

Short Summary of Yolo County Draft Plan on Homelessness
One Piece at a Time:
Ending and Preventing Homelessness for Yolo County Residents
2010-2020

PREVENTION: Prevent Homelessness Through Early, Comprehensive Assistance To Those At-Risk

- ✓ Adopt Countywide policies that support a healthy community and provide early homelessness prevention support.
- ✓ Institute a Countywide, centralized, coordinated system of prevention services that enhances access for people at risk of homelessness.
- ✓ Eliminate discharges into homelessness by public institutions, including foster care, hospitals, mental health facilities, substance abuse treatment facilities, and prisons and jails.

HOUSING: Provide A Wide Range of Housing Opportunities and Services to Help People Access Permanent Extremely Affordable Housing

- ✓ Build Countywide support and identify financial support for extremely affordable housing (for people with 0-30% of Area Median Income (AMI)) and linked supportive services.
- ✓ Create, develop and provide a wide range of extremely affordable (0-30% AMI), permanent housing opportunities for people who are homeless or at-risk throughout the County, including housing linked with supportive services to facilitate ongoing residential stability, health, and maximum self-sufficiency.
- ✓ Facilitate and streamline access to housing and housing-related supportive services by people who are homeless or at-risk.
- ✓ Ensure a sufficient supply of interim housing, including emergency and transitional housing, to meet the need Countywide.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES: Provide Comprehensive, Integrated Services to Help People Access and Maintain Housing and Maximize Their Self-Sufficiency

- ✓ Enhance system level integration of service provision in order to improve efficiency, accountability, access and quality of care.
- ✓ Provide consumers with comprehensive, integrated services linked to housing to assist them in maintaining residential stability and overcoming barriers to housing.
- ✓ Increase availability and access to mental health and substance abuse services.
- ✓ Facilitate access to living wage employment by expanding employment assistance services and job training opportunities.
- ✓ Enhance access to benefits programs and mainstream resources.
- ✓ Make transportation assistance available to improve access to services and employment opportunities.

IMPLEMENTATION: Effectively Administer, Coordinate and Finance Implementation of the County's Ten-Year Plan and its Efforts to Prevent and End Homelessness

- ✓ Establish a Countywide administrative and governing body structure with the legitimacy, representation, power, and resources to effectively and efficiently direct the community's efforts to prevent and end homelessness.
- ✓ Allocate resources to support a staff to implement this Plan to end and prevent homelessness.
- ✓ Designate preventing and reducing homelessness in Yolo County as a joint priority for all relevant County and City agencies.
- ✓ Identify, allocate, coordinate, and secure funding to support Plan implementation and operation of the homeless housing and service system.
- ✓ Maximize use of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to collect and analyze data on homelessness and program outcomes and to facilitate inter-agency case management and information sharing and to increase efficiency.