs of crisis are all around us. We believe that quality education empowers all people, regardless of their background, to make a positive difference in the life of someone they know.
 - January 9th or 25th, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- **Mental Health First Aid:** Adult MHFA- is a course that teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to sign of mental illness and substance use disorders. The training gives you the skills you need to reach out and provide initial help and support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem or experiencing a crisis. Please Note: This training has a 2-hour, self-paced pre-work that needs to be completed before the training.
 - January 4th or 30th, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

- **Breastfeeding Report**
 - WIC promotes breastfeeding as the healthiest way to feed babies and helps patterns meet their breastfeeding goals. WIC prenatal education classes are available for WIC participants at Wichealth.org, an exclusive online system that provides online nutrition and breastfeeding education for WIC families. Parents and caretakers can use this website to complete WIC education appointments online to learn about healthy habits, child development, breastfeeding, and nutrition from the convenience of their home and at their own pace. In addition, breastfeeding guides and educational resources are available for WIC families:
<https://www.myfamily.wic.ca.gov/NutritionHealth/LearnBreastfeeding#LearnBreastfeeding>
 - The 2024 California Breastfeeding Summit, presented by the California Breastfeeding Coalition, will take place online from January 23 to 25; for more information, visit:
<https://californiabreastfeeding.regfox.com/2024-california-breastfeeding-summit>
 - The Breastfeeding Coalition Organized its 11th Annual Breastmilk Drive benefiting the San Jose Mothers' Milk Bank (MMB). Generous donors across Yolo County donated their milk after completing health and lifestyle screening (including a blood test). A total of 26 donors donated over 18 765 ounces of human milk! Each ounce

of milk can provide about four meals to a premature baby for a total of 75 060 meals.

- o Medi-Cal and Partnership HealthPlan of California now cover pasteurized donor human milk for many medical reasons, including low milk supply. A prescription and a letter with detailed information from a pediatrician is required. A prescription is not required for privately paid patients. Learn more: <https://mothersmilk.org/get-milk/>.

Women, Infants & Children Program Fully Breastfeeding Rates Over Three Year Period									
	Three Months			Six Months			11 Months		
	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023
California WIC	19.76	22.29%	25.5%	17.34%	19.10%	22.9%	16.47%	16.83%	20.870%
Yolo County WIC	27.45	37.13%	36.9%	21.5%	32.21%	30.25%	19.72%	24.96%	27.87%

Source: WIC CDPH Local Agency Report, infants in foster care excluded.

Women, Infants & Children Program Fully Breastfeeding Rates 2023						
	Three Months		Six Months		11 Months	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
California WIC	26.88%	26.18%	23.60%	23.97%	21.54%	21.14%
Yolo County WIC	41.82%	35%	38.98%	31.48%	23.33%	29.03%
Yolo County WIC Peer Counselor	42.9%	33.3%	28.6%	16.7%	-	-
Healthy People 2030 Target	---		42.4%		-	

Source: WIC CDPH Local Agency Report, PHFE Peer Counselor Database
*Infants in foster care are excluded from the counts and rates reported above.

Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program

- o Redemption data is in for our Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program where we issued 225 booklets of 3 checks each to interested WIC families in Woodland and Davis. The total dollar value was \$30 per booklet. Participants were surveyed for their interest in participating and contacted by staff to complete the nutrition education and instructions. We were able to issue all the booklets in 4 days, giving participants ample time to redeem during the fruitful Farmers Market season. We issued 100 more booklets than 2022 and overall saw a 22% increase in redemption compared to 2022. That said, our total redemption was under 50% and we continue to research how we can increase client redemption of this program. We are developing a survey for this year’s participants and will ask whether they redeemed their checks and if not, why not and how we could help increase their redemption in the future. Over the last few years, we have tried several different

methods, including issuing onsite at the market and sending reminder texts throughout the season but redemption remains lower than we'd hope for this program. We are happy to see the improvement over last year and to hear that statewide redemption was also higher this year.

Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Program (MCAH)

- **Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program (CPSP):**
 - Yolo County has 5 CPSP providers offering services to Yolo County families. Yolo County Provider sites offering CPSP services:
 - CommuniCare, Davis Community Clinic
 - CommuniCare, Hansen Family Health Center
 - CommuniCare, Salud Clinic
 - Capital OB/GYN
 - Woodland Healthcare/Dignity Health
 - Please contact Tyra Fulcher (tyra.fulcher@yolocounty.org) if CPSP questions.
- **Fetal & Infant Mortality Review (FIMR):**
 - Please contact Tyra Fulcher (tyra.fulcher@yolocounty.org) for FIMR reported cases.
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CFH/DMCAH/FIMR/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS):**
 - Please contact Tyra Fulcher (tyra.fulcher@yolocounty.org) for SIDS reported cases.
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CFH/DMCAH/SIDS/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Nurse Home Visiting (NHV) and Adolescent Parenting Program (APP):**
 - NHV and APP continues to provide case management services to women, infant, children, and the adolescent population through referrals from partner agencies.
 - For referral and program eligibility questions, please contact: gaby.perez@yolocounty.org

Health Equity and Healthy Communities

- 233 Farmworker surveys and 4 focus groups completed by 12/31/23
- Accreditation documentation completed for Domains 1 and 4
- A composting class was held on 12/9/23 in the Community Garden, 15 people attended.
- The Oral Health program completed their 9th and final school screening with local dentists in Davis, for a total of 913 elementary students screened in 9 schools.
- The HY team worked internally and with a trainer to develop materials and one-pagers to launch HY initiative in Q1 2024

Infectious Disease Control

- **Immunizations:**
 - Yolo County Public Health's Immunization team piloted offering Hepatitis A vaccines to unhoused residents, in cooperation with Communicare's Mobile

Medicine Team. Seventeen of the 20 doses purchased by the county were administered in Woodland at Fourth and Hope in December, along with 12 doses of flu vaccine. The Hepatitis A vaccines and \$10 vaccine incentives were purchased using Realignment funds, and the uptake demonstrates that there is demand for this vaccine among Yolo's unhoused community members.

- The Immunization team also administered flu vaccines at The Californian Assisted Living in Woodland to 47 staff and residents. Yolo County has limited supplies of flu vaccine and continues to offer vaccination services to interested long-term care facilities.
- The Immunization team has been working with schools and childcares in Yolo County to ensure timely and complete school immunization reporting. This effort kicked off in November and continued through December. Team members worked with school staff to be able to report through the state portal, resulting in 100% of Yolo schools reporting on time.
- **Wellness vending machines:**
 - The Primary Prevention team introduced new products in the vending machines in December. They also handled inventory challenges, expired COVID test kits, and machine maintenance issues. The new items introduced included emergency contraception (EC) and fentanyl test strips. These items were obtained free of cost through the drug manufacturer and through a partnership with Yolo County Substance Use Disorder team. Based on the rate at which these two new tools have been emptied from the machines, it seems there is high demand in the community for both. Due to some evidence that the EC in the Davis vending machine has been cleared out by a handful of people, the team is considering other ways to distribute this in-demand product in a way that deters misuse while also keeping the resource accessible.
 - The team also worked to replace expired test kits with fresh inventory and worked within the County's procurement process to arrange warranted repairs on the Woodland and Winter machines.
 - Number of products dispensed and breakdown by city:
 - Masks: 246
 - COVID-19 Tests: 9,204
 - Emergency Contraceptives: 183
 - Fentanyl Test Strips: 720

City	Masks	Test Kits	Emergency Contraceptives	Fentanyl Test Strips
Winters	50	771	30	75
West Sacramento	26	1,490*	50	180
Esparto	44	995	43	130
Davis	126	5,948+	60	335
Woodland	<i>Offline - Warranty Repairs Pending</i>			

* These numbers include the number of test kits provided to site staff for community distribution: West Sacramento (594); Davis (450)

+Davis provided 2,784 test kits from their CDPH direct distribution to supplement our inventory.

- **Resource Distributions:**

- The team switched out unused test kits previously distributed to community partners to ensure community partners have unexpired test kits. In early January four providers will receive a new supply of test kits to replace expired tests.

- **Community Support:**

- The Healthy Schools Collaborative hosted partners from Mental Health Service Act and the HHSA Child Youth and Families Branch in December to share with our education partners the tools, resources, and trainings Yolo County can provide to our schools to support mental health activities in educational settings.
- Primary Prevention continued efforts to strengthen disease mitigation and management in Long-term Care and Skilled Nursing Facilities by reaching out to (5) locations and successfully training West Sacramento Nursing and Rehabilitation in respirator Fit Testing.

- **Sexually Transmitted Infections:**

- The Syphilis Task Force met December 7th and walked through three case studies to review areas where identification, investigation, and treatment practices could be strengthened. Taskforce members choose switch from monthly to bimonthly meetings in 2024 to allow the team more time to make progress on the drafting of the Syphilis Response Plan. Interested in joining the Syphilis Task Force contact Kellymarie Chen at Kellymarie.Chen@yolocounty.org
- NEW Take Me Home pilot, providing Free at Home HIV and STI testing coming soon.
- HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Assistance Program (PrEP-AP) is progressing as part of the PrEP and PEP Initiation and Retention Initiative (PPIR) grant awarded earlier this year, PrEP-AP Enrollment staff are undergoing initial training, setting up the enrollment spaces, and preparing the operational procedures to support program roll out.
- Communicable Disease Investigators and our Public Health Nurse investigated 23 reports of syphilis, and less than eleven reports of gonorrhea.

- **Tuberculosis:**
 - Yolo County received less than eleven reports of active and/or suspected TB in December. Several of these cases have required considerable time and effort for ongoing case management, including obtaining doses of TB medications from the CDPH stockpile, providing extra food, shelter and other incentives, and consultation with CDPH on strategies to support drug adherence. Yolo County also learned of an active TB case linked to the UC Davis campus and began working with UC Davis Student Health and Occupational Health to conduct a contact investigation. This investigation will be ongoing for several months until all close contacts have been identified and tested.
- **Outbreaks:**
 - Communicable Disease Investigators monitored new and ongoing outbreaks of COVID-19 and influenza in long-term care facilities. Team members also began reviewing facility's outbreak plans to review their resident vaccination plans, as part of our grant to provide infection prevention technical assistance to long-term care facilities.
- **Other reportable communicable diseases:**
 - Excluding cases of COVID-19 and STIs, Yolo County received case reports for the following diseases in December:
 - Less than 11 Brucellosis
 - Less than 11 Enteric diseases (Campylobacteriosis, Giardiasis, Salmonellosis)
 - 37 chronic hepatitis B and C
 - Less than 11 Avian influenza exposure monitoring
 - Less than 11 Meningococcal Disease
 - Less than 11 Q Fever
 - Less than 11 STEC
 - Less than 11 West Nile Virus
 - Staff review case reports and determine if cases are new (ruling out previously reported cases, out of jurisdiction, and unconfirmed), and determine if reports meet case definitions. When case definition is met, investigators verify treatment, and interview cases and their contacts as appropriate. In addition to new reports, CD staff carry a caseload of previously reported cases that require ongoing investigation to ensure appropriate treatment.

Health Education

- **Tobacco Prevention Program**
 - **West Sacramento POPS** - The tobacco prevention team maintained their collaborative efforts with local partners, engaging West Sacramento residents to express their opinions on smoke-free multi-unit housing. Staff actively participated in community events, including the Health Education Council's Walk with Friends program and the Yolo County Communicable Disease vaccination clinics, to collect valuable data. Additionally, staff visited various multi-unit properties, posting flyers to encourage residents to participate in the survey. Notably, some properties, already smoke-free, expressed support for a potential SF MUH policy. At the end of December, the team has collected a total of 90 surveys with the goal of reaching over 100 soon.

- **Tobacco Enforcement Program**

- In November, the Tobacco Enforcement Program began preparing for tobacco enforcement and compliance activities. Between November and January 2024, the program conducted 30 retailer compliance checks and licensing inspections. Thirteen retailers were selling flavored tobacco. Enforcement staff removed all products in violation from shelves. Retailers were provided with helpful resources such as signage, flyers, links and most importantly, guidance on identifying unclear flavored tobacco products. The program also began recruiting and training youth decoys in preparation for conducting underage sales compliance checks. Three minors were trained, and the first decoy operation was conducted on 12/11/2023.

- **Traffic Safety October - December 2023**

- The Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) has been awarded a \$491,185 single-year grant to support its traffic safety programs that include the Child Passenger Safety Program and Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program. Funding will allow the promotion of safe practices for child passengers, pedestrians, and bicyclists.
- The Bike and Pedestrian Program has hired two extra staff. Both Cecilia Ramirez and Berenice Campos have completed the Smart Cycling Exam which will make them eligible to become Leaguely-Certified Instructors in the spring.
- During the last quarter, the traffic safety team has worked together to attend events, conduct classes, and distribute safety items like reflectors, helmets, and car seats. The program has attended seven events and distributed 29 helmets, 80 reflective items and 49 car seats.

- **Winters 2023 Public Safety Festival**



- **Winter Fire Department's annual Gift For Kids Toy Distribution**



- **Results Based Accountability**

- The Child Passenger Safety Program submitted their yearly RBA submission that indicates that in one year over 5,000 families were served, 100% client satisfaction, 100% increase in awareness, 90 events, and received over \$300,000 in grant funding.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB)

- Partnered with DA's Multi-Cultural Community Council to present the sixth annual three-day Youth Justice League Academy for high school students. Programming included a mock trial with Yolo Judge and current DA prosecutor and Defense Attorneys, survivors panel, interactions with S.W.A.T, community leaders, and an exploration of community engagement opportunities.
- CC/DEI Coordinator presented stigma reduction/family storytelling session as part of the last two Crisis Intervention Trainings of the year.
- The last DEIB staff training was presented, and attendance and demographic data were assembled and included in the 2023 Cultural Competence Plan update submission. The Plan will be distributed to HHS leadership, county partners, and interested stakeholders.
- Worked with PACEs Connection to provide pre-and post-staff evaluations and their closing recommendations to HHS leadership.
- Began collaboration with the Office of Emergency Services Cultural Diversity working group to plan community engagement and needs assessments using an equity lens in emergency planning and activities.
- The JAG Steering Committee met to continue the Local Evaluation Plan review of our county's criminal justice diversion programming.
- Meetings began in earnest to plan for the Freedom School offering this summer. This program will offer a six-week summer experience to 80 elementary school youth, designed to reduce isolation, enhance learning retention, and celebrate identity and culture.
- The CC/DEI unit completed the 2023 Cultural Competence Plan and submitted the plan to the Department of Health Care Services on 12/31 as required.
- CC/DEI Coordinator provided the Public Health Reaccreditation Board Domain 4, 1a & 1b submission to PHAB Coordinator and Lead by deadline, with minor edits added on 1/2/24.

Administration

- **PHAB Reaccreditation**

- Yolo County Public Health's application for PHAB reaccreditation was submitted on December 29, 2023. PHAB has notified our health department the application has been approved. Additionally, PHAB provided our health department access to begin uploading reaccreditation documentations and complete the population health outcomes instrument in e-PHAB.

- **Epidemiology and Data Unit:**

- Assisted with syphilis case studies for the Syphilis Task Force
- Inaugurated journal club for the Syphilis Task Force
- Finalized and submitted 3 Domain measures for Reaccreditation.

Community Health Report

- Continuing to support LTCF outbreak teams with outbreak tracking and report generation for COVID and influenza outbreaks.
- Medical records supported CD and LTCF teams by processing faxed reports and submitting medical record requests.
- Continued maintenance of the integrity of state CAIR and CalREDIE databases with 62 CalREDIE master patient index merges and 121 CAIR account merges, for a total of 812 CalREDIE merges and 1290 CAIR merges for the year.
- Completed reviewing and cleaning up 352 CalREDIE records with bad address data.
- Supported Immunization Team with their fall flu/COVID clinics and weekly report on vaccines administered and population served.
- Provided Immunization Team with list of congregate settings with low vaccination rates.
- Assisted CD team with coverage and case investigation.
- Assisted CD and CDPH with case investigation of an invasive amoeba.
- Assisted with a very large TB contact investigation, including questionnaire administration, coordinating data sharing, and data analytics.
- Started MCAH 2023 Annual Review for MCAH advisory board retreat.
- Starting annual tuberculosis report for CDPH
- Reviewed farmworker data with Esmeralda and Kanat
- Began designing an inventory tracker for the primary prevention team.

Upcoming HHSA Meetings & Events

DATE	TIME	EVENT
January 11	9:00 AM	Health Council
January 17	8:30 AM	MCAH Advisory Board
January 8	6:00 PM	Local Mental Health Board

Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency

Community Engagement Work Group

MHSA

The CEWG is an ongoing engagement work group to support the Mental Health Services Act planning in Yolo County.

Agenda:

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Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 821 0416 2473

DIAL: 1-669-900-6833

DAY	TIME
Tues Jan 16, 2024	3:30PM-5PM

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