

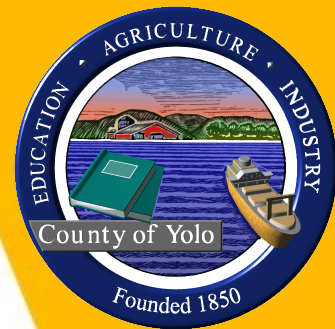
MCAH Advisory Board

2026

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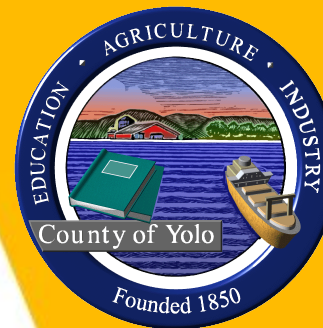
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MCAH Advisory Board Mission & Vision

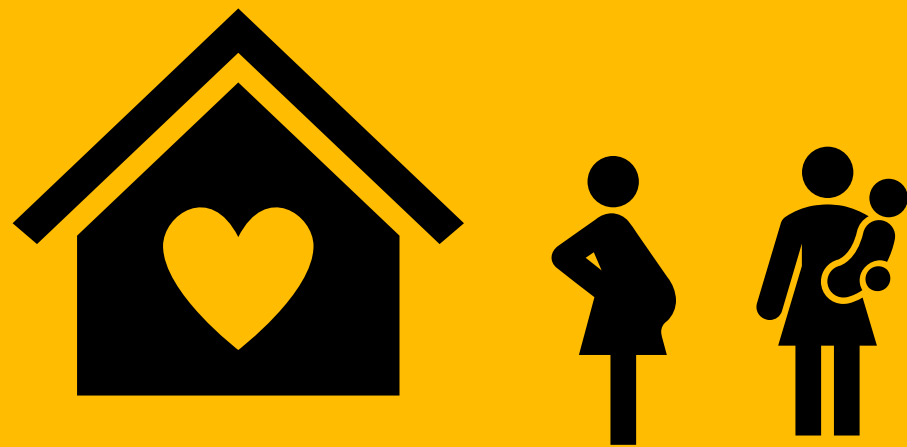
- **The mission** of the Yolo County MCAH Advisory Board is to proactively work to preserve, promote and enhance health and support systems for Yolo County women, children, and their families.
- **The vision** of the Yolo County MCAH Advisory Board is that our community will be one in which the need of all women, children, and adolescents in Yolo County are met through access to quality health and support services and a safe, health environment in which families can reach their full potential of good health.

2026 MCAH Priority

Families with Children under 5

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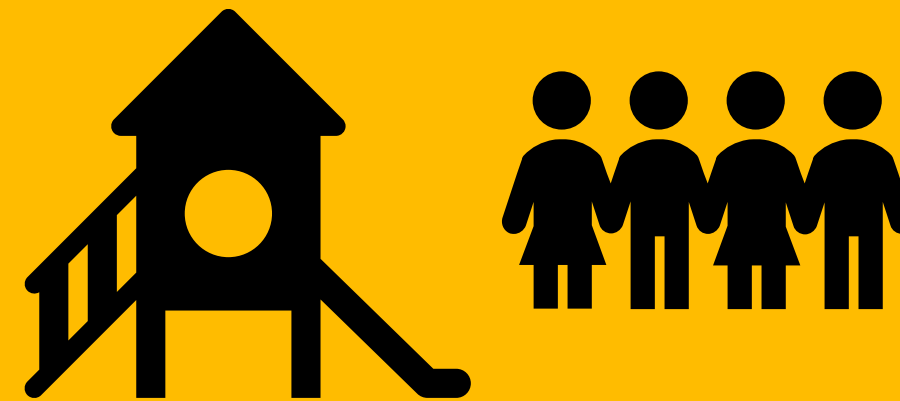
HOME VISITING



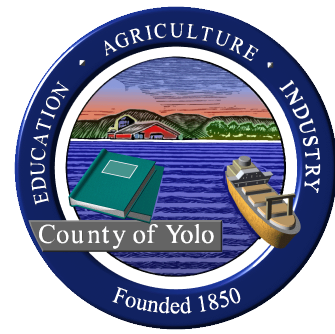
- Central access point: Welcome Baby: Road to Resilience
- 12 Existing Home Visiting Programs

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CHILDCARE, EARLY LEARNING & CARE COORDINATION



- Central access point: Help Me Grow



RECOMMENDED ACTION #1

Improve coordination of services and efforts

EXAMPLES:

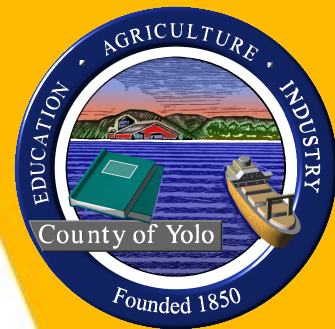
- a. Developmental vision, hearing, and screening in schools and medical homes
- b. Prioritize funding action over planning
- c. Ensure representation and reduce duplication of multiple advisory groups funded to make recommendations on the same issues
- d. Encourage advisory groups to coordinate and integrate recommendations before they are presented to the BOS.
- e. Fund/support a plain language webpage for resources for families, children & youth.

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Yolo County Home Visiting Collaborative





RECOMMENDED ACTION #2

Incentivize & Measure Collaboration

EXAMPLES:

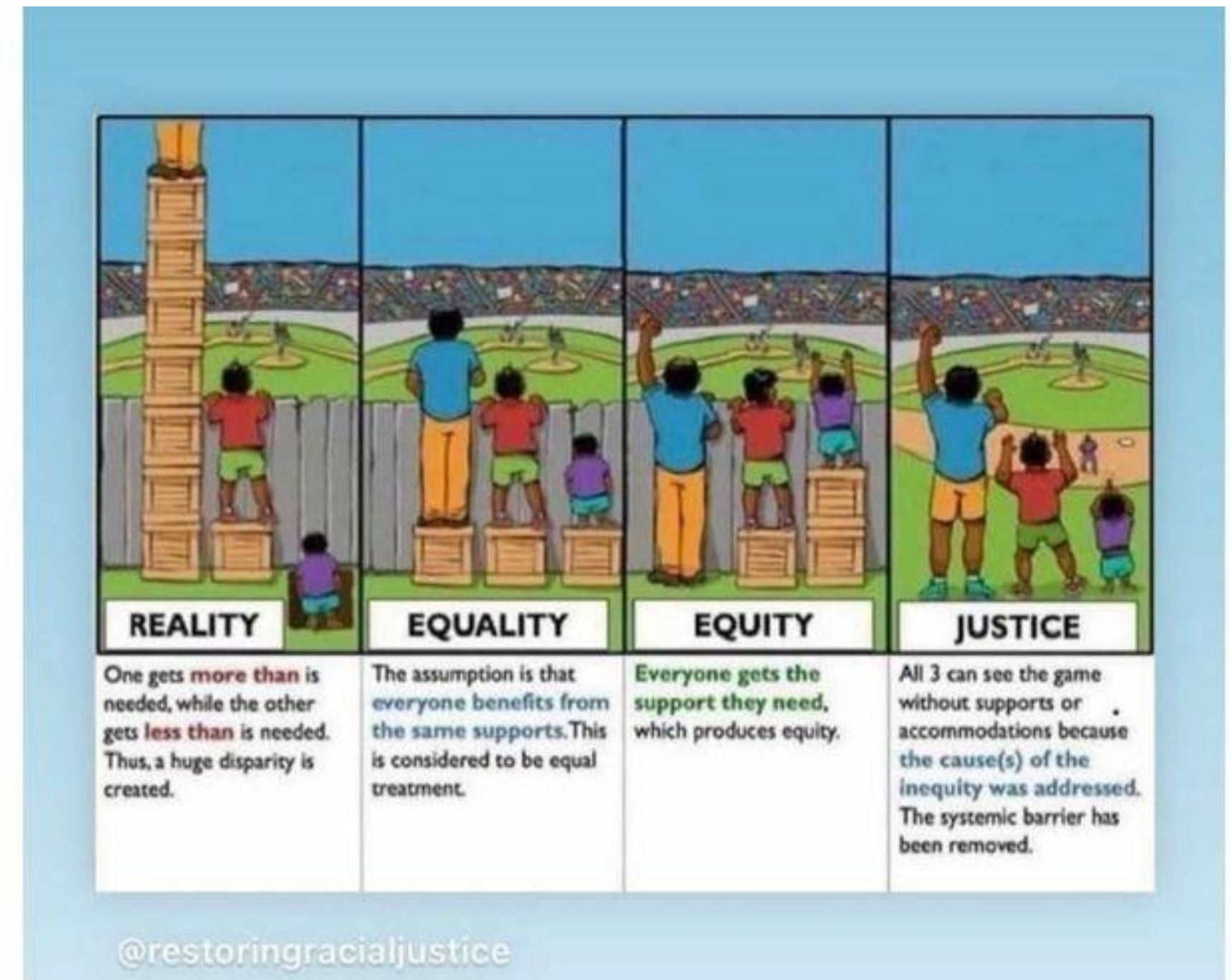
- a. Strengthen and expand the county-wide integrated referral system for home visiting
- b. Inventory existing programs and services and reduce redundancy
- c. Optimize, but do not duplicate, existing federal and state resources
- d. Incentivize tracking of collective community health outcomes alongside program performance and service quality outcomes

RECOMMENDED ACTION #3

Use a justice-oriented, community-centered approach to allocating resources

EXAMPLES:

- In the transition from MHSA to BHSA, prioritize effective, evidence-based strategies that best address community needs and outcomes
- Focus on preventive services alongside crisis management
- Support Public Health programs, services and resources that address health equity



SUPPORT WE CAN OFFER



- a. Tailor the focus of the MCAH Advisory Board to best serve the needs of the county in the current landscape
- b. Provide direction and technical support for the development of meaningful community health outcomes
- c. Provide direction and technical support for a county-wide integrated referral system for home visiting
- d. Expand engagement beyond voting members of MCAH advisory board to reduce redundancy and prioritize action
- e. Gather evidence about how to optimize implementation when new revenue sources are available

THANK YOU



**Please send feedback, questions,
comments, and ideas to:**

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