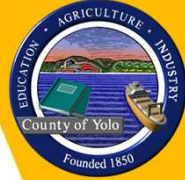


# **Yolo County Commission on Aging and Adult Services**

## **Final Report**

Emergency Preparedness of Older Adults and  
Persons with Disabilities





# Update on Recommendations for Emergency Preparedness

From the Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee (EPS)



1

## Voluntary Disaster Registry

Yolo OES integrated a way for residents to alert us of their AFNs when signing up for Yolo Alert.

**Complete, work ongoing.**



2

## Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE)

Foster greater collaboration and cooperation between assisted living facilities and county emergency services.

**Not yet addressed, discussion ongoing.**



3

## Planned & Unplanned Power Outages & other Emergencies

YCCAAS, in partnership with the OES and Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance, produced 6 training modules for older adults on preparing for disasters.

**Complete, opportunity for improvement.**



4

## Alzheimer's Disease/Dementia Training

Now State mandated. Developed training for 1st Responders in unincorporated areas, and Woodland has a list of affected individuals.

**Complete.**



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## County Website

OES website navigability and accessibility has been vastly improved with large buttons

**Complete, with ongoing opportunities for improvement.**

✓  
6

## Community Response Emergency Teams

Substantial progress in the Capay Valley area, which expressed interest informing a CERT in relation to supporting fire response.

**Ongoing.**

✓  
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## Go Kits for IHSS Consumers

3,011 kits were funded/ resourced and distributed in the western wildfire-prone area of the county and all IHSS recipients, though continued funding needs to be identified.

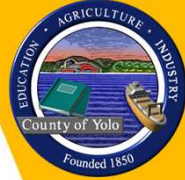
**Complete and ongoing.**

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## Financial Support for OES

Has been made a legislative priority, and a potential increase in budget is being closely followed.

**Complete, with ongoing attention to relevant legislation.**



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## Muti-Agency Coordination & Communication

The County reinstated the Disaster Services Council with representatives of the County, cities, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, fire agencies, Red Cross, YCCAAS, and AFN representatives.

**Complete and ongoing.**



## Emergency Alerts & Warnings

The emergency alert system was separated from the other 2 counties making alerts faster and more accurate. It was updated into Alert Yolo.

**Completed, work ongoing.**



## Public Health Information & Department

Yolo did not have a Dept. of Public Health, making it difficult to find information online. There is now a Public Information Officer, and the Health Department was renamed.

**Partially Complete.**



## Restrictions on Visiting Care Facilities in Crisis

The county's Public Health Officer has stated that restrictions are a last resort. A public education proposal may be explored by the new Disaster Services Council.

**Resolved.**



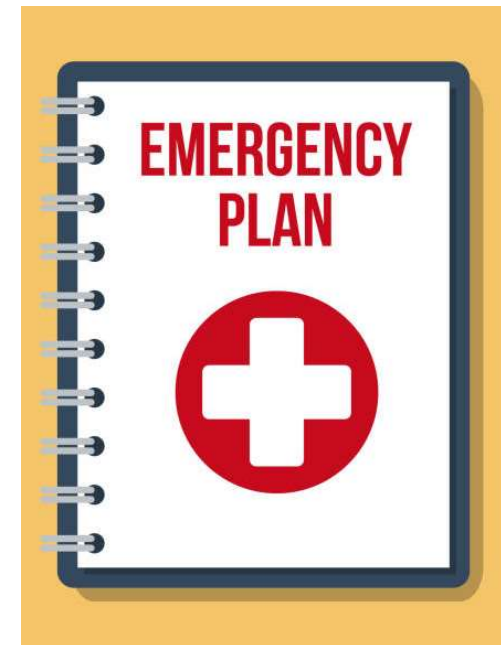
## County Policy on Announcing Disease Outbreak at Care Facilities

While each situation is unique and patient confidentiality is important, the county Public Health Officer favors transparency.

**Resolved.**

# Additional Programs and Projects

1. Kate Laddish is a member of the Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee and Chair of the Yolo County IHSS Advisory Committee
  - She was appointed to the California Standardized Emergency Management Alert & Warning Specialist Committee.
  - She wrote and revised the State's alert and warning guidelines to better address the requirements of those with access and functional needs.
2. OES formed the Yolo OES AFN Working Group to represent those with access and functional needs in emergency planning.
  - They developed the Yolo Ready program, a neighborhood emergency preparedness program much like Neighborhood Watch.
3. The Yolo County Fire Safe Council was formed, to reduce the risk of wildfire to protect people, property and resources throughout the county.



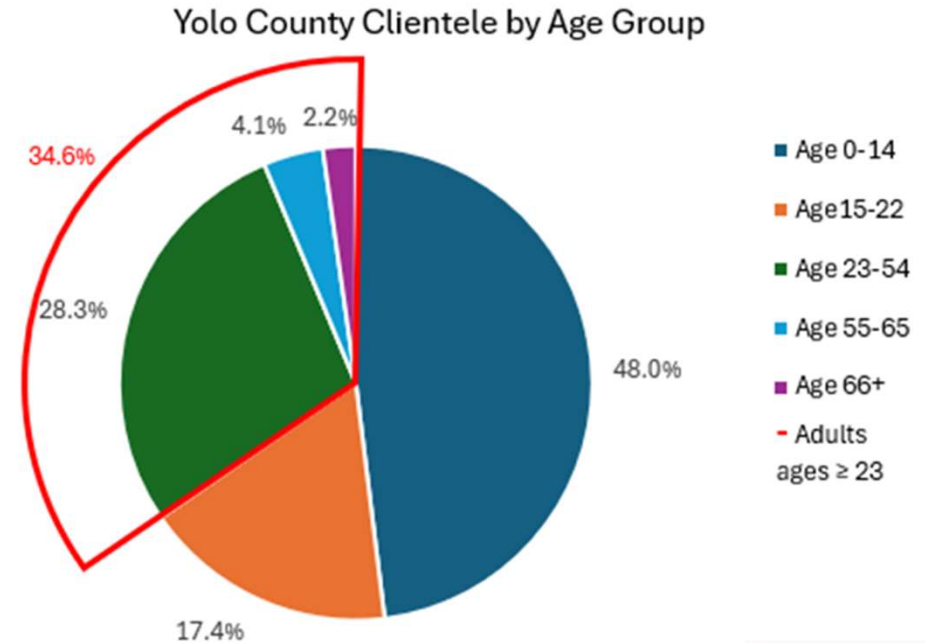


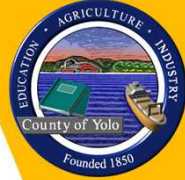
# Report on the Needs of Aging Caregivers of Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)

Following a passionate request by an aging caregiver of an adult with I/DD a committee was formed to look at the issue.

There are approximately 410 ACRC clients in Yolo County who live with a parent, relative, or legal guardian

ACRC's **Coordinated Future Planning Initiative** seeks to enhance housing stability and prevent homelessness for adults with I/DD who are living with elderly caregivers.





# Commission on Aging and Adult Services I/DD Ad Hoc Committee

Purpose: To convene town hall meetings throughout Yolo County aimed at better understanding the issues that are affecting the community, particularly the issue of aging caregivers of individuals with I/DD and discussing opportunities to address these issues.

6 Town Hall Meetings were held in Davis, Woodland, West Sacramento, Esparto, Winters, and over Zoom.



Davis Town Hall (L to R – ACRC Director of Community Services John Decker, Director of Client Services Mechelle Johnson, Supervisor Jim Provenza)

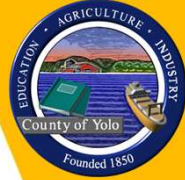


## Issues Identified

- Housing for caregivers and I/DD individuals
- Need to make plans and have options if caregiver is no longer available
- Local awareness and education about available services
- Support navigating various services
- Transportation
- Work opportunities for I/DD individuals
- Need for staff/caregiver/service coordinator training



Woodland Town Hall (L to R - Supervisor Jim Provenza, ACRC Housing Specialist Rhonda Phillips, Yolo County Housing Executive Director Ian Evans)



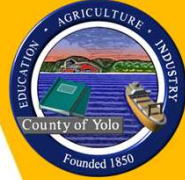
**RECOMMENDATION 1:** The Yolo County Board of Supervisors advocate at the state and federal level for additional funding to build more housing developments to address the needs, especially set asides for persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities including federal housing vouchers and possible ACRC funding for consumers/clients

**RECOMMENDATION 2:** The City Aging Commission representatives work with their city council for streamlined review and approval of housing projects

**RECOMMENDATION 3:** The establishment of a permanent subcommittee of the Yolo County Commission on Aging and Adult Services with the task of meeting regularly with a representative of ACRC and Yolo County Housing regarding continuing and permanent investment analysis and funding applications for supported, low-income housing units for adults with I/DD and follow up on these recommendations.

**RECOMMENDATION 4:** The YCCAAS request quarterly updates from Alta California Regional Center that includes housing and new resources that are available in the region.

**RECOMMENDATION 5:** The YCCAAS request Yolo Housing Authority and Yolo County include information about Alta California Regional Center on their websites as a resource for persons with I/DD and their families and caregivers.



**RECOMMENDATION 6:** The YCCAAS request ACRC provide a presentation to Yolo County Housing Authority’s Housing Authority Commission on the special housing needs of the I/DD population.

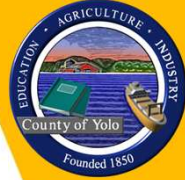
**RECOMMENDATION 7:** The YCCAAS continue to foster connections between ACRC and RISE, Inc., Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance, and other rural partners to increase utilization of ACRC services in rural Yolo County and to support rural aging caregivers.

**RECOMMENDATION 8:** The YCCAAS request Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance connect aging caregivers of persons with I/DD to local programs and services.

**RECOMMENDATION 9:** The YCCAA facilitate additional connections to all types of transportation in Yolo County to assure ACRC has contracts with all available local transportation.

**RECOMMENDATION 10:** Request the Yolo County HHSA Adult and Aging Branch, Yolo 211, Yolo Aging and Disability Connection and other appropriate community partners work together to enhance websites and information for the community about available resources.

**RECOMMONDATION 11:** The YCCAAS further discuss the need for additional Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE) for persons with I/DD.



**Thank you to the committee members:**

- Seth Brunner (co-chair) Yolo County CAAS member
- Mary Nisson (co-chair) caregiver of person with I/DD
- Laurie Haas, Yolo County CAAS member and Manager Yolo County Public Guardian & HHSA Manager of Adult Protective Services
- David Nisson an adult with I/DD
- John Decker, Director of Community Services and Supports, Alta California Regional Center (ACRC)
- Sydney Ruport, Community Services and Supports Specialist, Alta California Regional Center (ACRC)
- Ian Evans, Executive Director Yolo County Housing Authority
- Sheila Allen, Deputy to Supervisor Provenza and staff to Yolo County CAAS

**And to Supervisor Provenza for his leadership on this and so many important issues for older adults and persons with disabilities in Yolo County during his 16 years of service.**