



Solano County Child Abuse Prevention Council

Community Needs Assessment - 2022

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Executive Summary

Who We Are

The Solano Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) and the Solano County's Child Welfare Services Division are partnering to lead a collaborative child abuse prevention planning process, engaging key stakeholders and community members in the development of a **countywide child abuse prevention plan**. The commitment of the CAPC and Child Welfare Services includes co-leading the planning effort, ongoing participation by leaders of the appropriate decision-making level, and the intent to use the prevention planning process to determine shared priorities and relevant collaboration and resource development and investment priorities. This needs assessment is one step in the prevention planning process. The prevention planning team includes ongoing participation from decision-makers from government agencies, community organizations and other stakeholders that are involved in the prevention of child abuse and neglect, with the aim of maximizing collective impact.

Needs Assessment

The purpose of the Solano County Child Abuse Prevention Council's Community Needs Assessment was to collect local data and community input to identify child abuse prevention needs and to describe factors that should be addressed in prevention planning. The Solano CAPC developed a needs assessment data collection framework with support from local evaluators (Applied Survey Research) to better understand the risk factors for maltreatment and identify potential approaches to reduce child maltreatment, strengthen families, and increase child safety. The data collection framework included an analysis of **community indicator** data to identify risk factors for child abuse and neglect, **mapping existing assets** to identify service gaps, a **focus group with community members** and **key informant interviews** with key stakeholders to better understand the current systems and supports throughout the county, and review of a **survey of home-visiting program participants** to hear from parents that are interacting with some of our prevention services.

Community Indicators, Key Findings & Opportunities

The community indicators collected for this needs assessment included information about the population of Solano County, risk factors associated with child maltreatment, and outcome data related to maltreatment allegations, substantiations, and foster care entry. These indicators were compiled by Applied Survey Research into an interactive online data dashboard (Solano CAPC Child Abuse and Neglect Indicators data dashboard: [click here](#)).

- There was a total of 369 substantiated allegations of child maltreatment in 2020 in Solano County (4.1 per 1,000 children 0-17 years of age).
- Children 5 years of age and under are in the most danger of maltreatment, with children under the age of 1 at most risk (15 per 1,000 children 0-1 years of age). **This indicates that prevention services should be geared toward families with small children, specifically to support the needs of families with infants who may be experiencing additional stress in early parenthood.**
- Almost one in ten children who experience maltreatment in Solano County and are known to the Child Welfare system, will experience maltreatment again within one year. **This represents an opportunity for prevention and intervention where systems can improve services to families to reduce recurrence.**
- Black and Native American children are more than two-times as likely to experience substantiated maltreatment, indicating a **need for prevention and intervention activities that are culturally accessible and responsive to the unique needs of Black and Native American families.**

- In Solano County, it is estimated that one in five children (20.6%) have experienced 2 or more adverse experiences. **Preventing ACEs and increasing positive life experiences is a key part of ensuring safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments for all children.**

Asset Mapping & Gaps in Services

An asset mapping process was conducted in the fall of 2021 under the guidance of Strategies T.A. to identify existing resources and resource gaps. At the conclusion of the Asset Mapping sessions, discussion turned to identifying the gaps in services related to strengthening families and preventing child maltreatment. The following are recommendations based on identified gaps.

- **Increase access to services for substance use disorders, prevention, and intervention.** There were only a few substances use disorder services providers identified in our asset mapping. The need is greater than the services available.
- **Increase staffing and service providers for mental health diagnosis and treatment.** Although several programs and providers were identified, those participating in the asset mapping process mentioned that there are not enough providers in those programs to serve all in need. There are waiting lists for services that are urgently needed.
- **Improve training for mandated reporters.** There is a state training that mandated reporters can participate in, but the request to have in-person, local mandated reporter trainings was raised repeatedly and is a need in our community that is not currently being met.
- **Increase supports for special needs communities.** There is limited support for families of children with special needs. Participants in the asset mapping process mentioned that some families have moved to other counties to receive services unavailable in Solano.
- **Ensure collaboratives involve faith-based organizations to extend reach of strategies.** Faith-based communities have large networks of members providing support to families in our communities.
- **Enhance training for first responders to be responsive to families with complex needs.** First responders are often the first to have contact with an individual or a family member with mental health issues but often are not trained to identify or deal with these complex issues.

Community Member & Stakeholder Priorities for Prevention

A focus group with community members and key informant interviews were used to gain insight about the needs of families in Solano County and to identify prevention priorities.

- **Education and Awareness:** Community members highlighted the need for child abuse prevention education. Specifically, information about what child abuse is, how to recognize it, and how to report it. In addition, providing parent education on age-appropriate development and positive parenting approaches was identified as important.
- **Substance Use Disorder:** Accessibility of rehabilitation facilities was identified as a top concern. Community members said that facilities that are available are often not accessible due to cost and insurance barriers. The need for expanded and accessible substance use disorder treatment was viewed as especially important given the overlap between substance abuse and child maltreatment.
- **Mental Health:** Community members acknowledged the strides being made to address mental health services in Solano County. Wellness centers in schools, stigma reduction efforts, and the efforts being made by Solano County's Innovation projects were all discussed as positive steps. Still, there are gaps in access to mental health, specifically for adults. There are both a limited number of providers and long

waiting lists for adults to access crucial mental health services. And education and awareness efforts to reduce the perceptions around accessing mental health services need to continue.

- **Support for Basic Needs:** Concern was expressed that there are many working poor families who exceed the threshold for safety net and support services and are not receiving assistance from government programs. A need for financial and basic needs supports and resources for families was addressed by all community members. Top items of concern were affordable housing, employment, and affordable childcare.
- **Cultural Competence:** Community members consistently expressed the need for our systems and service providers to be sensitive to the populations that are being served. Program delivery and educational/program materials need to be culturally responsive to families and need to be available in the language of the target population.
- **Partnerships and Collaboration:** Survey responses indicate that there needs to be increased coordination and collaboration among agencies serving clients. Other community members identified this need as well, suggesting co-location of services to make them more accessible to families.

Survey of Home Visiting Participants

In July 2020, First 5 Solano Families and Children Commission and the Solano County Public Health Department hired Applied Survey Research to develop a Solano County Home Visiting Coordination Environmental Scan Data Compendium. For this compendium, Applied Survey Research distributed a survey to home visiting programs to share with their clients. The survey asked respondents about how COVID-19 affected them or their families and about their experiences receiving home visiting services. Based on the survey responses, home visiting programs and other agencies in the early childhood system of care might consider the following recommendations:

- Address the most common effects of COVID-19 by providing or linking families to employment, financial, and basic needs supports; social connection opportunities; and education on positive parenting strategies.
- Continue to offer virtual visits for families who are uncomfortable with returning to in-person visits or simply prefer virtual visits.
- Continue to offer culturally responsive services and services that support families' parenting needs and overall well-being.
- Continue to provide referral assistance to ensure that families linked to other agencies understand and are able to access services from those agencies.
- Develop information sharing agreements between agencies that share clients so they can better communicate and coordinate with one another.

Next Steps

All the information gathered from this Needs Assessment will be reviewed by the Solano CAPC, Child Welfare Services and others participating in the development of Solano's countywide child abuse prevention plan. This information will be used to describe the drivers of child maltreatment, identify strategies or activities in relation to those drivers, and assist with prioritizing resources during the prevention planning process.

Purpose

Across the United States, an estimated one in four children experience abuse or neglect.¹ Child maltreatment can cause serious physical injuries and even death. It also can cause lifelong physical, emotional, and behavioral problems, which can lead to intergenerational impacts. Children who are abused or neglected are more likely to have problems such as anxiety, depression, delinquency, difficulty in school, and early sexual activity. Child maltreatment (along with other adverse childhood experiences) can disrupt brain and physical development, particularly when experienced in early childhood, increasing the risk for numerous health problems in adulthood, including heart disease, cancer, substance abuse, mental illness, and suicidal behavior, among others. While most victims do not repeat the cycle of abuse later in life, they are more likely to enter into unhealthy relationships as teens and adults and to mistreat their own children. Beyond the impact on individuals and families, child abuse has a significant impact on society. The total economic burden incurred by California communities for the lifetime costs of survivors of child maltreatment in 2020 was \$23.9 billion.² As of 2020, the economic burden of child abuse and neglect is a cumulative total of \$138 million in Solano County.³

The Solano Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) and the Solano County's Child Welfare Services Division are partnering to lead a collaborative child abuse prevention planning process, engaging key stakeholders and community members in the development of a **countywide child abuse prevention plan**, according to the requirements of the Families First Preservation Services Act. The commitment of the CAPC and Child Welfare Services includes co-leading the planning effort, ongoing participation by leaders of the appropriate decision-making level, and the intent to use the prevention planning process to determine shared priorities and relevant collaboration and resource development and investment priorities. This needs assessment is one step in the prevention planning process. The prevention planning team includes ongoing participation from decision-makers from government agencies, community organizations and other stakeholders that are involved in the prevention of child abuse and neglect, with the aim of maximizing collective impact.

Collaborative Partnerships

Building and sustaining collaborative partnerships is the foundation for creating a countywide child abuse prevention plan. The convening of leaders from across public and private agencies and organizations represents a coordinated response to effectively identify and address the needs of families to prevent child maltreatment. While the collaborative involves leaders cross-cutting various service sectors, the Solano County Child Welfare Services Division and the Solano CAPC supported by the Children's Network of Solano County, are leading this effort.

In Solano County, the **Child Welfare Services Division** is part of the County's Health and Social Services Department and is charged with protecting children from abuse and neglect by strengthening their families or finding safe, permanent homes so that they can grow into healthy productive adults. Child Welfare Services investigates allegations of child maltreatment and intervenes on behalf of children who need protection from abuse and neglect. The goal of protective services is to preserve the family, whenever possible. Services provide include adoption assistance, foster home licensing, placement assessment and independent living guidance. The Division and the County value:

- Maintaining children safely in their homes,
- Reunifying children with their families,
- Including maternal and paternal families in planning for permanency,

¹ KidsData Child Abuse and Neglect in California, <https://www.kidsdata.org/export/pdf?cat=2>

² Safe & Sound, The Economics of Abuse, <https://economics.safeandsound.org/#costOfAbuse>

³ Safe & Sound, The Economics of Abuse, <https://economics.safeandsound.org/#calculator>

- Nurturing, supporting, and maintaining family connections,
- Placing children/youth with family members as the first choice, and
- Preserving and sharing family information and history with children and youth.

The **Solano CAPC** is convened by the Children’s Network of Solano County and is made up of 20 volunteer members who represent many public and private agencies, community volunteers, a wide range of professional disciplines, a diversity of cultural and ethnic backgrounds, and the various geographical areas of the county.

Solano County Child Abuse Prevention Council April 2022	
Members	Agency/Organization
Public Services: Child Welfare Services, Children's Services, Probation	
Alex Winston	District 2 Representative, Solano County Board of Supervisors
Gene Ibe	First 5 Solano Children & Families Commission
Tara Knobbe	Solano County Child Support Services
Neely McElroy	Solano County Health and Social Services, Child Welfare Division
Tammy DeWitt	Solano County Probation, Juvenile Division
Criminal Justice System: Law Enforcement, District Attorney, Courts, Coroner	
Candy Pierce	CASA of Solano County
Angel Aguilar	Solano County District Attorney's Office
Vacancy	Law Enforcement
Prevention & Treatment Services Communities: Medical & Mental Health; Community-based Social Services; Public and Private schools	
Juan Cisneros	Child Start, Inc.
Cheryl Countee	Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District
Vacancy	Mental Health Service Provider
Guadalupe Lopez	North Bay Regional Center
Vacancy	Solano County Health & Social Services, Behavioral Health Division
Dr. Shandi Fuller	Solano County Health and Social Services, Public Health Division
Nicola Parr	Solano County Superintendent of Schools
Isabel Montano	Vacaville Family Resource Center
Community Representatives: Community Volunteers; Civic Organizations; Religious Community	
Joshua Mallory	Community Member
Zoe Bartholomew	Local Child Care Planning Council
Vacancy	Religious Community
Angelina Mackelvie	Voices Solano

These members assist with the development of strategic policies and annual and long-range work plans that further the CAPC mission and vision.

The purpose of Child Abuse Prevention Councils, as determined by statute, is to:

- Provide a forum for interagency cooperation and coordination in the prevention, detection, treatment, and legal processing of child abuse cases.
- Promote public awareness of the abuse and neglect of children and the resources available for intervention and treatment.
- Encourage and facilitate training of professionals in the detection, treatment, and prevention of child abuse and neglect.
- Recommend improvements in services to families and victims.
- Encourage and facilitate community support for child abuse and neglect program.

These collaborative partnerships have been established in pursuit of a child abuse prevention plan that will be informed by data on maltreatment rates and other social determinants of health. Partners will help to review and assess current family-serving programs and practices to identify opportunities to improve services and reduce child maltreatment.

Needs Assessment

While abuse and neglect occur in all types of families, certain factors place children at increased risk. For example, children under age 4 (especially infants) and those with special needs are at greatest risk for maltreatment.⁴ Examples of family and community risk factors include substance abuse or mental illness in the family, social isolation, parenting stress, young parental age, poverty, domestic violence, and neighborhood violence. Children of color, particularly American Indian/Alaska Native and African American children, are overrepresented in the child welfare system.

The Solano CAPC developed a **needs assessment data collection framework** with support from local evaluators (Applied Survey Research) to better understand the risk factors for maltreatment and identify potential approaches to reduce child maltreatment, strengthen families, and increase child safety. The data collection framework includes an analysis of **community indicator data** to identify risk factors for child abuse and neglect, **mapping existing assets** to identify service gaps, a **focus group with community members** and **key informant interviews** with key stakeholders to better understand the current systems and supports throughout the county, and review of a **survey of home-visiting program participants** to hear from parents that are interacting with some of our prevention services.

⁴ KidsData Child Abuse and Neglect in California, <https://www.kidsdata.org/export/pdf?cat=2>



The remainder of the document is used to document the key findings from the needs assessment that will help to inform a countywide child abuse prevention plan.

Community Indicators

The community indicators collected for this needs assessment included information about the population of Solano County, risk factors associated with child maltreatment, and outcome data related to maltreatment allegations, substantiations, and foster care entry. **These indicators were compiled by Applied Survey Research into an interactive online data dashboard** (Solano CAPC Child Abuse and Neglect Indicators data dashboard: [click here](#)). Many of the indicators are available with additional detail by age and race/ethnicity for the purpose of exploring how to better serve diverse families and families with young children. Many of the indicators described in this section of the document are sourced from the Solano CAPC Child Abuse and Neglect Indicators data dashboard. Details about the sources can be found in Appendix A. Additional sources used in this section to describe the risk factors, outcomes, and landscape of Solano County will be cited in the footnotes.

Highlighted Findings from Community Indicators

Content Area	Highlighted Findings
Population	The population in Solano County is quite diverse with residents identifying as white (39%), Hispanic or Latino (26%), Black (14%), Asian (14%), multi-racial (5%), Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (1%), and less than 1% as American Indian/Alaskan Native. The most diverse zip codes are in the south-western part of the county and include 94585, 94589, 94590, 94591, and 94592.
	More than one-third of the county's residents speak a language other than English at home.
	The median household income in Solano County is \$84,638 and approximately 9.5% of residents have household incomes below the federal poverty level.
Outcomes	Rates of allegations in Solano County showed a steady decline between 2017 through 2020, and a similar trend was observed statewide.
	The most common allegation types included general neglect (42%), physical abuse (18%), sexual abuse (12%), and emotional abuse (7%). Another 18% were identified as at-risk, sibling abuse.
	About 8% of allegations were substantiated allegations of maltreatment.
	Rates of substantiated allegations among Black children and infants (under 1 year old) were disproportionately represented in Solano County in 2020.
	The rate of recurrence is similar in Solano County compared to California, in which about 9% of children with a substantiated maltreatment allegation have another substantiated allegation occur within a year.
	Foster care entry rates in Solano County are lower than statewide rates but show similar trends in the past five years with a steady decline overall.
Risk Factors for Children	About 20% of children have experienced two or more adverse childhood experiences. ACEs have been shown to have an impact on future violence, victimization, and perpetration, as well as lifelong mental and physical health outcomes.
	Nearly 15% of children have special health care needs, and the rate of children enrolled in special education has been increasing each year reaching about 12% in 2019.
	About 11% of children under 18 in Solano County are living in poverty. The zip codes with the highest rates of children living in poverty include 94571 and 94590.
Risk Factors for Adults/Families	The unemployment rate in Solano County is 6%. In zip code 94589 the unemployment rate is almost double (11%).
	In Solano County about 24% of adults are high school graduates, with no higher education, and an additional 12% have less than a high school equivalent. Rates of low educational attainment are highest in four zip codes: 95620, 94533, 94590, and 94589.
	The Maternal Infant Health Assessment for Solano County shows that about 5% of pregnant women consumed alcohol in the third trimester or smoked cigarettes. The rate of alcohol consumption among pregnant women is lower than the statewide rate, but the rate of cigarette use in Solano County is higher.
	The California Department of Justice collects information about domestic violence-related calls for assistance which shows that the jurisdictions with the highest number of calls include Vallejo and Fairfield. Dixon, however, has a very high proportion of calls involving a weapon.
	The Maternal Infant Health Assessment for Solano County shows that nearly 7% of pregnant women experience intimate partner violence during pregnancy.
	In 2020, about half (48%) of adults needed and received help for emotional/mental health problems or use of alcohol/drugs in Solano County.
	The Maternal Infant Health Assessment for Solano County shows that about 16% of women with a live birth experienced prenatal or postpartum depressive symptoms.

Description of Solano County

Solano County is located about 45 miles northeast of San Francisco and 40 miles southwest of Sacramento. The County is 821 square miles in size and is a mix of urban and rural areas, with a population of 453,491. Solano cities include Vacaville and Dixon in the North, centrally located Fairfield and Suisun, and Vallejo, Benicia, and Rio Vista in the South. The largest three cities, Fairfield, Vallejo, and Vacaville have the bulk of the County's population, with 119,881, 126,090 and 102,386 residents respectively.

The median household income in Solano County is \$84,638 and approximately 9.5% of residents have household incomes below the federal poverty level.⁵ The average cost of childcare is \$10,147 in Solano County (per child).⁶ For a family with two children in childcare, that accounts for 24% of the median household income. Among students enrolled in public school in Solano County, 49.7% receive free or reduced-price meals.⁷ The unemployment rate is 6.0% countywide.⁸

Solano County is very diverse with residents identifying as White, not (39%), Hispanic or Latino (26%), Black (14%), Asian (14%), multi-racial (5%), Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (1%), and less than 1% as American Indian/Alaskan Native. More than one-third of the county's residents speak a language other than English at home.⁹ About one-quarter (27%) of Solano residents have earned a bachelor's degree or higher; 88% of adults completed high school.

In summary, Solano County represents a diverse landscape. To have an impact on reducing child maltreatment in Solano County, it is important to ensure that the services and supports for families are responsive to the unique needs of families and are culturally relevant.

Child Maltreatment

Allegations

In Solano County in 2020, there were 4,665 allegations of child abuse and neglect. Of these allegations, 42% were for general neglect, 18% were for physical abuse, 18% were for at risk or sibling abuse, 12% were for sexual abuse, 7% were for emotional abuse, and 2% for severe neglect. Only 369, or 7.9% of the maltreatment allegations were found to be substantiated allegations of child maltreatment. **When allegations of child abuse and neglect are not found to be substantiated, there are other types of services and supports that can be offered to help strengthen families and increase child safety. This represents an opportunity to improve prevention and early intervention services to families who may have other support needs.**

⁵ U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) and Puerto Rico Community Survey (PRCS), 5-Year Estimates, <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/solanocountycalifornia,US/PST045221>

⁶ Living Wage Calculator, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, <https://livingwage.mit.edu/counties/06095>

⁷ KidsData, Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Price School Meals, 2021, <https://www.kidsdata.org/topic/518/school-meals/table#fmt=675&loc=341&tf=141&sortColumnId=0&sortType=asc>

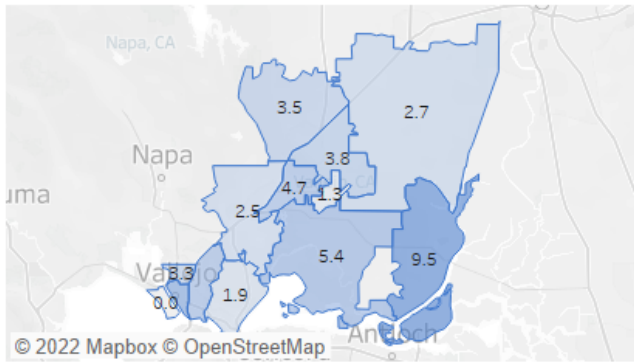
⁸ U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) and Puerto Rico Community Survey (PRCS), 5-Year Estimates.

⁹ Solano Community Health Assessment, 2020

Substantiated Allegations

There was a total of 369 substantiated allegations of child maltreatment in 2020 in Solano County (4.1 per 1,000 children 0-17 years of age). The highest rate of substantiated allegations in 2020 was in zip code 94571 (9.5 per 1,000).

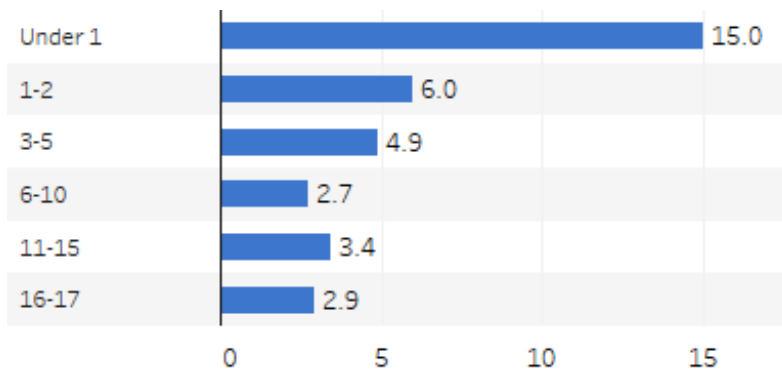
Substantiation Rate per 1,000 by Zip Code (Children 0-17)



Zip Code	Count	Population	Rate
Solano County	379	92,961	4.1
95688	29	8,381	3.5
95687	54	14,127	3.8
95620	14	5,227	2.7
94592	0	142	0.0
94591	45	9,349	4.8
94590	50	7,384	6.8
94589	23	6,983	3.3
94585	37	6,794	5.4
94571	9	952	9.5
94535	2	1,540	1.3
94534	21	8,461	2.5
94533	85	18,111	4.7
94510	10	5,254	1.9

The chart below shows the rates of substantiated maltreatment, by age of children. Children 5 years of age and under are in the most danger of maltreatment, with children under the age of 1 at most risk. **This indicates that prevention services should be geared toward families with small children, specifically to support the needs of families with infants who may be experiencing additional stress in early parenthood.**

Substantiation Rate per 1,000 by Age Group



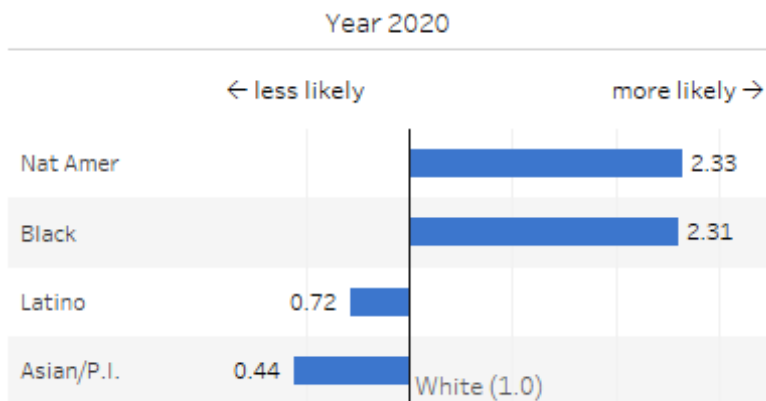
The rate of recurrence is similar in Solano County compared to California, in which about 8.5% of children with a substantiated maltreatment allegation have another substantiated allegation occur within 12 months. **This indicates that nearly one in ten children who experience maltreatment and are known to the Child Welfare system, will experience maltreatment again within one year. This represents an opportunity for prevention and intervention where systems can improve services to families to reduce recurrence.**

Disparities in Substantiations

Rates of substantiated maltreatment were significantly higher in the Black and Native American populations in Solano County. The California Child Welfare Indicators Project calculates disparity rates to compare the rate of substantiations for children by race/ethnic group compared to White (see chart below). A higher disparity rate

indicates that children who are members of a race/ethnic group are more likely than White children to experience substantiated allegations of maltreatment. These rates indicate that Black and Native American children are more than two-times as likely to experience substantiated maltreatment compared to White children. **This finding calls for prevention and intervention activities that are culturally accessible and responsive to the unique needs of Black and Native American families.**

Disparity Rate in Substantiated Allegations by Race/Ethnicity Compared to White



Foster Care Entry

Thousands of children in California's foster care system require temporary out-of-home care because of parental neglect, abuse, or exploitation.¹⁰ The largest percentages are African American and Latino children. Some stay in foster care for weeks; some for years. The children are of all ages and varying needs. Foster parents provide a supportive and stable family for children who cannot live with their birth parents until family problems are resolved

In 2020, 1.7 per every 1,000 children entered foster care in Solano County. However, these rates are significantly different for our youngest children (ages 0-5) and our Black children. Foster care entry data shows, once again, that our youngest residents are at the most risk. The rate of foster care entry for those under 1 years of age is 8.2 per 1,000 and for 1-2 year old children, it is 2.2 per 1,000.

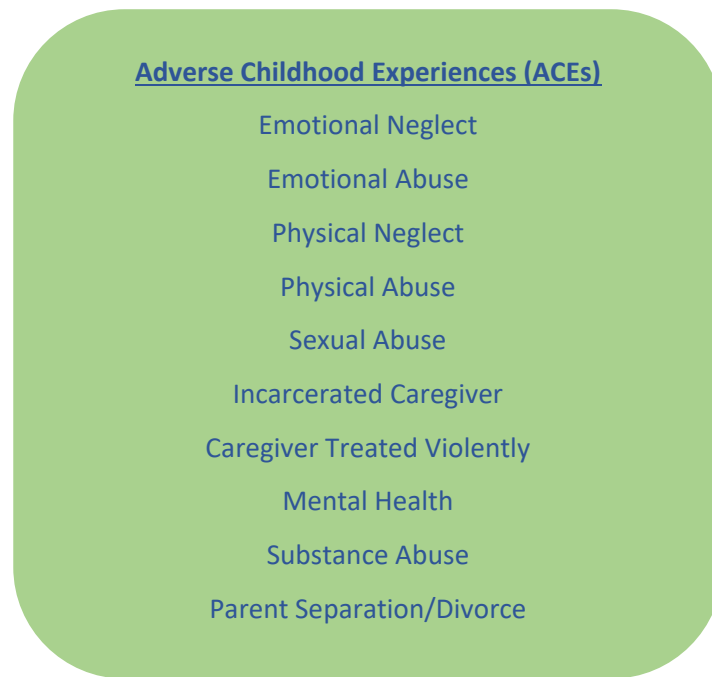
The communities with the highest placement rates for our youngest children (ages 0-5) are in the cities of Vacaville and Vallejo. Placement is significantly higher in the Black population of Solano County (4.4 per 1,000 children) compared to the White population (1.7 per 1,000) and the Latinx population (1.3 per 1,000). Children who are Native American make up a small portion of the population of children in Solano County (about 400 out of nearly 100,000) and therefore the data on foster care entries is masked to protect against identification of families.

Adverse Childhood Experiences and the Impact of Child Maltreatment

Childhood experiences, both positive and negative, can have a tremendous impact on future violence,

¹⁰ California Department of Social Services, <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/foster-care#:~:text=Thousands%20of%20children%20in%20California's,all%20ages%20and%20varying%20needs.>

victimization, and perpetration, as well as on lifelong mental and physical health. As such, early experiences are an important public health issue. Much of the foundational research in this area has referred to such negative experiences as Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).



According to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) (2017), Adverse Childhood Experiences have been linked to:

- risky health behaviors
- chronic health conditions
- low life potential
- early death.

As the number of ACEs increases, so does the risk for these outcomes. In Solano County, it is estimated that one in five children (20.6%) have experienced 2 or more adverse experiences. The clear evidence of the negative impact of child abuse and neglect across the lifespan and across society makes it imperative that we succeed in our efforts to reduce child abuse and neglect. **Preventing ACEs and increasing positive life experiences is a key part of ensuring safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments for all children.**

Risk Factors

While abuse and neglect occur in all types of families, certain factors place children at increased risk. For example, children under age 4 (especially infants) and those with special needs are at greatest risk for maltreatment.¹¹ Family and community risk factors include substance abuse or mental illness in the family, social isolation, parenting stress, young parental age, poverty, domestic violence, and neighborhood violence. Children of color, particularly American Indian/Alaska Native and African American children, are overrepresented in the child welfare system.

¹¹ KidsData Child Abuse and Neglect in California, <https://www.kidsdata.org/export/pdf?cat=2>

Children may be at higher risk of abuse and neglect as a consequence of the current COVID-19 pandemic and the public health measures to limit its spread. Increased family and financial stress, disrupted routines, and lack of access to community supports can all contribute to child maltreatment. At the same time, physical distancing has restricted contact between children and protective adults, such as teachers, who most commonly report cases of suspected child maltreatment.

Child Risk Factors

In Solano County, there are approximately 99,768 children under 18 years of age. Data collected on child risk factors include the following:

Poverty
About 11% of children under 18 in Solano County are living in poverty. The zip codes with the highest rates of children living in poverty include 94571 and 94590.
Adverse Childhood Experiences
About 20% of children have experienced two or more adverse childhood experiences. ACEs have been shown to have an impact on future violence, victimization, and perpetration, as well as lifelong mental and physical health outcomes.
Special Health Care Needs and Special Education
Nearly 15% of children have special health care needs, and the rate of children enrolled in special education has been increasing each year reaching about 12% in 2019.

Family & Community Risk Factors

There are 453,491¹² residents in Solano County, living in 151,191 households¹³. Data collected on family and community risk factors include:

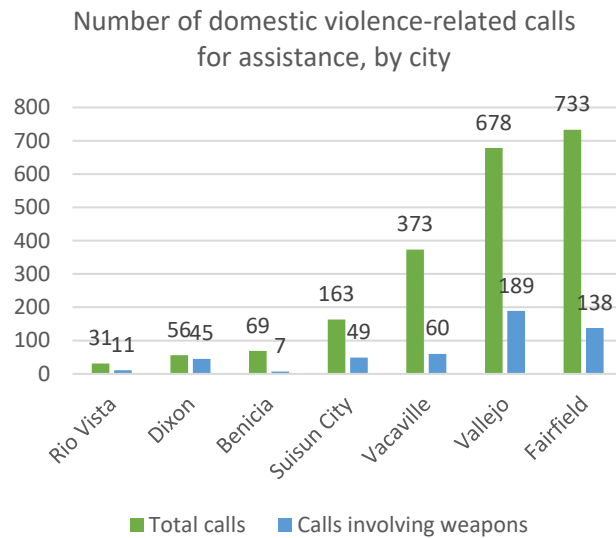
Employment and Education
The unemployment rate in Solano County is 6%. In zip code 94589 the unemployment rate is almost double (11%).
In Solano County about 24% of adults are high school graduates and an additional 12% have less than a high school equivalent. Rates of low educational attainment are highest in four zip codes: 95620, 94533, 94590, and 94589.
Prenatal Substance Use
The Maternal Infant Health Assessment for Solano County shows that about 5% of pregnant women consumed alcohol in the third trimester or smoked cigarettes. The rate of alcohol consumption among pregnant women is lower than the statewide rate, but the rate of cigarette use in Solano County is higher.

¹² U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Census of Population and Housing, <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/solanocountycalifornia,US/PST045221>

¹³ U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) and Puerto Rico Community Survey (PRCS), 5-Year Estimates, <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/solanocountycalifornia,US/PST045221>

Intimate Partner Violence

The California Department of Justice collects information about domestic violence-related calls for assistance. From 2016 to 2020, domestic violence calls in Solano County have remained consistent, with 6 calls per 1,000 residents. The proportion of these calls involving weapons over these 5 years has also remained consistent – at 20-25%, ranging from 1.2 per 1,000 residents to 1.5 per 1,000 residents. The chart below shows the variation by jurisdiction. While Vallejo and Fairfield have the highest volume of calls, it is notable that Dixon has the highest proportion of calls involving a weapon.



The Maternal Infant Health Assessment for Solano County shows that nearly 7% of pregnant women experience intimate partner violence during pregnancy.

Mental Health

In 2020, about half (48%) of adults needed and received help for emotional/mental health problems or use of alcohol/drugs in Solano County.

The Maternal Infant Health Assessment for Solano County shows that about 16% of women with a live birth experienced prenatal or postpartum depressive symptoms.

How do we address the risks and reduce maltreatment?

In 2016, the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control published a [technical package](#) for policy, norm, and programmatic activities regarding two types of ACEs. The report stated that factors that protect or buffer children from being abused or neglected are known as protective factors. Supportive family environments and social networks consistently emerge as protective factors; however, other factors such as parental employment, adequate housing, and access to health care and social services may also serve to protect against child abuse and neglect. Unfortunately, no single factor tells the entire story about how and why child abuse and neglect occurs, and the risk and protective factors differ depending on the type of child abuse and neglect being studied.

This report identified five key strategies and different approaches (see image below) to prevent child abuse and neglect. **These include strategies where public health agencies can bring leadership and resources towards implementation efforts as well as strategies where public health agencies are more suited as collaborators while leadership and commitment from other sectors are critical.**

Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect	
Strategy	Approach
Strengthen economic supports to families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening household financial security • Family-friendly work policies
Change social norms to support parents and positive parenting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public engagement and education campaigns • Legislative approaches to reduce corporal punishment
Provide quality care and education early in life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool enrichment with family engagement • Improved quality of child care through licensing and accreditation
Enhance parenting skills to promote healthy child development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early childhood home visitation • Parenting skill and family relationship approaches
Intervene to lessen harms and prevent future risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced primary care • Behavioral parent training programs • Treatment to lessen harms of abuse and neglect exposure • Treatment to prevent problem behavior and later involvement in violence

In Solano County, there are many agencies and programs in place working to mitigate child abuse and neglect risk factors. There are countywide programs that work to strengthen the financial security of families, provide home visiting services, provide subsidized childcare and family supportive services. There are collaboratives that work on equity, ensure quality and availability of childcare, and implement public awareness campaigns among others. **To gain a better understanding of what is in place, and where our community’s needs are not being met, we undertook an asset mapping process specific to child abuse prevention.**

Asset Mapping

An asset mapping process was conducted in the fall of 2021 under the guidance of Strategies T.A. to identify existing resources and resource gaps. Asset Mapping was conducted in a community meeting setting in three consecutive sessions that included 35 representatives of 26 different organizations, and 4 community members. Using the framework of Primary Prevention and Universal Access to Strategies, the information collected was used to develop a listing of agencies and programs working in the prevention arena in Solano County. Although not all inclusive, over 65 programs or agencies are included in this summary listing, and they represent a broad range of program types and supports for families in Solano County. See Appendix B for the full list of programs and agencies.

Framework for Prevention of Child Maltreatment

Prevention efforts are generally recognized as occurring along three levels: primary prevention directed at the general population to prevent maltreatment before it occurs (universal), secondary prevention targeted to individuals or families in which maltreatment is more likely (high risk), and tertiary prevention and intervention targeted toward families in which maltreatment has already occurred (indicated). The ideal approach to prevention encompasses all three levels, which results in a comprehensive service framework focused on improving outcomes for children and families. The 2018 Family First Prevention Services Act encourages States to emphasize the importance of primary prevention services in particular.

Primary prevention

Primary prevention activities are directed at the general population and attempt to stop maltreatment before it occurs. All members of the community have access to and may benefit from these services. Primary prevention activities with a universal focus seek to raise the awareness of the general public, service providers, and decision-makers about the scope and problems associated with child maltreatment. Universal approaches to primary prevention might include:

- Public service announcements that encourage positive parenting
- Parent education programs and support groups that focus on child development, age-appropriate expectations, and the roles and responsibilities of parenting
- Family support and family strengthening programs that enhance the ability of families to access existing services, and resources to support positive interactions among family members
- Public awareness campaigns that provide information on how and where to report suspected child abuse and neglect

Participants in our asset mapping process identified agencies and programs that are already involved in primary prevention in Solano County. These included:

- The Child Abuse Prevention Council, charged with promoting public awareness of the abuse and neglect of children and the resources available for intervention and treatment.
- First 5 Solano Families and Children Commission provides resources and information to parents, caregivers and other community members about child development and parenting resources.
- The Local Child Care Planning Council works to ensure that childcare providers have essential information about child development and age-appropriate expectations, and work to increase access to quality childcare.
- Solano Kids Thrive provides countywide community awareness of Adverse Childhood Experiences, the protective factors and the importance of resilience.
- Family Resource Centers and other community-based organizations, like Catholic Charities of Yolo-Solano, Community Action North Bay, Shelter, Inc, across the county provide family support and strengthening services, helping families access the resources and services they need.

Secondary prevention

Secondary prevention activities with a high-risk focus are offered to populations that have one or more risk factors associated with child maltreatment, such as poverty, parental substance abuse, young parental age, parental mental health concerns, and parental or child disabilities. These services and resources strengthen individuals and families by building protective factors, which are conditions or attributes in individuals, families and communities that reduce or eliminate risk. Programs may target services for communities or neighborhoods that have a high incidence of any or all of these risk factors. Approaches to prevention programs that focus on high-risk populations might include:

- Parent education programs located in high schools, focusing on teen parents, or those within substance abuse treatment programs for mothers and families with young children
- Parent support groups that help parents deal with their everyday stresses and meet the challenges and responsibilities of parenting
- Home visiting programs that provide support and assistance to expecting and new mothers in their homes
- Respite care for families that have children with special needs
- Family resource centers that offer information and referral services to families living in low-income neighborhoods

- Basic needs assistance to ensure families have access to housing, utilities and other necessities.

In Solano, there are several programs targeted to those families that are at risk.

- Programs offered by Solano County include:
 - Nurse Family Partnership, an evidence-based community health home visiting program that provides long-term family improvements in health, education, and economic self-sufficiency.
 - BabyFirst Solano (Healthy Families America), a home visiting program that promotes positive parenting and child health and development, thereby preventing child abuse, neglect and other poor childhood outcomes
 - The Black Infant Health program provided by Solano County empowers Black and African American women, connecting them with the care and support needed to promote healthy behaviors during pregnancy and after birth.
- A variety of parenting education or group offerings help parents to better manage the stress and challenges of parenting. These include the Positive Parenting Program, Nurturing Parenting, Parent Project and Parent Cafes.
- Family resource centers work with families that are in crisis to help them meet their immediate needs, providing basic needs assistance, crucial resources and referrals to other agencies.
- Several community-based organizations are working to help families with basic needs, resources and referrals and accessing benefits. Collectively, they are providing this assistance countywide.

Tertiary prevention

Tertiary prevention activities focus on families where maltreatment has already occurred (indicated) and seek to reduce the negative consequences of the maltreatment and to prevent its recurrence. These prevention programs may include services such as:

- Intensive family preservation services with trained mental health counselors that are available to families 24 hours per day for a short period of time (e.g., 6 to 8 weeks)
- Parent mentor programs with stable, non-abusive families acting as "role models" and providing support to families in crisis
- Parent support groups that help parents transform negative practices and beliefs into positive parenting behaviors and attitudes
- Mental health services for children and families affected by maltreatment to improve family communication and functioning

In Solano County, there are several programs designed to mitigate the consequences of maltreatment and to prevent it from recurring.

- Mental health services are provided by Solano County Behavioral Health Division at clinics in Vacaville, Fairfield and Vallejo. These clinics provide mild to high-risk mental health services.
- Local community-based organizations like Child Haven, Aldea and Uplift Family Services provide mild to high-risk mental health services to families and children.
- Parent support groups like Triple P, Nurturing Parenting, Parent Project Jr and Parent Project Sr. are offered in Solano County by multiple agencies.
- Agencies like Safequest Solano and the Family Justice Center support victims of violence, providing services and resources to mitigate the effects of domestic violence and abuse.

Gaps and Barriers

At the conclusion of the Asset Mapping sessions, discussion turned to identifying the gaps in services related to strengthening families and preventing child maltreatment. The following are recommendations based on the gaps identified:

- **Increase access to services for substance use disorders, prevention, and intervention.** There were only a few substance use disorder services providers identified in the asset mapping process. The need is greater than the services available.
- **Increase staffing and service providers for mental health diagnosis and treatment.** Although several programs and providers were identified, those participating in the asset mapping process mentioned that there are not enough providers in those programs to serve all in need. There are waiting lists for services that are urgently needed.
- **Improve training for mandated reporters.** There is a state training that mandated reporters can participate in, but the request to have in-person, local mandated reporter trainings was raised repeatedly and is a need in our community that is not currently being met.
- **Increase supports for special needs communities.** There is limited support for families of children with special needs. Participants in the asset mapping process mentioned that some families have moved to other counties to receive services unavailable in Solano.
- **Ensure collaboratives involve faith-based organizations to extend reach of strategies.** Faith-based communities have large networks of members providing support to families in our communities.
- **Enhance training for first responders to be responsive to families with complex needs.** First responders are often the first to have contact with an individual or a family member with mental health issues but often are not trained to identify or deal with these complex issues.

Barriers to services that were identified in our asset mapping process included

- **Perception/Stigma:** The need to change how the public views those that access substance disorder or mental health services or other family support services they need.
- **Funding:** There is a marked lack of foundation funding in Solano County, so community services are not as rich as in nearby counties. It is also more difficult to sustain programs that are supporting families.
- **Language:** There are a large number of non-English speaking families and services, materials and programs are often not offered in the language needed.
- **Cultural Competence:** Our systems and service providers need to be sensitive to the populations that are being served.

Community Input

What is working well and what else is needed?

Focus Group

On February 18, 2022, we held a focus group in Fairfield, CA. The focus group took place in English and Spanish. The purpose of conducting the focus group was to seek input from community members regarding current county trends in child abuse and identify the most pressing child abuse prevention needs to address any gaps present in the systems within Solano County. Expanding on those needs participants were asked to identify why is this happening and the pandemic impact on trends of maltreatment, identify strategies that are working well to promote child and family safety and well-being and other strategies that could be implemented to address current needs and promote child and family safety.

Local community indicator data was analyzed to identify cities within the county with high concentrations of maltreatment allegations to target the family listening discussion sessions to those cities most impacted by child

abuse and neglect indicators. The areas identified for the family listening sessions were Fairfield and Vallejo. The Fairfield family listening session was held at the Armijo High-Parent Center. Most of those participating were female residents, ages 23-64 of multiple race/ethnicities. Most residents were from the 94533 and 94585 zip codes with a small representation from other zip codes in the County.

We scouted locations within the identified cities that could accommodate needs for technology and social distancing space, and that were convenient to residents. Despite extensive outreach to the Vallejo local schools, and centers to host a family listening session, the surge of Omicron variant during the month of January did not allow for the planning of an in-person family listening session in Vallejo. In the city of Fairfield, a local parent center conducted outreach to their target communities via emails, advertisement at parent council meetings, and personal invitations, using materials in both English and Spanish languages. The in-person family listening session was well attended with a total of 11 participants.

At the family listening session, attendees were provided the opportunity to hear about the CAPC needs assessment process, the purpose of the assessment and how the information gathered would be used to generate ideas to help identify how to address the most pressing child abuse prevention needs in Solano County. In addition to sharing community trends in key indicators on family safety and well-being (from the data dashboard), the attendees were provided a list of semi-structured set of questions to guide the discussion about the needs of Solano County (Focus group protocols can be viewed in Appendix C).

Participants in the community focus group helped to identify **issues facing low-income communities, including what resources are most critical in addressing these issues.**

- **Awareness and education** are needed to better educate the community about preventing child abuse and neglect. Community members described the importance and the need to “reach out to the community,” and “get the word out.” Many residents provided recommendations about locations for this type of outreach efforts- schools, churches, parks, community centers, doctor’s offices/hospitals, and booths at health fairs were all mentioned. In addition, suggestions for this education included the following:
 - Create flyers that are culturally responsive to families to provide information about child abuse and neglect prevention, without provoking a defensive reaction from the recipient.
 - Disseminate the Child Abuse Hotline Number so that people have the necessary information on what to do when they become aware of any kind of abuse.
 - Provide education to children so that they can distinguish appropriate from inappropriate touching and know how to get help if they are being maltreated. This was an important and critical opportunity described by community members.
 - Provide information to the community to help individuals recognize the signs and symptoms of abuse and then how to report suspicion of child abuse and neglect.
 - Address the concerns of parents who believe that CWS (Child Welfare System) will become involved if they discipline their child in any way.
- **Mental health services for children, adolescents, and parents** were identified by community members as a prevention opportunity. Participants did acknowledge that a lot of progress has been achieved with existing strategies, such as the co-location of wellness centers at various school sites throughout the seven school districts, stigma reduction efforts, and increased outreach efforts through the Solano Innovations Project. This area was still noted as needing significant change and community investment. Participants also suggested the following:
 - Develop culturally appropriate outreach materials to increase mental health awareness, screening, and education.
 - Integrate mental health education into primary care settings.

- Increase Med-Cal reimbursement rates so more mental health providers accept Medi-Cal insurance.
- Improve the community system of care and referral process.
- **Substance abuse and on-going treatment (rehabilitation facilities)** was a top concern among community members. This issue was considered separate from Tobacco. Participants mentioned that most rehabilitation facilities only take private insurance, and not all insurance covers these services. There was no discussion of any existing strategies. The following suggestions were mentioned by some participants:
 - Support accessible, family-centered treatment services for substance abuse and mental illness.
 - Peer mentors for teens.
 - Integrate education about parenting and child development into the program as much as possible.
- **Transitional housing for teens** was mentioned as an issue in Solano County. Existing shelters do not house teens. Unaccompanied homeless youth are placed in motels for a couple of nights as emergency housing to keep youth safe, but the ability to do this depends on the agency that is working with homeless teens.
- **Basic needs assistance** was mentioned as an issue; there are many working poor families who exceed the threshold for support services and are not receiving assistance from government programs. There has been a recent influx of food availability, rental, and utilities assistance due to COVID-19 relief measures through local schools, food pantries, and donations to local organizations, but as these funds are depleted or expire, parents will have a harder time to provide most basic needs for their family.
- **Bilingual services** for Spanish-speaking families are needed to ensure that services and supports are accessible. Prevention materials should be written in the language(s) of target population(s) and to the extent possible, program staff members should receive cultural sensitivity training.

Strategies that are working:

- **Family Resource Centers** provide services in a family-centered approach that is responsive to the individual needs of children and their families, rooted in the child’s community or neighborhood and sensitive to cultural differences.
- **Wellness centers** were mentioned as successful strategies to reach more students when sites do not have mental health counselors Monday through Friday. It was noted though, that parents can’t receive services at the Wellness Centers. This represents an opportunity for expanding support services in the community.

Other strategies that could be implemented:

- Services to support refugees and undocumented young students, parents, and blended families.
- Creation of culturally appropriate outreach materials.
- Cultural and linguistic sensitivity training for service providers.
- Community engagement.
- Housing Resources.
- Co-locating services at centralized locations.

“Placing staff from various agencies at the same location (e.g., placing substance abuse treatment staff in schools, FRCs (Family Resource Centers)) improves collaboration and can help ensure that support services are easily accessible.”

-PARENT

Overall, participants identified access to mental health and assistance with basic needs as those areas having made the most progress in the last couple of years. However, they did not want to lose the momentum in those areas and, therefore, continued to identify them as high priorities.

Key Informant Interviews

We conducted 13 key informant interviews to speak with professionals and community members who can review current county trends in child abuse and identify the most pressing child abuse prevention needs to address any gaps present in these systems within Solano County. Expanding on those needs, we also requested input to identify why this is happening, what can be done to change these outcomes, and delineate strategies to address unmet needs. These key informant interviews took place virtually with services providers from across the county. Thirteen individual key informant interviews were conducted in Solano County; interviewees represented 8 public and 5 not for profit agencies. Most key informants were from the cities of Fairfield and Vallejo. Of note, at least one participant from each of the other five cities participated as key informants.

The following summarizes the most pressing child abuse prevention needs and how the pandemic has impacted trends of maltreatment and family needs for Solano County, as identified in 2022 by providers, faith-based leaders, law enforcement and other local experts and community members (“key informants”). These findings are a critical component of the overall community needs assessment commissioned by the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Solano in partnership with Applied Survey Research. The community needs assessment incorporates input from professionals who can speak broadly about what systems are doing to promote child safety and well-being, as well as any gaps present in the systems within Solano County.

Key informants in Solano County were identified based on their experience with community engagement, sustained connections to residents receiving services through their agencies, community connections within the respective cities, as well as their agency’s role in preventing child abuse and neglect. The interviews were conducted virtually by the CAPC coordinator. The interviewer used a standard interview script (See Appendix D) that included the following questions:

- What are the causes of child maltreatment? How has the pandemic impacted trends of maltreatment, and family needs?
- What are the existing strategies to address the issue?
- What are some strategies that could be implemented to address those needs and promote child and family safety?
- What are the top three strategies we should implement to prevent child maltreatment in Solano County?
- Do you have any recommendations to improve the way systems/agencies work together to promote child and family safety and well-being?

During each interview, informants were made aware of the CAPC needs assessment process and that responses would be shared with general CAPC members for analysis and to generate ideas to help identify what systems are doing to promote child safety and well-being, as well as any gaps present in the systems within Solano County.

What are the causes of child maltreatment? How has the pandemic impacted trends of maltreatment, and family needs?

The pandemic has exacerbated factors that contribute to child maltreatment according to all informants. For parents, quarantines, and stay-at-home orders in the first year of the pandemic led to high rates of unemployment, difficulties in relationships, increased rates of depression, and overwhelming stress for all family members.

Significant economic challenges emerged as an important topic related to the causes of child maltreatment, often as a risk factor for child abuse neglect. All key informants identified the pandemic as a problem impacting family stability and wellness. In addition, other issues like socioeconomic status, unemployment, and homelessness were also mentioned. Isolation during the pandemic, housing, stress, mental health illness, drug abuse, low education, discrimination, immigration, scarce resources, and crime were also noted as tied to abuse and neglect. This overlaps with some key informants’ responses about disparities related to socioeconomic status being a concern for maltreatment in Solano County across topic areas.

“The pandemic further amplified difficulties for everybody, because even those individuals that had access to things like health care and other resources have had a tough time.”

-COMMUNITY LEADER, CBO

Below is a list of other factors impacting trends of maltreatment and family needs that were mentioned by key informants during the interviews:

- Unaffordable housing
- Unaffordable childcare (Rio Vista and Dixon)
- Lack of resources (not enough resources for families)
- Unemployment
- No pre-school (Rio Vista and Dixon do not have Head Start Pre-school Programs)
- Isolation
- Increase in substance abuse (youth using more alcohol, prescription pills, and marijuana)
- Lack of shelters (no transportation to get to those cities that have shelter)
- Homelessness
- Generational trauma
- Increase in domestic violence (more referrals during pandemic)
- Transportation (ferries in Rio Vista have been out of order since January, 40 families residing on Ryer Island depend on this mode of transportation to get groceries, medical attention, and schools)
- Fear of Covid-19

“The inability to provide basic needs creates desperation in the families and that’s when bad choices are made and perpetuates the abuse in the families, lineage, and community.”

-COMMUNITY LEADER, CBO

What assets are available in Solano County to address family needs during the Pandemic? What is working well right now to promote child and family safety and well-being?

Countywide family resource centers (FRC): Key informants (many) listed having an FRC in their city as an asset in their community. In Solano County, FRC services vary widely based on funding and community needs, but typically include some combination of the following: Parenting classes, substance abuse prevention, mental health services, housing support, crisis intervention services, literacy programs, and concrete supports such as food, rental assistance, assistance with utilities, clothes closet, and assistance with filing for unemployment and other public benefits. While there are other programs that may provide some of the services listed above, FRCs

are distinct in that they are uniquely community-focused, driven by family needs, and offer a variety of programs and resources.

Virtual platforms: During COVID-19 and beyond, virtual platforms have been listed as an asset to address family needs, according to many key informants. The most commonly mentioned benefits include increased access to benefits, improved convenience, and flexibility for parents to engage in services.

Faith-based community: Key informants listed faith-based organizations as vital community assets that have a long history of caring for the most vulnerable in Solano County. Given their aligned values of supporting families, faith-based organizations have established trust and fostered relationships through all seven cities in Solano County. St. Vincent De Paul, Calvary Church, City Church, The Father’s House, and Casa de Oración were mentioned as faith-based organizations providing concrete supports to families in crisis. Key informants also mentioned that when these organizations collaborate with local FRCs they can help stabilize a family before it becomes involved with Child Protective Services.

Networking among family resource centers, community-based organizations, school districts, school programs, school-community partnerships, and parent-teacher organizations were mentioned as assets by key informants. Existing strategies (wellness centers, school-based mental health services, and Parent Cafés) were noted as a point of contact for a large portion of the population (both students and parents).

Wellness Centers, co-located at various school sites throughout the county, were listed as an asset to address children and youth mental health issues. Informants also identified a network of clinics, community programs and providers that address mental health for adults, children, families, and specific populations (Latinos and LGBTQ+). Many agencies have internal referral strategies or services to address the continuum of care across the community.

What are some strategies that could be implemented to address those needs and promote child and family safety? What are the top three strategies we should implement to prevent child maltreatment in Solano County?

Increased education and awareness emerged as a need to promote child and family safety. Community members identified both an increased understanding of what child abuse is, how to identify it and how to report it and positive parenting education as crucial strategies to promote child safety and preventing maltreatment.

“Parent education classes for adults to gain understanding of the general principles of discipline, care and supervision”.

-SOLANO COUNTY STAFF MEMBER

In-person mandated reporter training for school staff and other mandated reporters is a strategy that was identified. Informants shared that the 2-4 hours of online training courses are not as effective as in person training and new teachers do not feel confident about reporting maltreatment. In person trainings provide the opportunity for questions and answers and increase the understanding of appropriate reporting and outcomes.

Health literacy emerged as a challenge to reducing child abuse and neglect. Informants identified that materials currently used by many programs are too complex and not easily comprehended by some target audiences. They identified the need for coordinated strategies to deliver clear and concise messages to improve the understanding of child abuse and neglect educational materials, as well as other health materials overall (mental health was mentioned).

Social media and marketing were discussed as strategies that could be used to promote child and family safety. Informants stated that social media is best used for general public awareness and education around child maltreatment across all socioeconomic and geographic areas of Solano County.

Mental health and substance use disorder emerged as the most discussed issue by key informants. The interviewees felt that additional funds and providers are needed to address mental health issues.

“I have given up talking about mental health disparities in Solano County.”

-FAITH BASED LEADER

Many informants agreed that there is limited access to mental health care and substance use disorder treatment for children, adolescents, and adults. The need for expanded and more accessible substance use disorder treatment is especially important in view of the overlap between substance use disorder and child maltreatment. Healthcare coverage, age and culturally appropriate outreach and programs (especially for target populations) to increase mental health awareness, screening, penetration rates and education to reduce

stigma were suggested as potential strategies to address this issue. Community education, for the public and professionals who encounter individuals with mental health concerns, could increase understanding of and compassion for individuals struggling with these illnesses. Key informants also mentioned addressing specific needs of those with mental illness (such as housing).

Below are other strategies key informants mentioned to help promote child and family safety.

- Affordable Housing
- Uplift community voices/Informal support
- Immigration support

Do you have any recommendations to improve the way systems/agencies work together to promote child and family safety and well-being?

Involve the faith-based community to increase community involvement in the prevention of child abuse. In Solano County, many faith-based organizations are providing supports to families that are struggling to meet their basic needs and provide spiritual guidance to help address other family stressors. Their inclusion in collaboratives and programs to support families will expand the reach of existing and new strategies implemented.

“Leaders must add value in the community. If you do not see value in the community, you are not going to invest in it, to not do that you are being counterproductive. Invest back in the community that births you. Find the value in your community”

-COMMUNITY LEADER

“People who are higher up in the system are not collaborating and thinking about the kids. They (kids) are the most important part of the future and need our support to get their education, so they can get out of the generational life of poverty. We need to help them and that starts with collaboration.”

- EDUCATOR

Increase interagency collaboration was recommended by many key informants. Placing offices or staff from various agencies at the same location improves collaboration and can help ensure that supports and services are accessible to families. Beyond co-location, collaboration and coordination of services can increase access and reduce confusion among those being served.

Home Visit Recipient Survey

In July 2020, First 5 Solano Families and Children Commission and the Solano County Public Health Department hired Applied Survey Research to develop a Solano County Home Visiting Coordination Environmental Scan Data Compendium. For this compendium, Applied Survey Research distributed a survey to home visiting programs to share with their clients. Survey respondents were current or former clients of Healthy Families America programs, including CalWORKs and Black Infant Health, Early Head Start, Nurse Family Partnership, Road to Resilience, and Public Health District Nursing. The survey asked respondents about how COVID-19 affected them or their families and about their experiences receiving home visiting services. Respondents received a tote bag, thermometer, hand sanitizer, and children’s book to thank them for their participation. **The survey results were summarized and compiled by Applied Survey Research into an interactive online data dashboard** (Solano Home Visiting Family Survey dashboard: [click here](#)).

Key Findings

Survey Sample

90 parents/caregivers participated in the survey.

- About one-quarter were under 25 years old, 30% were 25-29, and 48% were 35 or older.
- 99% identified as a woman.
- 46% identified as Latinx, 33% as Black, 6% as White, and 14% as multiracial/other.
- 75% spoke English as their preferred language and 25% spoke Spanish.
- 54% had high school education or less.
- 69% earned less than \$35,000 per year.

Family Stressors, Including Effects of COVID-19

- 41% identified as a single parent/caregiver.
- 29% did not have their own permanent residence (i.e., they were staying with friends or family, in a shelter or transitional housing program, or in a car, park, or other public place).
- 67% were currently unemployed.

The most commonly reported effects of COVID-19 on participants included:

- Worries that a family member might get COVID-19 at their job (reported by 36% of the sample)
- Reduced wages/income (30%)
- Less frequent visits with their home visitor (28%)
- Temporary job loss (25%)
- Feelings of social isolation and loneliness (25%)

- Worries about managing child behavior (15%)

Home Visiting Service, Duration, Frequency, and Preferred Method

- 63% of the sample had received home visiting services for over 6 months.
- 44% received home visiting services at least once per week.
- 63% were at least moderately comfortable with resuming in-person visits, 27% were 'a little' comfortable, and 10% were not at all comfortable.
- 48% preferred to continue virtual visits even if in-person visits were permitted, 18% did not want to continue virtual visits, and 33% had no preference.
- For virtual visits, 35% preferred phone, 33% preferred video calls, and 32% had no preference.
- 93% reported having reliable Internet and a device for video calls.

Home Visiting Service Satisfaction

Approximately 9 in 10 participants agreed or strongly agreed that...

- Their home visitor speaks to them in a language they can understand.
- Their home visitor provides materials that represent their race, language, and culture.
- Their home visitor respects and understands their culture and beliefs.
- Their home visitor spends enough time with them each visit.
- Their home visitor taught them useful parenting skills.
- As a result of home visiting, they feel more confident in managing stress.

Home Visiting Service Coordination

33% of participants said they had been contacted by other agencies to receive services. Of those who had been contacted by other agencies...

- 10% said they had experienced confusion or uncertainty when contacted by other agencies.
- 13% had concerns about their information being shared with other agencies.
- 23% reported difficulty accessing other services.
- 67% said that their home visitor was aware that they had been contacted by other agencies for services.
- 93% said their home visitor helped them access other services.

18% said they had received the same kind of services from multiple agencies at once. Of those receiving services from multiple agencies,

- 24% said that the agencies communicated with one another,
- 32% said they did not, and
- 44% said they were not sure.

Recommendations

Based on the survey responses, home visiting programs and other agencies in the early childhood system of care might consider the following recommendations:

- Address the most common effects of COVID-19 by providing or linking families to employment, financial, and basic needs supports; social connection opportunities; and education on positive parenting strategies.
- Continue to offer virtual visits for families who are uncomfortable with returning to in-person visits or simply prefer virtual visits.
- Continue to offer culturally responsive services and services that support families' parenting needs and overall well-being.

- Continue to provide referral assistance to ensure that families linked to other agencies understand and are able to access services from those agencies.
- Develop information sharing agreements between agencies that share clients so they can better communicate and coordinate with one another.

Next Steps to Create a Countywide Prevention Plan

All the information gathered from this Needs Assessment will be reviewed by the Solano CAPC, Child Welfare Services and others participating in the development of Solano's countywide child abuse prevention plan. This information will be used to describe the drivers of child maltreatment, identify strategies or activities in relation to those drivers, and assist with prioritizing resources during the prevention planning process.

APPENDICES

Solano CAPC Needs Assessment List of Indicators and Sources

Category	Indicator	Analysis	Source	Time Period	Location	Subgroups
Outcomes						
Maltreatment Allegations	Maltreatment allegation rate per 1,000 children	Solano County compared to California, trend over time	CCWIP	2016 2017 2018 2019 2020	County State	Age Race/ Ethnicity Type of allegation
Substantiated Maltreatment & Child Deaths	Substantiated maltreatment allegation rate per 1,000 children	Solano County compared to California, trend over time	CCWIP	2016 2017 2018 2019 2020	County State	Age Race/ Ethnicity Type of allegation
		Zip Code distribution	CPS; Rate per 1,000 calculated with Census data .	2020	Zip Code	
	Number of child abuse and neglect deaths	Zip Code distribution	CPS; Rate per 1,000 calculated with Census data .	2020	Zip Code	
	Disparity rates for substantiated allegations	Solano County compared to California, trend over time	CCWIP	2016 2017 2018 2019 2020	County State	Race/ Ethnicity
Foster Care	Foster care entry rate per 1,000 children	Solano County compared to California, trend over time	CCWIP	2016 2017 2018 2019 2020	County State	Age Race/ Ethnicity
		Zip Code distribution	CPS; Rate per 1,000 calculated with Census data .	2020	Zip Code	
Population						
Race/Ethnicity	Population by race/ethnicity	Solano County compared to California, trend over time	2019 ACS 1-year Estimates	2015 2016 2017 2018 2019	County State	Age
		Zip Code distribution	2019 ACS 5-year Estimates	2015- 2019	Zip Code	

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Risk Factors						
Risk Factors for Children	Percent of children with special health care needs	Solano County compared to California	KidsData	2016-2019	County State	
	Percent of children enrolled in special education	Solano County compared to California, trend over time	DataQuest	2015 2016 2017 2018 2019	County State	
	Percent of children living in poverty	Solano County compared to California, trend over time	2019 ACS 1-year Estimates	2015 2016 2017 2018 2019	County State	Age
		Zip Code distribution	2019 ACS 5-year Estimates	2015-2019	Zip Code	Age
	Percent of children with Adverse Experiences (parent reported) – 2 or more ACEs	Solano County compared to California	KidsData	2016-2019	County State	
Risk Factors for Adults/Families	Educational attainment	Zip Code distribution	2019 ACS 5-year Estimates	2015-2019	Zip Code County	
	Unemployment	Zip Code distribution	2019 ACS 5-year Estimates	2015-2019	Zip Code County	
	Percent of women who consumed alcohol in the 3 rd trimester	Solano County compared to California	Maternal and Infant Health Assessment	2013-14	County State	
	Percent of women who smoked cigarettes in the 3 rd trimester	Solano County compared to California	Maternal and Infant Health Assessment	2013-14	County State	
Domestic Violence	Domestic violence-related calls for assistance rate per 1,000 adults	Solano County compared to California, trend over time	CA DOJ Calculate rate with Population Statistics	2016 2017 2018 2019 2020	City County State	Weapons involved
		City distribution	CA DOJ	2020	City	
	Percent of pregnant women who experienced IPV (Intimate Partner Violence) during pregnancy	Solano County compared to California	Maternal and Infant Health Assessment	2013-14	County State	
Mental Health Indicators	Percent of adults needing and receiving mental health care	Solano County compared to California, trend over time	CHIS	2016 2017 2018 2019 2020	County State	
	Percent of women with a live birth who experienced prenatal depressive symptoms	Solano County compared to California	Maternal and Infant Health Assessment	2013-14	County State	

Category	Indicator	Analysis	Source	Time Period	Location	Subgroups
	Percent of women with a live birth who experienced postpartum depressive symptoms	Solano County compared to California	Maternal and Infant Health Assessment	2013-14	County State	

Solano CAPC Asset Mapping List

Primary	Secondary	Tertiary	Program Name	Agency Name	Address	Contact Name/Number	Email	Website	Services
Councils and Collaboratives on Issues related to Child Abuse Maltreatment									
X			Solano Child Care Planning Council	Solano County Office of Education	5100 Business Center Drive Fairfield CA 94534	Bronwyn Kennedy (707)399-4452	bkennedy@solanocoe.net		Education and outreach on importance of childcare in preventing child abuse.
X			Solano Kids Thrive	Solano County Office of Education	5100 Business Center Drive Fairfield CA 94534	Lisa Eckhoff (707) 399-4407	leckhoff@solanocoe.net	www.solanocounty.com/depts/first5/our_programs/solano_kids_thrive.asp	Resilience screenings; ACEs awareness
X			Solano County Child Abuse Prevention Council	Children's Network	827 Missouri Street, Suite 5 Fairfield CA 94533	Zoila Perez-Sanchez (707)421-7229	Zperez-sanchez@childnet.org	www.childnet.org/capc	Child abuse prevention outreach and education
X			Solano FRC Network	Children's Network	827 Missouri Street, Suite 5 Fairfield CA 94533	Zoila Perez-Sanchez (707)421-7229	Zperez-sanchez@childnet.org	www.childnet.org/family-resource-centers	Countywide city-based outreach and education to parents and caregivers
X			Healthy Solano Collaborative	Solano County Health & Social Services	275 Beck Avenue MS 5-240 Fairfield CA 94533		HealthySolano@SolanoCounty.com		Sharing information and resources for community members and providers countywide.
X			Alcohol & Drug Advisory Board	Solano County Health & Social Services-Substance Abuse Services	2101 Courage Drive MS 10-1000 Fairfield, CA 94533	(707)784-2225	AADAB@solanocounty.com	www.solanocounty.com	Ensures that community needs are met regarding substance related issues through prevention, early intervention, treatment, and ongoing recovery.
X			Drug Safe Solano	Touro University, CA			tuc.drugsafesolano@tu.edu	http://www.drugsafesolano.org/	Working closely with other partners to empower communities to respond to the challenges of the opiate epidemic
X	X	X	NAMI Solano (National Alliance On Mental Illness)	NAMI Solano County	P.O. Box 3334 Fairfield, CA 94533	Office: (707)438-9510 (707)422-7792 (not a crisis line) Resource Line: (707)438-9510	info@namisolano.org	namisolano.org	NAMI Solano County provides awareness and education around mental health issues.

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Early Learning and Childcare									
X	X		Vallejo First 5 Center	First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission	3375 Sonoma Blvd Ste #10 Vallejo, CA 94590	(707)784-1332		www.solanocounty.com/depts/first5/default.asp	Outreach and education on child development and expectations; parenting education.
X	X		CalWORKS Child Care Program, California Alternative Payment Program, Child Care Resource and Referral	Solano Family & Children's Services	421 Executive Ct N A, Fairfield, CA 94534	(707) 863-3950		https://solanofamily.org/	Provides childcare referral services; assists clients with accessing subsidized childcare.
X			Pre-K Academies	Dixon Unified School District Anderson Elementary	415 E C Street Dixon CA 95620	Maria Luquin (707)693-6300 x 8027	maria.luquin@dixonusd.org	https://solanocounty.com/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=34788	Summer Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) Academies provide quality early childhood education for children entering Kindergarten who have not previously attended preschool or can benefit from additional preparation prior to starting school. Pre-K Academies provide children who lack prior preschool experience the opportunity to develop the needed social and academic skills to be successful as they enter kindergarten.
X				Rio Delta Unified School District - DH White School	500 Elm Way Rio Vista, CA	Nicholas Casey (707)374-5335	ncasey@rdusd.org		
X				Vacaville Unified School District	401 Nut Tree Road Vacaville CA 95687	Ryan Galles (707)453-6111	RyanG@VUSD.Solanocoe.k12.ca.us		
X				Fairfield Adult School	900 Travis Blvd. Fairfield, CA 94533	Stacy Bouchard (707) 422-7106	stacybo@fsusd.org	www.fsusd.org	
X				Fairfield Suisun Unified School District Cleo Gordon Elementary	1950 Dover Avenue Fairfield, CA 94533	Tina Ahn (707)399-5064	tinaa@fsusd.org CourtneyL@fsusd.org CorieB@fsusd.org	www.fsusd.org	
X				Fairfield Suisun Unified School District David Weir	1975 Pennsylvania Ave, Fairfield	Tina Ahn (707)399-5064	tinaa@fsusd.org	www.fsusd.org	
X				Solano County Office of Education	300 Stanford Drive Vallejo	Bronwyn Kennedy (707)399-4452	bkennedy@solanocoe.net		

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X				Vallejo City Unified School District Steffan Manor Elementary	815 Cedar Street Vallejo, CA	Manuela Jacques (707)556-8921, Ext. 50210	mjacques@vcusd.org		
X				Vallejo City Unified School District Patterson Elementary	1080 Porter Street Vallejo, CA	Manuela Jacques (707)556-8921, Ext. 50210	mjacques@vcusd.org		
X				Benicia Unified School District-Robert Semple	East 3rd Street Benicia	Erica Dudley (707)747-8367	edudley@beniciaunified.org	beniciaunified.org	
Special Needs									
X	X	X	Family Empowerment Center	Matrix Parent Network +Resource Center	2400 Las Gallinas Avenue Suite 115 San Rafael, CA 94903	General (415) 884-3535 (se habla español) Helpline: (800)578-2592 (se habla español)	info@matrixparents.org helpline@matrixparents.org	www.matrixparents.org	Serving families of children and young adults with disabilities, ages 3 – 22, and families of infants and toddlers, ages 0 – 3 . Provides 1–1 Assistance, Trainings & Workshops, Clinical Services, Support Groups, Resources & Referrals
	X			ZMB Consulting Services, Inc.	P.O. Box 273 Benicia CA 94510	Dr. Zoe Bartholomew (707)750-5775	info@drbehave.org	www.drbehave.org	IEP support, advocacy and resources
	X			North Bay Regional Center	610 Airpark Road Napa CA 94558	Solano County Office Tele (707) 256-1100 TDD (707) 257-0213		www.nbrc.net	Supports persons with developmental disabilities; provides early start services for children ages 0-36 months.
Youth Development and Support									
	X	X		CASA of Solano County	600 Union Ave Fairfield CA 94533	Candy Pierce (707)421-2272		casasolano.org	Ensures children under the protection of the court have an advocate. Provides child abuse prevention education and awareness.
	X		Police Activities League	City of Vacaville		Judith Franco (707)449-1859		www.vacavillepal.com	Builds bonds between cops and kids by encouraging

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									positive interactions through a variety of enriching activities.
	X		Police Activities League	City of Fairfield	2250 North Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533	(707)422-6288		www.fsusd.org/domain/3688	Offers teens a safe environment, supports working families and helps students achieve by giving them opportunities right now.
X			Solano Youth Coalition	Solano County Office of Education	5100 Business Center Drive Fairfield, CA 94534	(707) 399-4400		www.solanocoe.net/solanoyouthcoalition	Builds partnerships for positive and healthy youth development which engage youth as active leaders and resources in their communities.
X			Youth Program	Voices Solano	646 Tennessee Street Vallejo, CA 94590	(707) 917-5904		www.voicesyouthcenter.org	Support and safety, comprehensive education, employment, health, and housing services.
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion									
X			Solano Diversity & Equity Collaborative	Solano County Health & Social Services Behavioral Health Division	275 Beck Avenue MS 5-240 Fairfield CA 94533	(707)784-4931		www.solanocounty.com	Intended to increase both the access to and the provision of mental health services to under-served populations living in Solano County, and to better meet the cultural and linguistic needs of all consumers served.
X			County Advancing Racial Equity Team	Solano County Health & Social Services	275 Beck Avenue MS 5-240 Fairfield CA 94533		equity@solanocounty.com	www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/quality_improvement_program/advancing_racial_equity_in_solano_county.asp	Tools, resources and trainings to address racial equity
Prenatal & Parenting Support Programs									
X			Child Support Services	Solano County Child Support Services	675 Texas St, Ste 5700 Fairfield CA 94533	(866)901-3212	childsupport@solanocounty.com	www.solanocounty.com/depts/dcscs/	Promote parental responsibility to enhance the well-being of children by providing child support services to establish parentage and collect child support.

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	X		Black Infant Health	Solano County Maternal Child & Adolescent Health		(877)680-2229		www.babyfirstsolano.com	The Black Infant Health (BIH) program aims to improve health among African-American mothers and babies by empowering pregnant and mothering African-American women to make healthy choices for a brighter future.
	X		Healthy Families Solano	Solano County Maternal Child & Adolescent Health	275 Beck Avenue MS 5-240 Fairfield CA 94533	(877)680-2229		www.babyfirstsolano.com	A national evidence-based program that provides home visiting services during pregnancy and up to 3 years after the birth of the baby. HFS aims to promote positive parenting and child health and development by building protective factors to enhance family functioning.
	X		Nurse Family Partnership	Solano County Maternal Child & Adolescent Health	275 Beck Avenue MS 5-240 Fairfield CA 94533	(877)680-2229		www.babyfirstsolano.com	NFP provides home visits from registered nurses; low-income, first-time moms receive care and support they need to have a healthy pregnancy, provide responsible and competent care for their children and become more economically self-sufficient.
	x	X	Solano Family Justice Center (SFJC)	Solano Family Justice Center	604 Empire Street Fairfield, CA 94533	(707) 784-7635 AFTER HOURS CRISIS LINE: 1-866-487-7233		www.solanocounty.com/stoptheviolence	SFJC provides assistance with filling out restraining order applications, go with you to support you during your court appearance and help you to access other needed services.

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x	x	X	Rape Crisis Center and Domestic Violence	SafeQuest Solano	1261 Travis Blvd., Ste. 230 Fairfield, CA 94533	(707)422-7345 24/7 Confidential Crisis Line (866)487-7233	x	www.safequestsolano.org	Provides prevention education, advocacy, and intervention services to those affected by domestic violence and sexual assault.
X	X	X	Public Health Nursing	Solano County Maternal Child & Adolescent Health	275 Beck Avenue MS 5-240 Fairfield CA 94533	(877)680-2229		www.babyfirstsolano.com	Provides nurse home visiting services to Solano County residents of all ages, with a focus on mother/baby visits. Nurses cover pregnancy and postpartum health, breastfeeding assistance, newborn bonding and child development.
Parent Education and Support									
X	X	X	Triple P	Child Haven	801 Empire St Fairfield CA 94533	Nichol Alcantra (707)425-5744		www.child-haven.org/parental-education	Triple P-Positive Parenting Program (Levels 3&4)
X				Child Start, Inc.	439 Devlin Rd Napa CA 94558	Andrea Calderon (707)252-8931 ext 2019		www.childstartinc.org	Triple P-Positive Parenting Program (Levels 2)
X	X	X		Rio Vista CARE	628 Montezuma St, Rio Vista CA 94571	Zaida Mungaray (707)374-5243		www.riovistacare.orgservices	Triple P-Positive Parenting Program (Levels 3 & 4)
X	X			Parents By Choice		Dottie Nicholson (707)689-4497		www.solanotriplep.com	Triple P-Positive Parenting Program (Levels 2, 3, & 4 Teen & Co-Parenting)
X				Catholic Charities Yolo-Solano	125 Corporate Pl #A, Vallejo CA 94590	Charlene Blount (707)644-8909		www.ccyoso.org/wellness	Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) (Levels 2)
X	X			Solano Family & Children Services	421 Executive Court North Fairfield CA 94534	Carli Cardwell (844)501-5437		www.solanofamily.org	Triple P-Positive Parenting Program (Level 3)
X	X	X		First 5 Center	3375 Sonoma Blvd #10 Vallejo CA	Veronica Ledesma (707)784-1232	VallejoFirstCenter@gmail.com	www.solanocounty.com	Triple P-Positive Parenting Program (Levels 2, 3 & 4)
X		X		FSUSD Adult School		Stacy Bouchard (707)438-2661		www.fsusd.org	Triple P-Positive Parenting Program (Level 4 Group)
X				FSUSD Family Resource Center	Anna Kyle Elementary 1600 Kidder Ave Fairfield CA 94533	Marbeya Ellis (707)438-2661		www.fsusd.org	Triple P-Positive Parenting Program (Levels 2)

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X	X	X	Nurturing Fathers Program	Fighting Back Partnership	505 Santa Clara St, Vallejo CA 94590	(707)648-5230		www.fight-back.org	An evidence - based, 13-week training course designed to teach parenting and nurturing skills to men.
X	X		Parent Cafes	Solano Family & Children Services	421 Executive Court North Fairfield CA 94534	(707)863-3950		www.solanofamily.org	Parent café process to support programs and communities in engaging parents, building protective factors, and promoting deep individual self-reflection and peer-to-peer learning. Parent Cafés are based on the principles of adult learning and family support as a gateway to providing parent leadership opportunities.
X	X			FSUSD	2195 Union Avenue Fairfield, CA 94533	Holli Collins (707) 399-4330	HollyCo@fsusd.org	www.fsusd.org	Parent café process to support programs and communities in engaging parents, building protective factors, and promoting deep individual self-reflection and peer-to-peer learning. Parent Cafés are based on the principles of adult learning and family support as a gateway to providing parent leadership opportunities.
X	X		Parent Project	Police Activity League	1000 Kentucky Street Fairfield, CA 94533	(707)428-7327		https://parentproject.com /	A 10-to-16-week program designed for parents raising difficult or out-of-control adolescent children, ages 10 and up. Also designed for classroom use, “Changing Destructive Adolescent Behavior” provides concrete, no-nonsense solutions to even the most destructive of adolescent behaviors.

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X	X		Parent Project Jr. Parent Project Sr.	Police Activity League	660 Merchant Street Vacaville, CA 95688	(707)449-5200		www.ci.vacaville.ca.us	A 10-to-16-week program designed for parents raising difficult or out-of-control adolescent children, ages 10 and up. Also designed for classroom use, "Changing Destructive Adolescent Behavior" provides concrete, no-nonsense solutions to even the most destructive of adolescent behaviors.
Basic Needs and Resources									
X	X		Family Resource Centers	Healthy Start FRCs	Anna Kyle Elementary 1600 Kidder Ave Fairfield CA 94533 Cleo Gordon Elementary 1950 Dover Avenue Fairfield, CA 94533 Suisun Elementary 725 Golden Eye Way, Suisun City, CA 94585	Marbeya Ellis (707)421-3224	MarbeyaE@fsusd.org	www.fsusd.org	Provides a range of services to strengthen and support families.
X	X			Vacaville FIRST FRC	650 Merchant St Vacaville CA 95688	Paula Ledoux (707)469-6600		www.ci.vacaville.ca.us/business/family-resource-center	Provides a range of services to strengthen and support families.
X	X			Dixon Family Services	155 N 2nd Street, Dixon CA 95620	Cookie Powel (707)678-0442		www.dixonfs.org	Provides a range of services to strengthen and support families.
X	X			Benicia FRC	150 East K Street, Benicia CA 94510	Kendall Lara (707)746-4352		www.ci.benicia.ca.us	Provides a range of services to strengthen and support families.
X	X			Rio Vista CARE	628 Montezuma St, Rio Vista CA 94571	Zaida Mungaray (707)374-5243		www.riovistacare.org	Provides a range of services to strengthen and support families.
X	X			Fighting Back Partnership	505 Santa Clara St, Vallejo CA 94590	Jamie Powel (707)648-5230		www.fight-back.org	Provides a range of services to strengthen and support families.

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X	X		Food Pantry	Catholic Charities of Yolo-Solano	125 Corporate Pl #A, Vallejo CA 94590	(707)644-8909		https://www.ccyoso.org/	Provides food access, housing assistance, counseling, and immigration legal services
X	X		St. Vincent de Paul Society Conferences	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church		(707)422-5209		https://olmcfairfield.org/st-vincent-de-paul-society	Food pantry, assistance with utilities, other assistance based on need, and funds.
X	X	Holy Spirit Catholic Church		1070 North Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533	(707)425-3138		holyspiritfairfield.org	Food pantry, assistance with utilities, other assistance based on need, and funds.	
X	X	St. Basil Conference			(707)644-0376	stbasilsvdpconf@gmail.com	https://stbasilvallejo.org/st-vincent-de-paul	Food delivery program	
Housing/Homelessness Prevention									
X	X		Transitional Housing Placement+ Foster Care	Aldea		Karen Valentine (707)224-8266		www.aldeainc.org	Empowers youth (ages 18-21) formerly in foster care to successfully transition from out-of-home placements to independent living. For up to 24 months, participants receive housing assistance and mental health and support services, including help securing and maintaining employment, finding housing, and developing healthy relationships.
X	X		Resource Connect Solano	Caminar	1234 Empire Street Fairfield, CA 94533 Or 908 Tuolumne Street Vallejo, CA 94590	(707)652-7311	RCS@caminar.org	https://www.resourceconnectsolano.org/	Access to housing and supportive resources for people in Solano County who are experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.
	X		Housing Authority-Section 8	Vacaville Housing Authority	40 Eldridge Avenue Suite 2 Vacaville, CA 95688	(707)449-5675	www.waitlistcheck.com	www.ci.vacaville.ca.us	Assists with affordable housing and rental assistance.
	X		Shelter Solano	Shelter, Inc.	310 Beck Ave Fairfield CA 94533	(707)652-7311		https://shelterinc.org/	Provides housing; services, support, and resources to prevent homelessness.

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	X			CAN-B	416 Union Ave Fairfield CA 94533	(707)427-1148		https://www.canbsolano.org/	Assists sheltered and unsheltered homeless people by providing the housing and or services needed to help individuals move into transitional and permanent housing with the goal of long-term stability.
Substance Abuse									
	X		Healthy Partnerships	Caminar	1735 Enterprise Drive Fairfield CA 94533	(707)355-4059		www.caminar.org	Provides behavioral healthcare, including both substance abuse and mental health services including assessment, evaluation, drug testing, group & individual counseling.
	X		Access Line For Solano County Substance Abuse Services	Solano County H&SS Substance Use Disorder Services	2101 Courage Drive Fairfield CA 94533	(844)784-2220		https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/hss/sas/default.asp	
	X		LifeRing Secular Recovery			(805)220-8328		http://lifering.org/	An abstinence-based, worldwide network of individuals seeking to live in recovery from addiction to alcohol or to their non-medically indicated drugs.
	X		Narcotics Anonymous/ Alcoholics Anonymous	Napa Solano Area of Narcotics Anonymous		(866)642-3848		https://www.napasolanona.org/home	Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength, and hope, in order to solve their common problem.
	X		Alateen	Alateen		(707) 446-2244		https://northerncalifornia-al-anon.org/	Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength, and hope, in order to solve their common problem.

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Mental Health									
	X	X	Counseling Center	Agape Counseling Center and Network	1745 Enterprise Drive Fairfield CA 94533	(707)927-4282	agapeccan@yahoo.com	agapeccan.org	Mental Health Services for individuals, families, and couples.
	X	X	Behavioral Health & Social Services	Aldea Children & Family Services	470 Chadbourne Road, Fairfield, CA 94533	(707) 224-8266	info@aldeainc.org	www.aldeainc.org	A wide range of therapeutic and support services that equip people with the tools needed to improve their health, relationships, and, ultimately, their community. We divide our programs into two major areas: Behavioral Health Services and Social Services.
	X	X	Mental health /Substance use treatment	Caminar	902 Tuolumne Street Vallejo, CA 94590	Rebecca Gaba (707) 648-8121		www.caminar.org	Mentally ill offender crime reduction program (MIOCR), Homeless Outreach, Wellness & Recovery, Job Plus Solano, Full-Service Partnership (FSP) & Medication Clinic, Resource Connect, preventative and supportive services to individuals and families, such as family violence prevention, school-based mental health, and supportive housing.
	X		Wellness Services	Catholic Charities	125 Corporate Place, Suite A Vallejo, CA 94590	(707) 644-8909	c.espinosa@ccyoso.org Luisa@ccyoso.org	www.ccyoso.org/wellness	Individual Therapy Couples Therapy Family Therapy Child/Adolescent Therapy Group Therapy Grief Group Parenting Education Classes Batter's Intervention Classes

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	X	X	Children's Mental Health	Child Haven	801 Empire Street Vallejo CA 94590	(707)425-5744	info@child-haven.org	www.child-haven.org	Specializes in services for children ages 0-5 years old including developmental and mental health screenings, intensive mental health services using a trauma-informed approach, child abuse treatment, parent education courses and supervised visitation services.
X	X			NAMI Solano County	P.O. Box 3334 Fairfield, CA 94533	Office: (707)438-9510 (707)422-7792 (not a crisis line) Resource Line: (707)438-9510	info@namisolano county.org	namisolano county.org	NAMI Solano County offers an array of outstanding peer-led programs that provide free education, skills training, and support.
	X	X	Mental health counseling-School Base Program	Rio Vista CARE	628 Montezuma Street Rio Vista CA 94571	(707)374-5243		riovistacare.org	Provides a continuum of community and school-based services for students, families, and individuals.
	X	X		Seneca Family of Agencies	Administrative Headquarters: 8945 Golf Links Road Oakland CA 94605		info@senecacent er.org	www.senecafoa.org	Provides mental health programs and services and permanency programs in Solano County.
	X	X		Solano Pride Center	1234 Empire Street Suite 1560 Fairfield, CA 94533	(707)207-3430 Confidential Counseling Message Line (707)389-4520	info@SolanoPrid e.org	www.solanopride.org	Offers no-cost, professional counseling services to individuals, partners, and families of the LGBTQ+ communities and our allies.
	X		Vacaville Youth Services Counseling	Vacaville Unified School District and Vacaville Police Department	K-12 School sites			https://www.vacavilleusd.org/mentalhealth	Individual and group counseling, school safety and crisis response
	X		School-based Wellness Center	Wellness Centers	5100 Business Center Drive Fairfield, CA 94533	Nicola Parr (707) 399-4855	nparr@solanocoe .net	www.solanocoe.net	Provide a welcoming place for students to de-stress, practice coping strategies and face challenges that impact their ability to learn and thrive.

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									Staff provide technical assistance to the school sites to ensure the Centers are successful in promoting Mental Wellness on the campus.
	X		Mobile Crisis Unit	SCOE and Solano Behavioral Health	5100 Business Center Drive Fairfield, CA 94533	Camden Webb (707) 399-4807	cwebb@solanoco e.net	www.solanocoe.net	Provide crisis risk assessment to determine if a student who is expressing suicide/homicide ideation can be stabilized within the community or if the young person needs to be transported to a local emergency room. Mental health services and supports for students in K-12 school sites across Solano County
	X	X	Children and Youth Services	Solano County Behavioral Health Services	Fairfield, Vacaville and Vallejo	(800)547-0495		www.solanocounty.com	Provides outpatient and intensive mental health services for children and youth throughout Solano County
	X	X	Adult Services	Solano County Behavioral Health Services	Fairfield, Vacaville and Vallejo	(800)547-0495		www.solanocounty.com	Provides outpatient psychiatry services for adults throughout Solano County through integrated care clinics located in Vallejo, Fairfield, and Vacaville.
	X	X	County Crisis Stabilization Unit	Solano County Behavioral Health Services	2101 Courage Drive Fairfield CA 94533	(707)428-1131	info@crestwoods olano.com	http://crestwoodbehavior alhealth.com/location/fairf ield-csu/	Provides Solano County children, adolescents and adults, who are experiencing an acute mental health crisis (suicidal ideation, homicidal ideation or grave disability), a safe place to stabilize during a crisis. The CSU is open 24/7, 365 days and has 12 beds used for crisis stabilization. If individuals are not able to stabilize the CSU team will secure placement in an

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									inpatient psychiatric hospital. Residents can go voluntarily or be taken there on a 5150 hold.
	X		Uplift Family Services	Pacific Clinic & Uplift Family Services	2420 Martin Road Fairfield CA 94534	(707)399-4520		www.upliftfamily.org	Comprehensive mental health services for children, teens and their families who are at risk or in crisis.

English Protocol

SOLANO CAPC NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Family Listening Sessions 2022

Problem Statement

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Purpose of the Listening Session

At this time, the CAPC of Solano County has partnered with Applied Survey Research to conduct a needs assessment to look at local community indicator data to identify relevant risk factors in our community. The purpose of conducting a focus group is to speak with professionals and community members who can review current county trends in child abuse and identify the most pressing child abuse prevention needs to address any gaps present in these systems within Solano County. Expanding on those needs, we will seek input from focus group participants to identify why this is happening, what can be done to change these outcomes, and delineate strategies to address unmet needs.

Recruitment of Participants

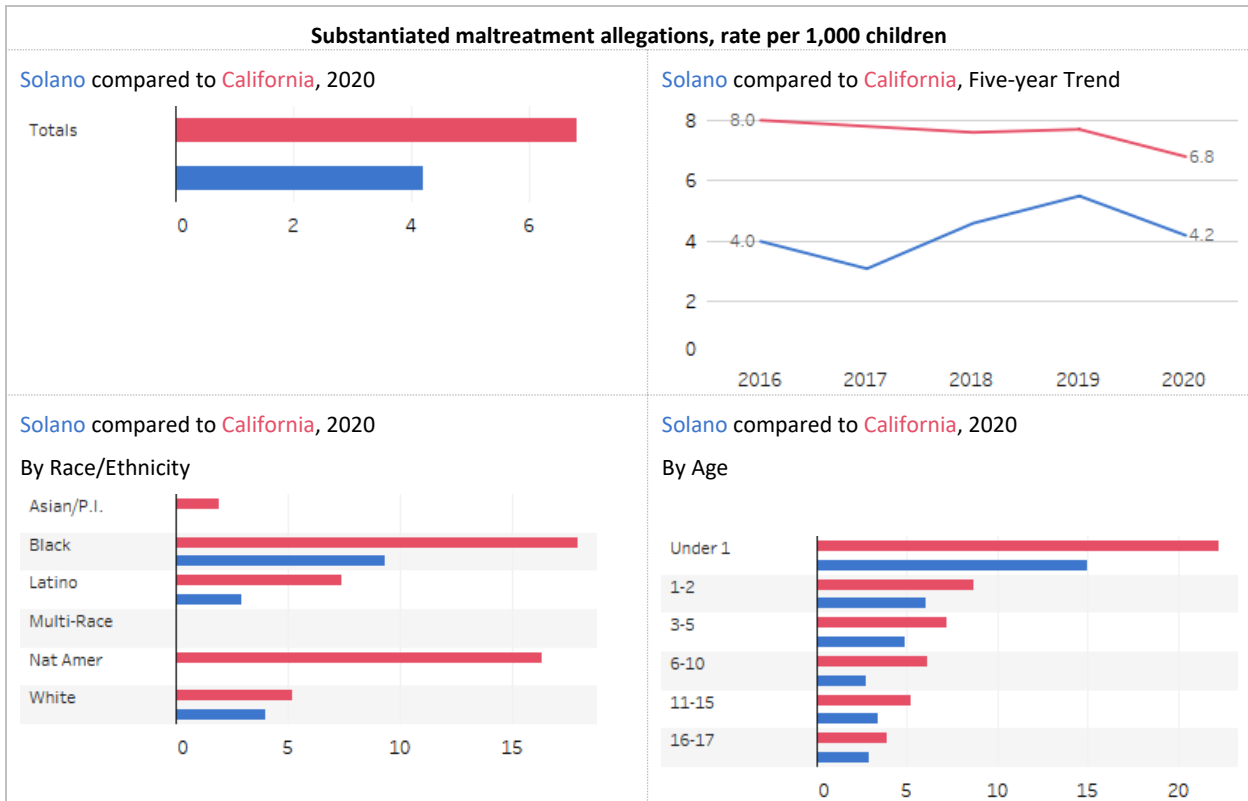
The focus group will last 1-hour. Community members will be provided a \$25 stipend to account for their time to support this effort. Community members who are from disproportionately impacted communities, neighborhoods, or who have been service recipients within the partner organizations listed above will also be recruited to participate and contribute to the planning process. Ideally this would include community members who represent their community in terms of ethnic characteristics and who offer insight from their own experience or the experience of others. Community members who are caregivers with children under 18 and who are currently receiving services or recently received services will be prioritized in this recruitment effort.

Introductions

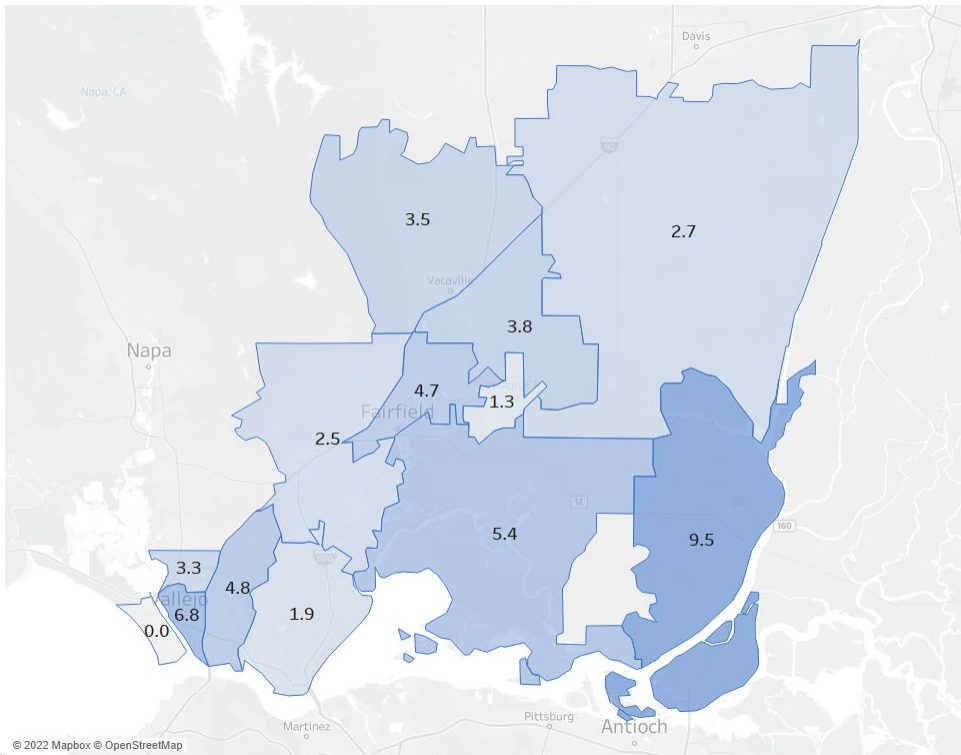
We would like to start by getting to know you! What is your name? How many children do you have? What are their ages?

Discussion Questions

Let's take a look at community trends in key indicators on family safety and well-being. This information will be used to generate ideas to help identify how to address the most pressing child abuse prevention needs in Solano County.

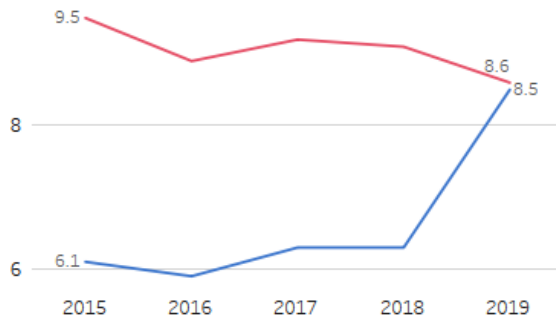


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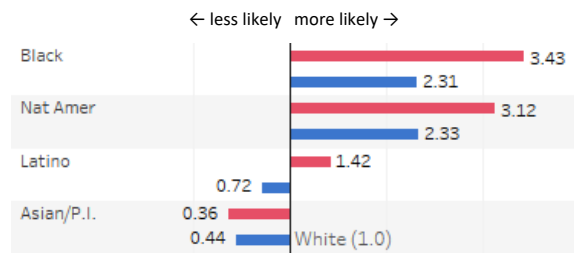
Rates of substantiated maltreatment allegations with recurrence within 12 months

Solano compared to California, 2020



Disparity rates of substantiated maltreatment allegations, compared to White

Solano compared to California, 2020



- Why is this happening? What are the causes?
 1. How has the pandemic impacted trends of maltreatment? How has it impacted family needs?
- What's working well right now to promote child and family safety and well-being?

- What are some other strategies that could be implemented to address those needs and promote child and family safety?

Spanish Protocol

SOLANO CAPC NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Sesiones Familiares para Escuchar 2022

Declaración de Problema:

En Los Estados Unidos está estimado que 1 de cuatro niños experimenta abuso y descuido. Nosotros sabemos el maltrato de niños puede resultar en lesiones físicas, emocionales y preocupaciones de comportamiento y en ciertos casos la muerte. El abuso infantil y descuido ocurre en todo tipo de familias, pero estudios demuestran que hay ciertos factores que ponen a los niños en riesgo. Niños menores de 5 años, y más específicamente bajo la edad de 1 año, están a mayor riesgo de ser maltratados. Estudios en esta área también demuestran que otros factores en la familia y comunidad tales como abuso de sustancias, enfermedades de salud mental en la familia, estrés, padres jóvenes o menores de edad, pobreza, abuso doméstico, y violencia en el vecindario (por mencionar algunos de estos factores). También sabemos que los niños de color, particularmente Nativos Americanos y negros, están sobre representados en el sistema de protección de menores.

CAPC of Solano County Visión y Misión

La Consejería de Prevención de Abuso Infantil del Condado de Solano tiene la visión de que todos los niños y jóvenes en el Condado de Solano sean saludables, protegidos, resistentes, y prosperando. La misión de la consejería de Prevención de Abuso Infantil es de colaborar, abogar educar para mejorar los sistemas para prevenir el abuso infantil y lograr resultados equitativos para los niños y jóvenes en el Condado de Solano.

Propósito de las Sesiones Para Escuchar

Actualmente, La Consejería de Prevención de Abuso Infantil del Condado de Solano, junto con la agencia de Investigación Encuestas Aplicada (ASR) están conduciendo un asesoramiento de necesidades comunitarias para revisar datos indicadores en la comunidad e identificar factores de riesgo relevantes en la comunidad. El propósito de conducir estas sesiones es para hablar con profesionales, y miembros en la comunidad quienes puedan revisar e informar acerca de las actuales tendencias en abuso infantil en el condado, y ayuden atender, e identificar las mas apremiantes necesidades para prevenir el abuso infantil y abordar los lapsos presentes en estos sistemas dentro del condado de Solano.

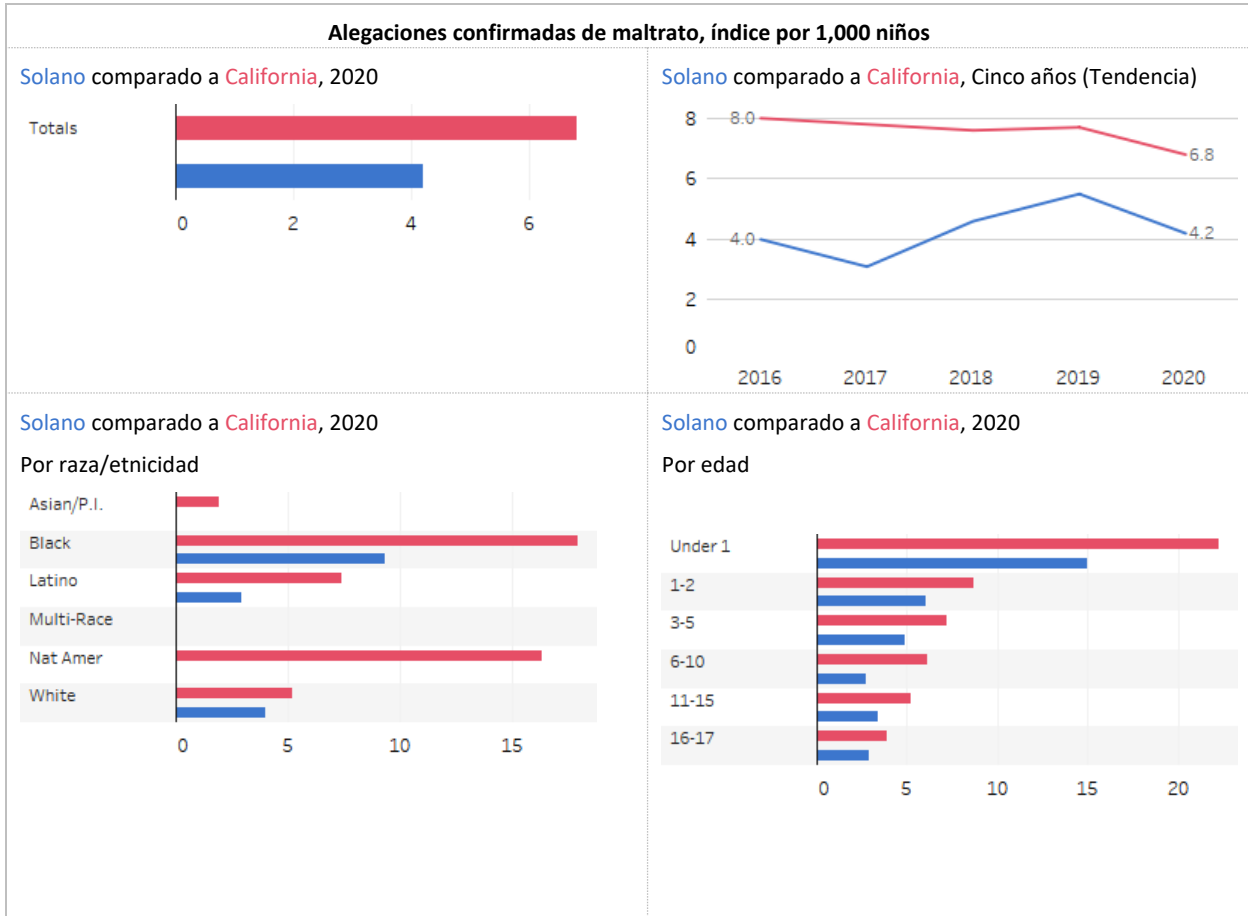
Con el propósito de expender esas necesidades, nosotros buscamos participación de ustedes los participantes para que identifiquen el porqué del problema, y que se puede hacer para cambiar estos resultados, y definir estrategias para atender esas necesidades que no están siendo cubiertas.

Reclutamiento de Participantes

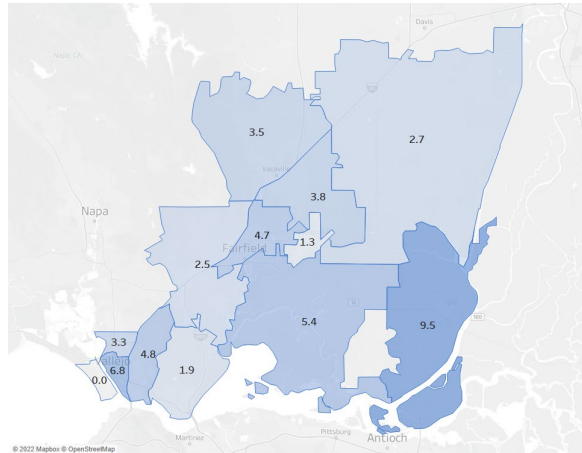
La reunión durara aproximadamente 1 hora. Miembros de la comunidad serán recompensados con una tarjeta de regalo valuada en \$25 como recompensa por su tiempo y apoyo con el asesoramiento de la comunidad. Ustedes fueron invitados por ser residentes de Fairfield, una de las comunidades, vecindarios desproporcionalmente representados, o porque han necesitado, o usados servicios de alguna organización que presta servicios esenciales a familias. Miembros de la comunidad quienes son guardianes/padres con niños menores de 18 años y quienes reciben servicios de agencias comunitarias.

Introducciones

Vamos a empezar esta junta por presentarnos. ¿Digan su nombre? ¿Cuántos niños tienen, y las edades que tienen?

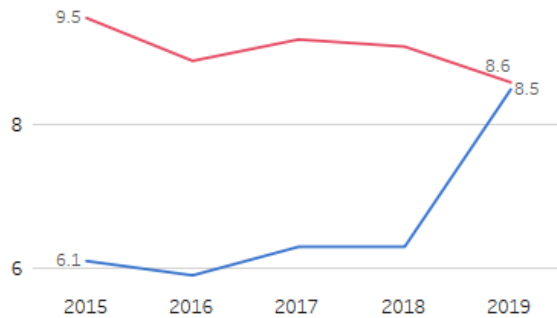


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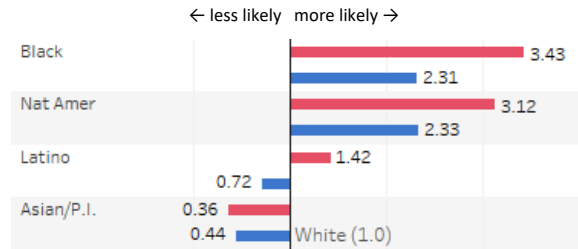
Índice de alegaciones confirmadas de maltrato con recurrencia en 12 meses

Solano comparado a California, 2020



Índice de disparidad de alegaciones confirmadas de maltrato comparado a la raza blanca

Solano comparado a California, 2020



- ¿Porque está pasando esto? ¿Cuáles son la causa?
 1. ¿Como la pandemia a afectado estas tendencias de maltrato? ¿Como ha afectado las necesidades de la familia?
- ¿Que está trabajando bien para promover la seguridad y bienestar de los niños y familia?
- ¿Cuáles son algunas de las estratégicas que podrían ser implementadas para atender esos necesidades y promover la seguridad y bienestar de los niños y familia

SOLANO CAPC NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Key Informant Interviews 2022

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Purpose of the Interview

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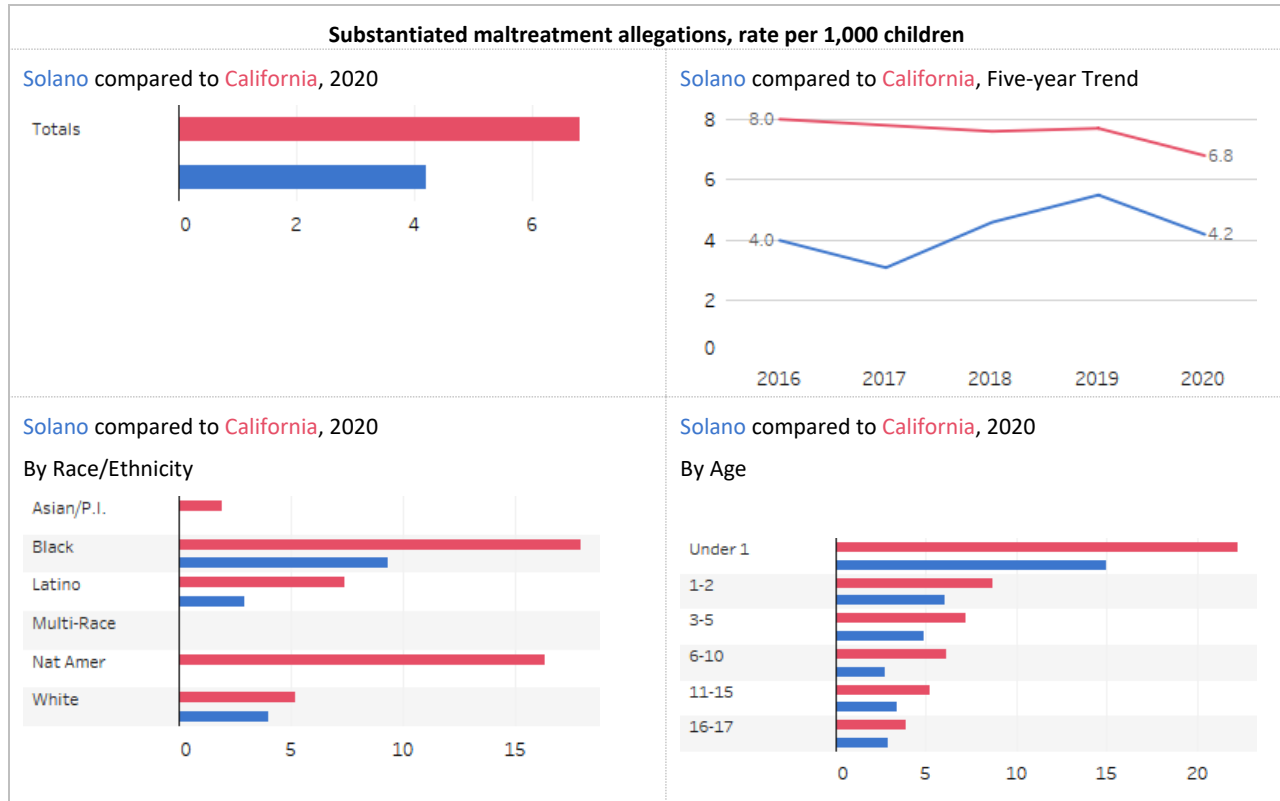
As much as possible, please give specific examples to illustrate your answers. These focus groups will be recorded and answers to the questions may be included in reporting identifying your agency.

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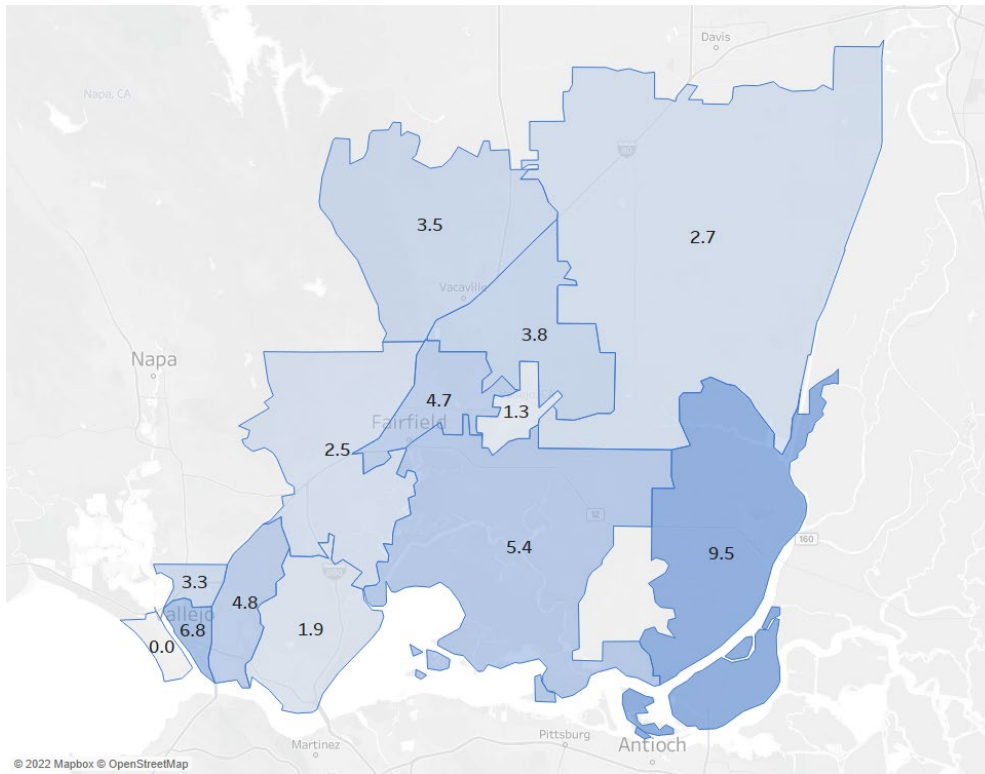
How would you describe your agency's role in preventing child abuse and neglect and increasing child and family safety and well-being? (1-2 sentences).

Discussion Questions

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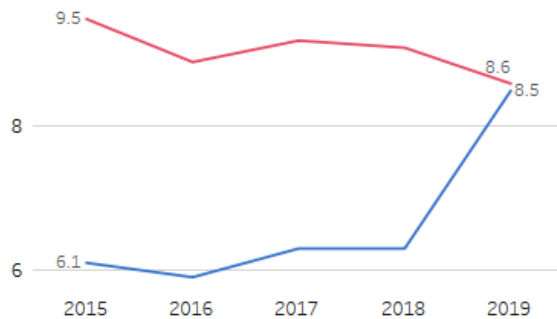
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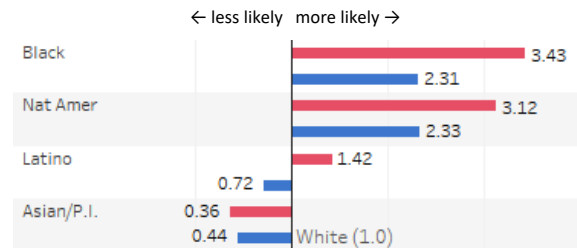
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- What assets do we currently have to address those needs? What's working well right now to promote child and family safety and well-being? What are some of the exemplary practices that you see?

- What are some other strategies that could be implemented to address those needs and promote child and family safety? *Consider prevention strategies that can be used to support all families, early intervention strategies to support families presenting risk factors, and intervention strategies to support families who have experienced child abuse and neglect.*
 1. What are the **top three** things you think we should do to prevent child maltreatment in Solano County?

- What recommendations do you have to improve the way systems/agencies work together to promote child and family safety and well-being?