

# Community Assessment Update

## DEMOGRAPHICS

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33.6% of 0-5 year olds living in poverty

1

50%  
Rancho Tehama

2

Red Bluff

3

Corning

Cities with the highest rates of Child Poverty

**TEHAMA COUNTY MEDIAN INCOME**  
\$54,819

38% ↓

Decrease in 0-5 year olds living in poverty, per Federal Poverty Guidelines, in Tehama County

TCHS has seen an increase in 3 year old enrollment which is in line with the increase of 3 year olds in the community

Teen birth rates continue to fall as 20-34 year olds birth rates continue to be the highest. Older mothers (over 35 years old) show a significant decrease.

### Race, Ethnicity & Language

Over the next 5 years in Tehama County, Hispanic children ages 0-3 years will increase steadily

61.6% of HS/EHS children are dual language learners

43% of all Hispanic children living in poverty are served in Tehama County Head Start or Early Head Start

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### Foster Care

36%

TCEHS continues to witness drops in foster children served from 15 children in 2017-18 to 7 in 2021

of all all child abuse substantiations are children under the age of 5 years old

Neglect is the most common reason for an allegation of child abuse

There are more White children in Foster Care in Tehama County than Hispanic children

### Childcare

60%

of Tehama County 0-5 year olds without childcare

CA Universal Preschool starts in 2022

15% decrease in TCHS families who have at least 1 parent in the workforce

78% of TCEHS families have at least 1 parent in the workforce

Annual Cost of Infant Care is 15% of Tehama County Median Income

Annual Cost of Preschool Care is 15% of Tehama County Median Income

**Barriers:**

- Cost
- Transportation
- Work schedules

### Telecommunications Services

- 80% HS/EHS Families Have Cell Phones
- 17% not opted in for text messaging
- 59% of not opted in live in South County

2 Low Cost Broadband Providers At&T for all of Tehama County Charter for North County only

34% of families with 3-18 year olds don't have internet access because it is too expensive

2 Free-Low Cost Cell Providers Safe Link for low income households TMobile for members of 10 Million Project

10.7% of Tehama County children under the age of 18 year have no home internet access

18% of 3-18 year olds in rural areas have no home internet access  
6% of 3-18 year olds only have access to the internet via cells phone

### Disabilities

81%

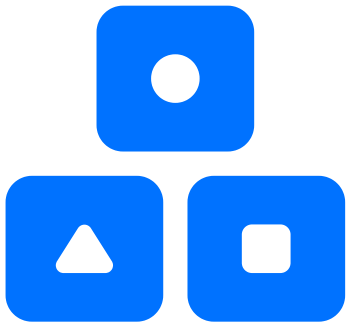
of IFSPs are in Early Head Start Home Base

65%

of all TCHS IEPs are located in north county

55% of all TCHS IEPs are Speech & Language Impairments

49% of all TCHS/EHS IEPs & IFSPs are Hispanic children



2022

# Community

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## Services

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### Housing & Homelessness



70 TCHS/EHS Families were homeless in 2021

PATH Winter Shelter closed due to COVID-19

PATH Day Center served 1,071 individuals, including 76 children, find housing or provide shelter and support by the end of June 2021

35% of currently homeless HS/EHS children are receiving Home Address Project housing assistance

\$1,380 per month to rent a 3 bedroom home

700 K-12 homeless Tehama County students 2021 per McKinney-Vento Act

312 individuals homeless, per HUD definition, in Tehama County per 2021 PIT Count

TCCAA received CARES Act Housing Relief Program funding and helped 120 families pay their rent, 13 families pay their mortgage and 143 families pay their utility bills. TCCAA spent \$385,206 to keep families housed and safe

### Domestic Violence

Empower Tehama's DV Shelter served 135 adults & children in 2021 and 331 adults & children received rental assistance

976 DV Survivors Served by Empower Tehama end of June 2021



Types of DV Served by ET

18% Confinement  
30% Destruction of Property  
4% Destruction of Pets  
64% Physical  
18% Sexual  
89% Emotional or Verbal  
13% Weapons Threatened or Used

The number of survivors served by Empower Tehama has more than doubled since the previous reporting year.

### Mental Health

Tehama County Residents experience 4.3 poor mental health days per month

84% of Stepping Stones children have an ACES score of 7+



1 Mental Health Provider for every 630 Tehama County adults (double that of the state of California)

Tehama County is in the top 10 CA counties with the highest overall suicide rate

#6

Tehama County ranks #6 in CA where children have experienced 2 or more ACEs

28.03% of HS/EHS families received Mental Health services in 2021

165 clients received therapy services at NCCDI's Community Counseling Program YTD 2021

### Impact of COVID 19

23.2% Food Insecure Children in Tehama County

### Challenges

Great Resignation  
Silver Tsunami  
Job mismatch  
Childcare  
Vaccine Mandate & Mask Mandate  
Teacher shortage  
Variable/unpedicatable work schedules

Unemployment Rate  
5.1% Tehama County  
6.9% California

600 Job Openings



### Tehama County

25.4% Positivity Rate  
62.7 cases per 100k  
43.7% Fully vaccinated over age 5 years

### Wins

Parenting Hotline  
Zoom Nurturing Parenting  
Red Bluff Elementary School  
District rise in reading proficiency to Pre-Pandemic levels  
Lassen View elementary  
Saturday School  
Increase in Unemployment Benefits  
Positive Parenting Program (Triple-P)

# Community Assessment Update 2022

## Narrative

### I. Demographics

#### A. Poverty

- Poverty rates for children under the age of 5 years old continue to hold at 33.6%.
- Median income in Tehama County has risen significantly which reflects the minimum wage increase.
- Real Cost measure of the United Way, however, shows that for a family of four to meet their basic needs in Tehama County, they would need to make at least \$72,898.
- We also saw a significant decrease in the number of children living in poverty per Federal Guidelines; this is due to the decrease in children under the age of five; the birth rate in Tehama County is lower than the death rate currently.

#### B. Race, Ethnicity, & Language

- NCCDI saw a small decrease in the number of children who were dual language learners enrolled in our programs.
- 43% of all Hispanic children living poverty per the Federal poverty guidelines were enrolled in Head Start or Early Head Start in the last year.
- We are still seeing an increase in the number of Hispanic children under the age of 3 continuing to enroll in our programs and anticipate that this will be an ongoing trend.

#### C. Foster Care

- EHS continues to see a decrease in foster children enrolled in their program.
- 36% of all child abuse allegations are for children under the age of 5 years old.

#### D. Childcare

- Starting in 2022-23 school year, the state is moving to Universal Preschool. This is a combination of public education and early learning institutions working together to provide comprehensive, quality early educational experiences for all 4-year olds.
- We saw a 15% decrease in Head Start parents who are in the workforce but an increase in EHS parents who are working.
- The annual cost of childcare for infants and preschoolers is approximately 15% of Tehama County median income.

#### E. Telecommunications

- We saw a decrease in families who have cell phones in program and an increase in families opting out of text messaging.
- The majority of families opting out of text messaging live in the south county area and are primarily white (previous years the majority of families opting out of text messaging were Hispanic).

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- Almost 11% of children under the age of 18 years lack access to home internet services and 23% of all Tehama County residents lack access to broad band internet services.

### F. Disabilities

- There was a decline in speech and language IEPs in Head Start due to the increase in other types of disabilities (notably autism).
- Almost half of all IEPs and IFSPs are for Hispanic children and 65% of all IEPs are located in the north county area.
- 81% of IFSPs are being served in the Early Head Start Home Base program.

## II. Services

### A. Housing & Homelessness

- In 2021, NCCDI served 70 families living in homelessness. Currently, 35% of the homeless children in Head Start and Early Head Start are receiving Home Address Project services. Home Address Project (HAP) is a Emergency Services Grant-COVID 19 program through the Tehama County Continuum of Care.
- Tehama County Department of Education reported that about 700 children in the K-12 system in Tehama County are experiencing homelessness. This is not an exact count, and they anticipate this number is actually higher than reported.
- During last year's Point in Time (PIT) count, 312 individuals were identified as homeless, per HUD definition (NCCDI uses McKinney-Vento Act definition to identify homelessness). This is a lower number than the previous count in 2019 and is due to the PATH Winter Shelter being closed for a second year in a row.
- The PATH Day Center served 1,071 individuals, including 76 children, by the end of June 2021. They provided them housing and shelter support.
- Tehama County Community Action received CARES Act Housing Relief Program funding and were able to help 120 families pay their rent, 13 families pay their mortgage, and 143 families pay their utility bills. This funding was spent within 6 months of receipt and totaled \$385,206.

### B. Domestic Violence

- 13.5% of Head Start and Early Head Start families reported at the time of enrollment the presence of Domestic Violence in their homes and/or lives.
- Empower Tehama Domestic Violence shelter has served 135 adults and children in 2021 and 331 adults and children received housing assistance.
- The number of domestic violence survivors has doubled (496 to 976) from the previous year; Empower Tehama believes that due to the economic shut down and quarantines resulted in the lower number of reports of domestic violence.
- 89% of reported types of domestic violence is due to emotional or verbal abuse with physical abuse (64%) as the second most reported reason for abuse.

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### C. Mental Health

- Almost 29% of Head Start and Early Head Start families received Mental health services in 2021. This is double the amount from the previous year. 165 clients were seen at NCCDI's Community Counseling Program YTD, of which the majority were referrals from Head Start and Early Head Start. This number does not include staff members and their families who are eligible for free counseling services.
- Tehama County is in the top 10 of California Counties that have the highest overall suicide rate.
- Tehama County is also #6 in the state to have children experiencing 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).

### D. Impact of COVID-19

- Tehama County continues to see a rise in food insecure children, topping out at almost a quarter of Tehama County children in need of food.
- Tehama County continues to battle COVID-19 and has seen the virus come in waves over the last year. Currently there is a 25.4% positivity rate and only 43.7% of eligible individuals are fully vaccinated (one of the lowest vaccination rates in the state).
- COVID-19 continues provide challenges in our community:
  - Worker shortage due to the Great Resignation and Silver tsunami. Currently, Tehama County is experiencing a very low unemployment rate of 5.1% (6.9% at state level) with 600 job openings. Workers are able to choose where they work and are looking for better paying jobs as well as benefits. Also, the Baby Boomer generation continues to retire and there are those who are retiring earlier than anticipated, leaving a gap in employment.
  - However, with as many job openings that are available, there is a job mismatch between employees and employment. TCHS/EHS serve many families who either have only a High School diploma or less and many of the positions available have educational requirements that are not obtained easily or quickly. Even when families are able to obtain employment, the quarantines at school make it difficult for families to maintain childcare while balancing the quarantine mandates dictated by the school systems. We are seeing an increase in families who are choosing to be stay at home parents due to this as well as the lack of available childcare in our local communities.
- We continue to have wins during this pandemic:
  - We continue to provide the Parenting Hotline as well as Zoom Nurturing Parenting classes. We have also introduced Triple-P (Positive Parenting Program) this past year with amazing success.
  - We have also seen innovative ways the local school districts are approaching learning: Lassen View Elementary introduced a Saturday

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School for children to get caught up to grade level in all areas of learning. Red Bluff Elementary School District started their current school year much earlier than others and are seeing gains in learning and are seeing reading levels across grades return to pre-pandemic levels.

# DUAL LANGUAGE LEARNERS

Dual language learner means a child/pregnant woman who is acquiring two or more languages at the same time, or a child/pregnant woman who is learning a second language while continuing to develop their first language.

# TMOBILE 10 MILLION PROJECT

Project to help close the homework gap by offering school districts free internet access and mobile hotspots for 10 million eligible households.

<https://www.t-mobile.com/business/education/project-10-million>

# MCKINNEY- VENTO ACT

The definition specifically includes children living in emergency shelters, motels, hotels, trailer parks, cars, parks, public spaces, or abandoned buildings, and those sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason.

# IEP

The Individual Education Plan (IEP) is a written plan stating reasonable learning goals for a child 3 years and older with a diagnosed disability and to state the services that the school district will provide to the child.

# IFSP

The Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) is a written treatment plan that maps out the early intervention services that child under the age of 3 years and their family will receive.

# PIT COUNT

Every two years, Tehama County CoC performs a Point-in-Time (PIT) Count of all individuals and families experiencing homelessness, including those living on the streets or in other unsheltered situations and those in temporary shelters or transitional living situations.

# REAL COST MEASURE

Unlike the official poverty measure which primarily accounts for the cost of food, the Real Cost Measure incorporates the costs of housing, food, health care, child care, transportation and other basic needs to determine what it really costs to live in California.

**TCHS**

Tehama County Head Start

**TCEHS**

Tehama County Early Head Start

**TCCAA**

Tehama County Community Action  
Agency

**ET**

Empower Tehama

**ACES**

Adverse Childhood Experiences