



Touching the **HEART** of Children, Families and Community through Health, Education, Advocacy, Resource and Training.

A Family Resource Center
Strengthening Butte County since 1980

Located in Northern California, where the fertile valley floor meets the recreation-rich Sierra Nevada and Cascade mountain ranges, Butte County exemplifies how seemingly contrasting characteristics — valleys and mountains, rural communities and urban centers, farms and cities — come together perfectly. Valley Oak Children's Services fits right in to this Rural/Urban community.

Valley Oak Children's Services provides whole-family services across all of Butte County. Our impact is best described as helping families out of poverty and moving toward self-sufficiency. We work directly with families providing Resource and Referral Services for child care to **750 families**, regardless of income. Our Resource and Referral Counselors help child care providers and parents with child care, community resources, emergency relief services and PPE during the pandemic. **125 hours** of child care business training was offered. **4,489 new applicants were added to our Centralized Eligibility List.** **Child Care Initiative Project** helps get providers licensed & the ongoing business of child care. **Trustline& Live Scan Fingerprint Services** are offered for child care providers and the community. VOCS is a **Regional Hub for the Preschool Development Grant and the Preventative Health and Safety Project.** **Behavioral Health Support** is available for children ages 0-5 who need additional social/emotional support. **20 children are on a caseload at one time.**

15 Parent Café's brought families together to support each other with guided discussions about parenting. **12 Provider Café's** were held that provide peer support of providing child care. VOCS **literacy program** distributes books to families & the community to encourage the love of reading. Over **10,000 books** were provided free-of-charge. **Safety** is essential in our community. We are available as a front-line support to families during any crisis. We gave away **130 Bike Helmets and bike safety information.** **175 Swim Vests were provided with summer safety tips** free-of-charge. In partnership with **Keller-Williams and Platinum Partners Real Estate**, **50 families received Thanksgiving Dinners.** During the holidays, **our staff and board members provided 8 families with gifts for Christmas.**

Valley Oak Children's Services provides many community outreach opportunities: Our Annual Children's Fair, Annual Provider Appreciation, Job Fairs, Farmer's Markets, local parades, annual Salmon Festival, Paradise's Chocolate Fest and Johnny Appleseed Days to name a few. We provide service information and fun activities for children and families. Our **Lending Library is now on-line and regularly used by members of our community.**

The Cornerstone of our community events are our **Community Resource Rooms.** These are held 12 months a year in Chico, Paradise and Gridley. We will be adding Paradise soon. At each Resource Room, which are free to the community, we provide books, learning materials and crafts to parents, child care providers and anyone that stops by. **36 Community Resource Rooms were offered with an average of 50 people in attendance.** Referrals and entry on to our **Centralized Waiting List** for child care are also completed here.

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Our USDA Child Care Food Program serves 7 North State Counties. This program helps ensure healthy meals and snacks are provided to children in child care. **683,621 meals were provided by child care providers in 7 counties (Butte, Glenn, Plumas, Sierra, Sutter, Lassen & Yuba)**

Child Care Keeps California Working.

Child care is essential for economic recovery, growth & job creation. This service improves the social/emotional growth & education of children. It also improves the health & stability of businesses by improving employee attendance, job satisfaction and reduces costly turnover. Most importantly, child care is a critical investment in developing skills and a bright future for the next generation of Californians.

Valley Oak Children's Service operates the following child care options: **CalWorks Stage 1, CalWorks Stages 2 & 3, General Child Care, CCTR operated through child care homes, Early Head Start Program and The Child Care Foster Bridge & Navigator Program.**

It is estimated that for every \$1 invested in childcare equal a \$7 - \$12 added to the community.

VOCS redistributed **\$15,632,923 back to the community in child care reimbursements for eligible families. 1,150 Families and 1,890 Children were served.**

488 Small Child Care businesses were supported: 41 Licensed Centers, 70 Family Child Homes, 367 Exempt Providers and 10 After School and Recreation Programs.

Children Learning, Parents Earning, and our Community Thriving.

To learn more about our programs, contact Valley Oak Children's Services at 530-895-3572 www.valleyoakchildren.org and on social media @ValleyOakChildren

We can't wait to serve you!

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