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YOLO CRISIS NURSERY

2021-2022 Impact Report

A Year of Resilience

Dear Friend,

Families are facing severe and complicated challenges due to the lasting impact of the pandemic. Last year, **the Nursery provided emergency respite care and wraparound services for 836 children and their families** through our life-changing programs. We follow up with families at 30, 60, 90 days and one year to ensure the children are safe and the family is stable.

Since opening our doors in 2001, we have seen firsthand the tremendous resiliency of the children and families we serve as they cope with the intensifying burdens of poverty, housing and food insecurity, mental health challenges, and domestic violence. Last year, we saw a **14.5% increase in the number of families impacted by domestic violence and a nearly 20% increase in those at risk for homelessness.** Inflation for essentials like rent, gas, food, and childcare has made it difficult for parents to provide for their family.

Last year, **the Nursery distributed 3,296 Care Packages**, which provided essential items such as formula, diapers, food, and other basic necessities for children in our community.

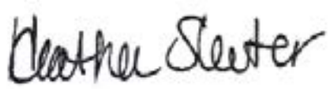
Our staff worked tirelessly throughout the year to prevent family separation. At the same time, our wraparound services ensured that families had ongoing trusted support on their journey back to stability.

Our small, outdated rental home of 20-plus years no longer meets today's needs, let alone the future needs of families. **In Spring of 2022, we proudly announced the Yolo Crisis Nursery Brighter Tomorrows Campaign to raise funds to build a new, larger home for the Nursery.** Most importantly, a new, larger home will help more of Yolo County's most vulnerable children and families look forward to brighter tomorrows!

Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity. Because of you, we are able to help families build on their strengths to create long-term safety and stability for their children.

With gratitude,

Jennifer Thayer
President



Heather Sleuter, M.S.
Executive Director

2021 - 2022
IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

836
Children served by the Nursery

2,371
Safe Stays for children in crisis

3,296
Care Packages distributed

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OUR MISSION
We provide early intervention services in a safe environment to nurture healthy and resilient children, strengthen parents and preserve families.

OUR VISION
Every child in Yolo County grows up in a safe, loving, and stable home.

OUR VALUES
Safety. Commitment. Compassion. Respect. Community. Hope.

Life-Changing Programs

Safe Stay Respite Care
Available 24/7/365 to children up to 5 years of age whenever their parents face an unsurmountable crisis. We offer 30 days of respite care as crises resolve over a six-month period.

Specialized Daycare and Preschool
Designed to promote the physical and emotional health of at-risk children. They operate weekdays 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and are available to children in need.

Care Packages
With just a phone call to the Nursery, parents without adequate resources can secure essential childcare items. Contents may include diapers, wipes, formula, food, clothing, or a baby item like a stroller.

Wraparound Services
Helps families leverage community resources for crisis response, provides assistance with day-to-day challenges and referrals to community programs. Follow-ups at 30, 60, 90 days, and one year.

Family Life Skills
A parent education program available to all who entrust their children to our care. We help participants build parenting and family management skills to provide a stable upbringing for their children.

"Last year, children under 5 years old made up over 47% of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect in Yolo County. Upstream investment during this critical developmental period changes the course of lives, preventing critical and costly emotional and physical downstream issues."

—HEATHER SLEUTER, M.S., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, YOLO CRISIS NURSERY

Mobile Client Navigator
Bridges Nursery services with families across Yolo County. Client Navigators go into the community to meet children and families in crisis. This program connects parents and children to resources and services and provides ongoing support.

Family Engagement Program
Helps parents and caregivers strengthen their support network and connects families on a personal level. The program provides education, counseling, referral assistance, and peer-to-peer support.

Foster Parent Retention
Provides daycare and preschool to foster and kinship families during the first 30 days of placement. Newly placed foster children receive trauma-informed care and developmental screenings to improve foster placement success and retention efforts.

Attachment & Biobehavioral Catch-up (ABC)
Infants and toddlers who have experienced early life stressors face multiple challenges in forming trusting attachments with parents. ABC is a 10-week, in-home video-based feedback program to help children and parents build and strengthen their relationships.

Help Me Grow
Offers free screenings to identify behavioral and developmental challenges. Early identification and treatment of these issues better prepares children for success in school and life.

Our Staff

Heather Sleuter, Executive Director
Sue Lomax, Assistant Director
Rosalinda Gray, Program Manager
Juanita Alvarado, ABC Parent Coach
Dina Arellano, Preschool Teacher
Abigail Dewitt, On-Call Staff
Liset Espitia, ABC Parent Coach
Adriana Garcia, On-Call Staff

Becky Heard, Director of Development
Jennifer Hungerford, Preschool Teacher
Mikaela Leach, Director of Communications
Veronica Lopez, Preschool Teacher
Khris Ramirez, Family Life Skills Trainer
Katherine Richter, Infant Teacher
Denise Sanchez-Hume, Infant Teacher
Emily Stevenson, Administrative Assistant
Eostra Yarrow, Mobile Client Navigator

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Staff Spotlight: Heather Sleuter

Every time a child at the Nursery smiles and waves at me, I am reminded of why I love my job. When a child feels safe and has their basic needs provided for they thrive. **After 20-plus years of working with children and families, nothing is more rewarding than seeing a child thrive** as a result of our early intervention programs.

Since joining the Nursery in 2007, I have **built numerous programs** to prevent Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and mitigate their impact. Untreated, ACEs can negatively impact mental and physical health, education, and job opportunities into adulthood. The Nursery's programs are an upstream investment in the success of our community's most vulnerable children. I am proud of all our programs, but **especially those I have had a part in creating - Mobile Client Navigator, Family Life Skills, Family Engagement Program, and Supervised Visitation.**

No one organization can do it all alone. **Forming impactful partnerships** with other local organizations is key to reach every child and family in need. Especially helpful are those we work with daily - **Yolo County Children's Alliance, Empower Yolo, Communicare Health Centers, and Yolo County Health and Human Services.**

Through our programs and partnerships, **we work with families to resolve the root causes of their issues so we can break cycles of abuse and neglect,** keep children safe, and help their families emerge stronger together. **I am grateful for your support of the Nursery's mission and vision. It enables the Nursery team and me to help more children and families. Thank you!**

- Heather Sleuter M.S., Executive Director, Yolo Crisis Nursery

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Success Stories

A Single Dad Overnight

Waking up, I knew something was different. Quickly, I learned **my wife left me and our four kids under 5-years old during the night.** I was shocked, heartbroken, and completely overwhelmed. My wife suffers from serious mental health issues. I was so scared for her wellbeing.

I have always worked full time, while my wife cared for our children. With my wife gone and no family nearby, I was **suddenly without childcare. I almost lost my job and home.** I was quickly losing hope when someone at work suggested the Yolo Crisis Nursery.

The Yolo Crisis Nursery welcomed us all with compassion, but not pity. They put me at ease and **together we made a plan for the future.** After meeting with my case worker, we were sent home with **care packages of diapers, wipes, bottles, formula, baby food, and other kids essentials** that I needed. I was so relieved to have the basics covered.

The Nursery staff were awesome; they were so kind to my kids. While they were in daycare at the Nursery, I was able to work, and go to meetings to help make sure our housing was set and we had enough food on the table.

We have a long way to go, but I am proud of our progress. The Nursery is helping me make sure my kids have everything they need to cope with their mom's sudden departure. **Working with the Nursery, I have what we need to make sure we are together and my kids are well cared for by me, their dad. Thank you Yolo Crisis Nursery.**

- Yolo Crisis Nursery Dad

Building a Better Life

Before I found the Yolo Crisis Nursery, my life consisted of **traumatic events and poor choices.** I started using drugs at a young age and quickly **became an active drug user and addict.** By the time I had my second child, I was in a **severely abusive relationship.** We were living on the streets. That relationship ended and **he was sent to prison for abusing me.** Thankfully, I was able to get the help and treatment that I needed.

When I successfully completed treatment, I was offered reunification with my children. I was so happy. **Clean and sober, I was determined to become something my children could be proud of.** When I found the Yolo Crisis Nursery, I was a single mom, unemployed, without transportation and desperate to find a way to go back to school to **build a better life for my family.**

The Nursery helped me get on my feet and take classes. In addition to lovingly caring for my daughter, they helped me with groceries, clothes and shoes, books, and toys. **My daughter loved the Nursery, she thought of it as her second home.** The Nursery helped my daughter meet her developmental milestones. While she was at the Nursery her speech improved, she got potty trained, and she was having good connections with her teachers. **They even sponsored my family for Christmas – this was HUGE, because otherwise I would not have been able to give my kids Christmas.**

The Nursery helped both my daughter and me succeed. My life now is stable and happy. My children are doing great in school. I am five years clean and sober. I am no longer homeless. I have reliable transportation and a full-time job as a drug and alcohol counselor in a residential treatment facility. **I want to thank Yolo Crisis Nursery for helping my family. We were in severe need of help and the Nursery guided us all the way through. We are so grateful. Thank you!**

- Yolo Crisis Nursery Mom

Powerful Partnerships

Proudly Partnering with

The power of partnership helps us reach more children and families. The Nursery **partners with many local organizations to work towards our vision that EVERY child in Yolo County grows up in a safe, loving, and stable home.**

The Nursery partners with Woodland Memorial Hospital's Family Birth Center, Stanford Sierra Youth & Families, and Yolo County Children's Alliance (YCCA) for the **Family Engagement and Wellness Initiative. This impactful program is funded by a grant from Dignity Health.**

This program helps parents and caregivers strengthen their support network and connects families on a personal level. **It provides education, counseling, referral assistance, and peer-to-peer support.**

Each partner agency plays a critical role in the Initiative.

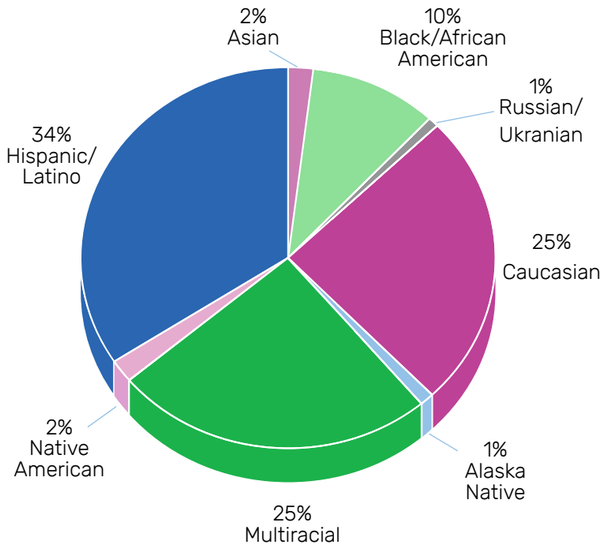
- The **Yolo Crisis Nursery** hosts and coordinates the Initiative. We provide childcare, process enrollment, facilitate loans of tablets and hotspots, provide and follow up on referrals, host and plan meetings and presenters, and track the Initiative's success.
- **Woodland Memorial Hospital's Family Birth Center** distributes information about the Yolo Crisis Nursery and connects under-resourced families with care packages and supplies they need the moment their child arrives.
- **Stanford Sierra Youth & Families** builds the capacity of Yolo Crisis Nursery and YCCA staff to address challenges facing at-risk families by providing staff trainings. They also lead two parent workshops per year.
- **Yolo County Children's Alliance** contributes expertise connecting disadvantaged families with critical health resources such as CalFresh, Pandemic EBT, and food pantries.

In addition to the Family Engagement and Wellness Initiative, we partner with several other organizations, including **CommuniCare, County of Yolo, Empower Yolo, and First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission,** on several programs designed to protect children and preserve families.

The Yolo Crisis Nursery and our partner organizations are unified in our belief that **all children deserve great childhoods** and should be raised in healthy, nurturing homes. Our partnerships work to **mitigate the impact of trauma and help children and families heal, while working together to prevent future traumatic experiences, child abuse, and neglect.**

Who We Serve

Race/ Ethnicity



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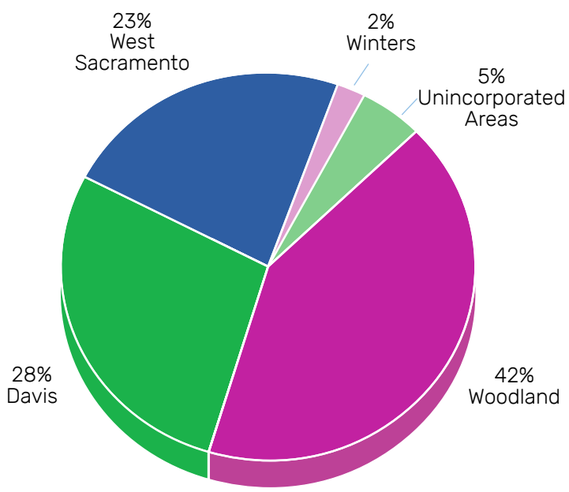

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Since opening our doors in 2001, the Yolo Crisis Nursery has served over 8,000 children and their families.

Thank You!

Proudly Recognizing Our 2021-2022 Family Circle of Annual Giving

We extend our deepest gratitude to the individuals, corporations, businesses, organizations and foundations who made generous contributions from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Your support enabled the Nursery to serve 836 children and their families last year.

Grand Champions $75,000 And Above
The Harvey L. and Maud C. Sorensen Foundation

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The Johanna Anderson Trueblood Foundation
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Giving Back

Donor Spotlight: Greg and Amy McNece

I was **introduced to the Yolo Crisis Nursery roughly 20 years ago**. I was a member of the Rotary Club of Davis and volunteering on-site to help the Nursery with some projects, when my friend and fellow Rotarian persuaded me to tour the facility. The first thing I saw was a young lady holding a newborn infant. **I was shocked that this baby girl was born into a situation that required her to be separated from her mother at such a young age. I couldn't imagine what kind of desperate conditions she had faced.** As comforting as it was to see the love and comfort that she was receiving, my day was ruined and my heart was broken.

We are inspired to support organizations with an important and urgent cause, strong leadership, and efficient and thrifty operations. The Yolo Crisis Nursery meets all three criteria. This organization has smart, hardworking, and good people from the volunteers up to the leadership.

The Nursery provides a safe and caring environment for children and the necessary support that parents need to make positive changes to their behavior before they result in abusive treatment of children and/or destruction of the family unit. It enables many families to stay together when they would otherwise not have a chance.

It is impressive that the Nursery has been able to serve so many families over the years with such limited resources. **We are really looking forward to the new facility and the expanded range of services that will give so many more families hope for a better future.**

God bless the Yolo Crisis Nursery team.
Greg and Amy McNece

YOLO CRISIS NURSERY
Brighter Tomorrows Campaign

For children. For families. For our community.

For over 20 years, Yolo Crisis Nursery has utilized every square inch of its 1,400-square-foot rental home to provide the best possible care for children and their families. Even before the pandemic, the demand for the Nursery's services was steadily increasing. We were quickly outgrowing our location and had already begun planning a larger, permanent home. With the pandemic, the need for our services skyrocketed, making a new facility urgently necessary.

"The $9.5 million campaign was launched with a generous naming gift from Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. Momentum is building with early gift commitments from the Board of Directors, Campaign Cabinet, friends and supporters, along with assistance from the City of Davis and Yolo County. This support is inspiring community awareness and engagement."

—JANE EADIE, CAMPAIGN CHAIR

Brighter Tomorrows Campaign

Our new, larger home will enable expanded programs and services, and the capacity to serve more children and families. The building includes upgraded equipment to enhance our programs, play areas, security, and educational spaces. And for the first time, the Nursery will have space designed for trauma assessments, specialized training, workshops, and client counseling.

Most importantly, the Nursery's new home will be a safe and secure place for children to heal, grow, and thrive.

In addition to construction, the Brighter Tomorrows Campaign will support the Nursery in transitioning to its home, creating new and expanded programs, and meeting the broader levels of service enabled by the building. The campaign will establish a new home and the life-changing transformations that happen inside.

Thank you for considering a gift to help the Nursery build a home to meet the growing needs of our community's at-risk children and families. With your compassion and support, we can create brighter tomorrows in Yolo County.

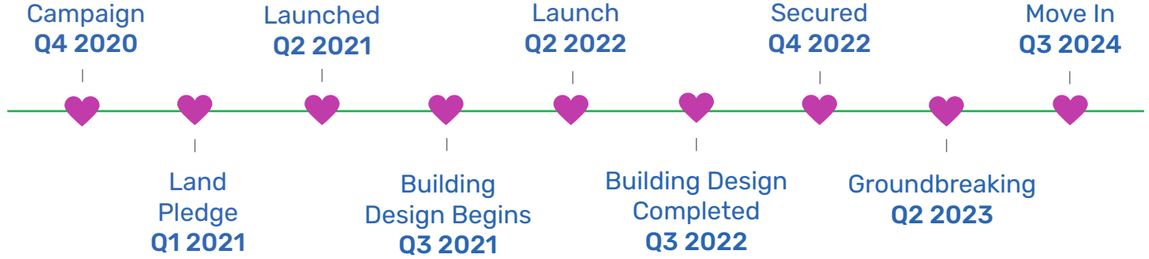
Estimated Project Budget
(9,000-square-foot building on one-acre lot)

Land (donated)	$1,000,000
Design and construction	$6,500,000
Equipment and furnishings	$500,000
Contingency/campaign/moving	$500,000
Building maintenance fund	$200,000
Programming expansion and enhancement	$800,000
TOTAL:	**$9,500,000**

Benefits of the New Nursery

- **The Space to Help More Families** – more than triple the number of beds for children overnight
- **An Environment for Learning** - designated preschool classes, training sessions, and meeting space
- **Confidentiality** - private offices for parent counseling and wraparound services
- **Increased Services** - space for medical assessments, therapy, parenting training, and new services
- **Room to Play** - outside playground space with designated age-appropriate areas
- **Critical Upgrades** - improved facilities, from a modern kitchen to critical security systems
- **Operational Necessities** - administrative space, storage, and entryway to provide more services
- **Financial Security** - the benefit of owning a home versus continuing to rent

Campaign Timeline



"We need caring and compassionate people more than anything, especially now. As a family who benefited directly from your work, we are forever grateful for and inspired by the dedication with which you provide crucial services to our community."

—FORMER YOLO CRISIS NURSERY PARENT

Thank You!

Thank You to Our Brighter Tomorrows Campaign Donors

Thanks to the remarkable generosity of our community we are at approximately 80% of our campaign goal. Won't you please join your friends and neighbors in supporting the Brighter Tomorrows Campaign to build a new home for the Yolo Crisis Nursery in Davis? With your help we can raise the last 20% of funding needed. If you would like to learn more or to join the campaign with a gift, please contact Becky Heard at bheard@yolocrisisnursery.org or 530-902-6118.

Campaign Naming Gift
Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation

Leadership Gifts $100,000 to $1,500,000
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Mohammad and Waheeda Yusufzai

Thank You

Many families continue to struggle due to the lingering impact of the pandemic. This year we saw a high incidence of postpartum depression, homelessness, food insecurity, and domestic violence. Thank you for **your ongoing annual support that enables us to remain open 24 hours a day, seven days a week to provide services, instill hope, and help families.** Our whole-family approach and unique programs are not a temporary solution. We are looking to provide families with a path to self-reliance and a healthy, stable future. **We are grateful for your support!**

Questions?

Please contact Becky Heard about giving to the Yolo Crisis Nursery.

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YOLO CRISIS NURSERY

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