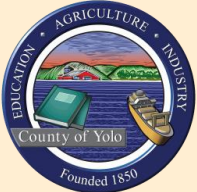


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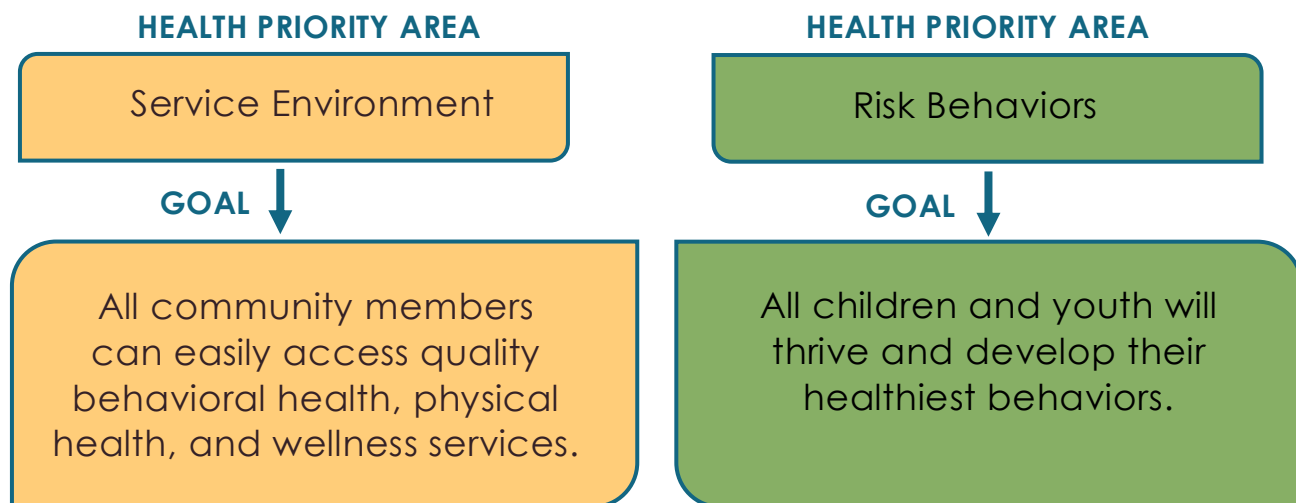


Executive Summary

A community health improvement plan (CHIP) is a long-term, systematic effort to address public health problems based on the results of Community Health Assessment. The 2023 CHIP was developed collaboratively by the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) Public Health Branch, cross-sector partners, organizations, and community members. The CHIP provides a community-level plan of action in response to the 11 Significant Health Needs (SHNs) identified in the 2023-2025 **Community Health Assessment (CHA)**.



Following CHA completion, HHSA convened a CHIP planning and development workgroup. The workgroup included approximately 50 people representing cross-sector partners, healthcare providers, community-based organizations, and community members. The workgroup identified two Health Priorities with corresponding Goals. It also identified Objective Themes, Strategies, and Measures of interest to improve health equity, support community wellness, and improve health outcomes across these Priority Areas. This concluded Phase I of the CHIP process.





The CHIP is based on the following guiding principles set by HHSa:

- **Social Determinants of Health (SDoH).** Working to address upstream community needs (e.g., access to education, jobs, and safe living conditions).¹
- **Health Equity.** Ensuring that every community member has a fair and just opportunity to achieve their highest level of health.²
- **Collective Impact.** A framework to support aligned, collaborative, and measurable efforts.³

Furthermore, the workgroup created a Vision and a set of Values that communicate the desired impact of the CHIP and provide direction in all CHIP work. The Vision and Values, as well as the guiding principles, will continue to support CHIP implementation, annual action planning, and evaluation efforts.

CHIP implementation, Phase II, will begin with a relaunch of Healthy Yolo in early 2024. Healthy Yolo is a collective impact partnership coordinated by the Public Health Branch. It was formed to address the SHNs identified the County's first CHA in 2015.

Following a period of pause due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Healthy Yolo will relaunch and renew its focus on leading, convening, and supporting cross-sector partners to positively impact the health and wellbeing of those living in Yolo County.

The CHIP is a living document that is responsive to community and partner needs. As such, Healthy Yolo will continue to develop the ideas and priorities identified by the CHIP workgroup in late 2022-23. Formal adoption of SMART Objectives and timelines for Strategies will be established by HHSa and Healthy Yolo to support a clear implementation plan and evaluation of the impact of CHIP strategies on improving the health and wellbeing of people in Yolo County. As such, the current CHIP is the first of two phases. Phase 1 had a focus on planning and prioritization and Phase 2 will focus on implementation and evaluation.

Community Health Improvement Plan Vision & Values

VISION

Yolo County is a place where EVERYONE can THRIVE.

VALUES

Equity: We are committed to initiatives, policies, and strategies that address root causes of inequity.

Innovation: We balance use of evidence-based practices with a willingness to be bold and try new approaches.

Community Engagement: We integrate community engagement across all phases of our work, and we use community input to help inform our decisions.

Collaboration: We align our efforts to address complex issues for greater impact and sustainability.



Message from the Public Health Department

Dear Yolo County Community,

We are honored to present our 2023 Yolo County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

The Yolo County CHIP is not just a document; it is a promise. It is a promise to work together to ensure that every resident, regardless of their age, race, gender, or socioeconomic status, has an equal opportunity to lead a healthy and fulfilling life. It recognizes that good health is not only the absence of disease, but also the presence of physical, mental, and social well-being.

The CHIP offers a guide to priorities and strategies for addressing the most significant health challenges facing our community. This plan is the result of a collaborative effort between Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency Public Health Branch (HHSA), a multi-sectoral partner group of 25 agencies, and a group of community advisors.

CHIP development and implementation has two phases. Phase I began with a review of the 11 Significant Health Needs (SHNs) identified in the 2022 Community Health Assessment (CHA), populations most impacted by them, and common underlying causes of these SHNs. Health equity and the social determinants of health (SDOH) were at the forefront of discussions and decisions surrounding the proposed health priority areas, objectives, strategies, and metrics for implementation. Two priority areas emerged in Phase I:

1. Improving the Service Environment
2. Decreasing Engagement in Risk Behaviors

Implementation of the CHIP, Phase II, will commence with a relaunch of Healthy Yolo – a multi-sector collaborative strategically aligning its work to carry out specific CHIP strategies over the next several years. CHIP implementation will link up with initiatives in the County that are addressing similar priorities to maximize impact and best support the health and wellbeing of our community members.

Finally, Phase II efforts will reflect the vision and values developed in Phase I:

CHIP Vision: Yolo County is a Place Where Everyone Can Thrive

CHIP Values: Equity, Innovation, Collaboration, Community Engagement

We are excited for the work ahead, and more importantly for the changes that will be seen, from policy to programs, as we collaborate to make Yolo County a place where everyone thrives.

Sincerely,

Brian Vaughn – Yolo County Public Health Director

Dr. Aimee Sisson – Yolo County Public Health Officer

¹ Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. (n.d.). *Social Determinants of Health*. Healthy People 2030. <https://health.gov/healthypeople/priority-areas/social-determinants-health>

² Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2022, December 16). *What is Health Equity?* <https://www.cdc.gov/nchhstp/healthequity/index.html>

³ Collective Impact Forum. (n.d.). *What is Collective Impact?* <https://collectiveimpactforum.org/what-is-collective-impact/>