



## Transformational Change Partnership Workgroup Descriptors

The Transformational Change Partnership will support four of the eight countywide needs identified in Yolo County's *Roadmap to the Future Needs Assessment*. These four priority need areas require cross-sector capacity building and alignment as key features of their approach. Below is a brief description of each of the four priority need areas, followed by two discussion prompts that should be used to initiate discussion at your tables.

### 1. Early Learning and Care Workgroup

**Roadmap to the Future Shared Priority: Quality Childcare, Early Learning and TK12**

This workgroup will address childcare needs by expanding access, improving affordability, and ensuring quality childcare programs. It focuses on ***developing a clear, coordinated plan and messaging strategy to strengthen and promote early childhood education and a mixed delivery system of childcare*** that meets the diverse needs of families across Yolo County. The suggested actions include: helping care providers become licensed, incentivizing facilities for early learning and care, building a stronger workforce pathway, and increasing overall funding for early education and care, including affordable childcare.

### 2. Systems Navigation Workgroup

**Roadmap to the Future Shared Priority: Welcoming Beacons of Community Life**

This workgroup will address the coordination necessary to deliver essential needs and address barriers to well-being, stability, and community resilience. It emphasizes the need for coordinated case management, greater awareness of services among the community, and a more responsive referral system in Yolo County. A more connected system will allow access to transportation's pivotal role in enabling access to health care, nutritious food, employment, education, and other vital community resources. It also highlights the importance of stable housing in fostering health and well-being.

### 3. Transition Age Youth (Ages 16-24) Workgroup

**Roadmap to the Future Shared Priority: Thriving in Young Adulthood**

This workgroup supports college and career readiness for transition-age youth by addressing basic needs and expanding access to meaningful postsecondary and workforce opportunities. Some potential focus areas include ***strengthening workforce development programs, expanding access to mental health and wellness services, increasing housing stability, and/or fortifying educational pathways***, including higher education, trade schools, and alternative learning models.

### 4. Community Schools Workgroup

**Roadmap to the Future Shared Priority: Welcoming Beacons of Community Life**

This workgroup supports the sustainability of Community Schools (a public K-12 school's statewide initiative) by addressing foundational barriers that impact student and family well-being. It is aligned with the future-forward community schools framework to identify county-wide alignment to ensure sustainable programming and outcomes for community schools across the region through capacity building and systems alignment. Community schools are anchored in five areas of focus: ***collaborative leadership & shared power and voice; expanded, enriched learning; rigorous community-connected classroom instruction; culture and belonging; integrated systems of support; and powerful student and family engagement.***