



# Community Action Board

of Santa Cruz County, Inc.

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# Background



**Community Action Board**  
of Santa Cruz County, Inc.

- Serving Santa Cruz County for 54 years

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# CAB Mission and Programs

**CAB mission is to partner with the community to eliminate poverty and create social change through advocacy and essential services.**

- **Rental Assistance Program (RAP)**
- **CalWORKs Emergency Payment Program (CEPP)**
- **ALCANCE**
- **Youth Homeless Response Team (YHRT)**
- **Day Worker Center of Santa Cruz County (DWC)**
- **Santa Cruz County Immigration Project (SCCIP)**
- **Davenport Resource Service Center (DRSC)**



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## Need Statement

Pajaro Valley Unified School District (PVUSD) has identified about 3,000 students living under the McKinney Vento homeless definition and below poverty level.

## Goal

Assist PVUSD families with assessments, case management, rental assistance, legal assistance and shelter days to improve housing stability and educational outcomes for homeless families or at-risk of homelessness in South County.

# South County Housing Collaborative Team

- Community Action Board (CAB)
- Families in Transition (FIT)
- California Rural Legal Assist (CRLA)
- Pajaro Valley Shelter Services (PVSS)
- PVSUD Healthy Start Program



## Problem Statement

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## Goal

Assist PVUSD families with assessments, case management, rental assistance, legal assistance and shelter days to improve housing stability and educational outcomes for homeless families or at-risk of homelessness that reside in South County.

## Resources/

- Community Action Board (CAB): CORE Coordinator: Rental Assistance, case management, referrals, light housing navigating.
- Families in Transition (FIT): Rental assistance for families that had been Rapidly Re-housed
- California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA): providing legal assistance/consultations around housing law, and financial literacy.
- Pajaro Valley Shelter Services (PVSS): Providing shelter days, case management
- Pajaro Valley Unified School District (PVUSD) Healthy Start Program: Providing assistance with health care enrollment, food services, clothing vouchers, help with school utensils.
- Other agencies in the community

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## Tools/Trainings

### Tools:

- Created Spread Sheet to track referrals/clients
- Created referral forms
- Created consent forms
- Created Referral Tracking Forms
- Created a Collaborative Flow Chart
- Provide Pre/Post Surveys

### Trainings/EBP'S

- Motivational Interviewing (MI)
- Smart Path Coordinated Entry/ VI-Spdats training
- HMIS Clarity training
- Trauma Inform Care Training (pending)

## Activities/Next

- Coordinate monthly meetings with the collaborative
  - Guest speakers
  - Trainings
- Referral Tracking
- Providing direct services, rental assistance, follow ups, referrals, light housing navigation, housing leads to clients
- Support to the rest of the collaborative
  - Check in with progress
  - Provide updates
  - Assist with any challenges
  - Reminder of due dates
  - Responding to emails, phone calls
- Administrating VI-Spdats with families
- Attending meeting with other committees/agencies/ programs
- Gathering all data for reports
- Outreach
  - CSUMB internship Fair
  - UCSC Volunteer Fair
  - Project Connect
  - No Place like Home
  - Watsonville High Parent Conference
- **Next Steps**
  - Training Interns
    - VI-Spdats
    - Intakes
    - Referrals
    - Light Housing Navigating
  - Coordinating meetings with Healthy Start Register Technicians where we can assets (VI-Spdats) clients more effectively

## Outcomes

- Improved housing stability
- Increased Knowledge of economic well-being
- Students have improved on educational performance and school disciplinary

## SOW Activities

- 60 VI-Spdats
- Provide Case Management/Coordination
- Assist 44 Families
- Assist 100 Homeless/At Risk Children/Youth (6-25)
- Assist 8 Families with rental assistance
- Assist 13 Homeless Families with shelter days
- Assist 10 Rapid Rehoused Families with rental assistance

# Outcomes

- Fiscal Year 18/19
- Assisted 67 families
  - 142 PVUSD students
- 85% of legal and rental assistance recipients improved housing stability, specifically remained housed.
- PVSS-provided 39,213 shelter days for 32 families
- 75% homeless families have improved housing stability; specifically obtain stable housing
- 46% of students improved in attendance
- 3% of students improved in disciplinary actions
- 30% of students improved their grades



# Youth Homeless Response Team (YHRT)

- YHRT is a collaboration between the Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County, Inc. (CAB) and the Santa Cruz County of Education (COE) to work in a multi-disciplinary team format to identify and connect unaccompanied at-risk homeless youth and young adults to the services they need to thrive.



# Services Provided

YHRT will:

- Explore housing options with participants as part of the housing navigation
- Create Individualized plans and provide case management to connect youth to the services needed to achieve their goals
- Help participants identify job opportunities in the community
- Help participants achieve any educational goals
- Mentor and support the participants with day-to-day challenges
- If needed, participant will be referred to other outside services

# Goals/ Outcomes

Serve 100YYA annually/200YYA over the course of 2 years

Program Start Date: 2/1/2019

Currently working with 30 participants

\*YTD as of 11/20/19

- Connect participants to services, referrals and linkages based on needs (28/30)
- Develop individualized plans and receive case management (29/30)
- Make or strengthen a connection to a caring adult (30/30)
- Improve housing stability, measured by housing retention surveys (10/30)
- Engage youth in educational/vocational/training or employment services (19/30)



# Thank You

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