YUBA COUNTY YOUTH

CHALLENGES & BARRIERS

Understanding the status of youth in Yuba County requires a broad grasp of the challenges impacting their lives. It is critical that important information surrounding their lives be disseminated, not only to parents, but to all citizens of Yuba County. This approach must be transparent and candid. After all, as taxpayers, we all have a stake in the education of our youth.

- Dr. Francisco Reveles
Yuba County Superintendent of Schools

**Socio-Economic**

Students who are unable to have their basic needs met have a harder time becoming successful in school.

**Juvenile Justice**

- 77 youth were arrested for felony crimes in 2015
- In 2016, 30% of juvenile justice involved youth had open mental health cases
- During the 2018/19 school year, 136 youth were incarcerated (housed and received educational and social services) in Yuba County detention facilities

**Issue:** Students who become incarcerated are more likely to offend again.

**Human Services**

- 145 foster youth in Yuba County
- 321 homeless youth living in Yuba County
- 29 children identified at risk for Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) in 2018
- In 2019, there have been 1,340 referrals to Children and Adult Protection Services (CAPS)

“80% of health is determined by social environment.”
- Rick Rawson, President Adventist Health and Rideout Hospital

**Socio-Economic**

- In 2014, 29% of children were living in food insecure households
- In 2017, 10.3% of Yuba County youth lived below the federal poverty threshold
- Yuba County has a 6.0% unemployment rate compared to 4.1% in California

“By age 3, a child’s brain is 80% developed. Raising a child in a home filled with books positively impacts their future academic growth.”
- Ericka Summers, Executive Director First 5 Yuba

**Mental Health**

- 8.3 per 1,000 youth ages 5-19 were hospitalized for mental health issues
- 57.7% of surveyed LGBT youth seriously considered suicide in 2015
- Mental health issues amongst students are priority within local educational settings to ensure the safety and welfare of all students enrolled in area schools

Data above is based on total countywide student enrollment. All data represented is collectively averaged. Data sources can be accessed through the Yuba County Office of Education website (https://www.yubacoe.org/)

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Yuba County Incarcerated youth with open mental health cases

- Students enrolled in special education classes who had autism rose from 119 in 2014 to 203 in 2018
- Yuba County’s suspension rate in 2018 was 6.4% compared to a 3.5% statewide average
- Yuba County had 447 SARB (Student Attendance Review Board hearing) referrals

**Definition:** Number of hospital discharges for mental health issues per 1,000 children and youth ages 5-19, by age group (e.g., in 2016, there were 9.8 hospital discharges for mental health issues per 1,000 California youth ages 15-19).

**Issue:** Students with untreated mental health issues are two times more likely to struggle with substance abuse.