
Chapter 11. Human Services

BACKGROUND

Health and social services are available from public and private agencies in the Davis area.

The Davis area is currently served by the existing private Sutter-Davis Hospital near Highway 113 and Covell Boulevard and the Woodland Memorial Hospital in Woodland.

Other health services include Davis Urgent Care; Davis Community Clinic; the Yolo Hospice; Citizens Who Care; Yolo County Medical Health Department; Youth Outreach; The Mental Health Association of Yolo County; and the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center.

Social services available to Davis residents through Yolo County Department of Social Services in Woodland include: Aid to Families With Dependent Children; Food Stamps; Medi-Cal; General Assistance; Special Circumstances; Information and Referral; Emergency Response Program; Family Maintenance Program; Family Reunification Program; Permanent Placement Program; Out-of-Home Care Services for Adults; In-Home Supportive Services; Protective Services for Adults; Family Day Care and Foster Family Licensing; Food Stamp Employment and Training; Greater Avenues to Independence; Welfare Fraud Investigation; Youth and Family Services (optional program); and Veterans Services (optional program). Other social services are available through the California State Employment Development Department in Woodland; the Yolo County Community Partnership Agency in Woodland; and the Yolo County Housing Authority in Woodland.

The City's Community Development Block Grant Program also funds social services in Davis, including health, nutrition, emergency shelter, housing and other services provided by non-profit organizations such as Davis Community Meals, Short Term Emergency Aid Committee, Community Housing Opportunities Corporations and the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center.

GOALS, POLICIES AND ACTIONS

HEALTH

GOAL HS 1. Provide adequate health services to people of all incomes and all age groups.

Policy HS 1.1 Promote accessible, available, affordable and acceptable health care programs for all Davis residents.

Actions

- a. Participate in regional, statewide and other health promotion and disease prevention activities.
- b. Apply for and receive a Healthy Cities designation.
- c. Working with community groups, participate in the Healthy Communities 2000 project.
- d. Support qualified local applications for Healthy Start funding.
- e. Assist in the development of local health promotion activities.
- f. Apply for funding for tobacco use prevention funds for city and community activities.
- g. Assist in the immunization of all children pre-school age, excluding children at risk of serious illness through immunization.
- h. Promote accident prevention, health and safety among residents.
- i. Encourage the University to augment existing health services and to include the Community Clinic as a required clinical rotation in primary care programs.
- j. As possible, offer City facilities for mobile and temporary health services.
- k. Formulate co-sponsorships and partnerships to improve transportation to health services.
- l. Expand and develop new co-sponsored health promotion activities with local health organizations for all age groups.
- m. Develop partnerships with the school district to assure that health services are provided to students and that health information is included in adult education and ESL programs.
- n. Work with appropriate groups and organizations to meet unmet needs in the areas of dental services for Davis residents in need,

mental health services for Davis residents in need, and mental health services for children.

- o. Maintain and expand funding if feasible for crisis intervention and follow-up services to the Davis community.

Policy HS 1.2 Encourage all businesses to provide health benefits to all employees.

Actions

- a. Consider the provision of employee health care and other benefits by businesses as a positive factor when offering incentives in business recruitment efforts.

Policy HS 1.3 Approach the prevention of violence as a community health problem by promoting a joint effort between human services, law enforcement, the schools, and neighborhood groups.

Policy HS 1.4 Work to increase safety from guns.

Actions

- a. Adopt controls on gun ownership and use to the extent allowed by State and federal law.
- b. Support zero-tolerance gun and drug policies in city, school and community services programs.
- c. Support reasonable legislative efforts aimed at tightening gun control legislation.

Policy HS 1.5 Maintain and expand access to alcohol and drug prevention services.

Actions

- a. Ensure that Yolo County alcohol and drug activities are implemented in Davis.
- b. Ask the County to include Davis community organizations in County mental health meetings.
- c. Encourage the adoption of zero tolerance ordinances for substance use and abuse at all Davis schools.

- d. Continue coordination of enforcement activities with federal, state, regional, county, and other activities.
- e. Aggressively enforce substance use and abuse laws.
- f. Assist in the expansion of community drug and alcohol treatment activities for Davis residents.

BASIC SUPPORT SERVICES

GOAL HS 2. Meet the basic needs for food and shelter of all Davis residents.

Policy HS 2.1 Work to provide food and nutrition for the hungry.

Actions

- a. Cooperate with State and County Departments of Social Services to utilize food subsidy resources to meet the needs of Davis residents.
- b. Continue support for local providers of food and nutrition services.

Policy HS 2.2 Provide a continuum of services for the homeless and those who are at-risk of becoming homeless, with recognition of special needs of youths.

Actions

- a. Continue to monitor the daily average number of persons seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing. Evaluate the resulting data to determine what facilities are needed to satisfy the needs of the identified population.
- b. Support services which provide homeless shelters and other resources for the homeless such as referrals for shelter and aid programs, showers, laundry and telephone services.
- c. Study the feasibility of providing free passes to all transit users.
- d. Continue support for the resource center for homeless and low-income residents.

- e. Continue to support transitional housing programs which provide supportive services to assist families and individuals toward independent living.
- f. Support "safe house" programs that offer care for latchkey and other neighborhood children.
- g. Minimize constraints to siting human services in Davis' neighborhoods, including such issues as zoning regulations.

DEPENDENT CARE

GOAL HS 3. Meet the needs of Davis residents for dependent care and respite care services.

Policy HS 3.1 Work to provide dependent care and respite care services.

Actions

- a. Encourage business involvement in and support of dependent care.
- b. Continue to provide respite care for families with special needs dependents.
- c. Continue coordinated efforts with government, business, health providers and child care providers to develop mildly ill child care options.
- d. Maintain and expand City family-friendly work policies.
- e. Seek state and federal funding sources for dependent care services for Davis residents.
- f. Continue to provide training and technical assistance for child care providers.
- g. Continue to assist child care providers in meeting licensing requirements.
- h. Maintain existing City dependent care benefits.

SENIORS

GOAL HS 4. Create and maintain a social and service environment supportive of seniors.

Policy HS 4.1 Provide programs which promote the physical and mental well-being of seniors.

Actions

- a. Maintain no fee and low cost transit passes for seniors.
- b. Support the development of a senior care continuum facility in Davis.
- c. Maintain and expand if feasible current senior programs and funding for the senior center as a focal point of program activities and services. Study options to expand the senior center facility in order to accommodate expanded programming needs.
- d. Provide retirement/life-planning programs emphasizing financial, health and leisure choices.
- e. Maintain and expand, if feasible, recreational opportunities responsive to seniors and athletic facilities accessible to seniors.
- f. Develop, if feasible, lifelong learning opportunities in areas including language and computer skills.
- g. Maintain and develop, if feasible, intergenerational programs with emphasis on senior center/Davis Joint Unified School District involvement.

Policy HS 4.2 Provide services which enable seniors to remain as independent as possible.

Actions

- a. Continue and, if feasible, expand information/assistance services at the Senior Center for seniors and their families.
- b. Promote existing and develop, if feasible, new senior daycare/respite services particularly for working families.

- c. Promote programs to assist caregivers and adult children with aging parents.
- d. Continue to support and develop, if feasible, in-home supportive services such as home maintenance, meals delivery and transportation.
- e. Maintain, if feasible, an affordable curb-to-curb transit service specifically designed for frail seniors.
- f. Develop, if feasible, an affordable transit escort service to assist frail seniors.

OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY

GOAL HS 5. Inform Davis residents about human service needs and programs.

Policy HS 5.1 Develop a program to publicize human service needs and programs.

Actions

- a. Convene meetings of parents, teens, school officials and service providers to assess the extent of the problems facing teens and to identify approaches to solving them.
- b. Compile and publish a summary analysis of Davis' unmet medical and human services needs, along with suggestions for community services to meet these needs. The analysis could be based on the Needs Assessment being conducted with CDBG funds in 1996-97.
- c. Support education activities for parents aimed at reducing tolerance of alcohol use among young people.
- d. Offer health benefit information, dependent care information and health information in newcomers, business, school and other publications.
- e. Work with the Davis Enterprise to sponsor a wellness column in the Enterprise.

- f. Consider adding a health category to the utility bill Pledge Program that allows residents to make voluntary donations to community causes.