

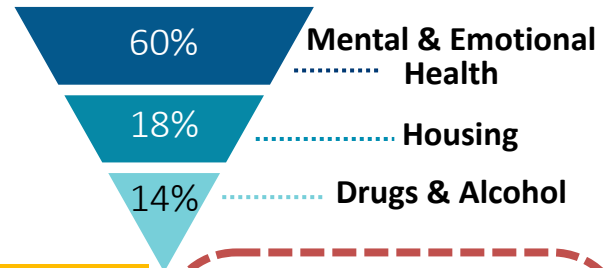


# Yolo County Health & Human Services Agency

## BHSA Community Planning Process Findings

Yolo County HHS Agency engaged 514 community members through focus groups, listening sessions, interviews, a community engagement workgroup, and a community survey between September and November 2025.

Survey participants rated behavioral health priorities, with mental and emotional health ranking highest



### 6 Key Findings from What We Heard:

Strong collaborative relationships and dedicated staff emerged as foundational strengths. Participants noted that this existing trust and shared commitment creates opportunities to address fragmentation and build more integrated approaches.

Relationships & Collaboration as Strengths

Participants called for seamless coordination across mental health, substance use, and housing services — not separate silos — along with personalized care that recognizes individual circumstances.

Integrated and Individualized Care

Participants described experiencing stigma and discrimination across multiple dimensions, and called for services that treat people with dignity regardless of history or circumstances.

Stigma-Free Care

Participants stressed that behavioral health needs cannot be effectively addressed without stable housing — a challenge compounded by its intersection with serious mental illness, substance use, and justice involvement.

Housing as a Foundation

Key Themes Across Stakeholders

Non-English-speaking communities face difficulty accessing therapeutic services due to limited multilingual provider capacity, and called for services designed with cultural input.

Cultural Responsiveness

Families described feeling helpless waiting for crises before accessing resources, and emphasized proactive approaches that respond to early warning signs.

Early Intervention Need