



Health Happens in Schools

Policies Passed:

- 2012: West Contra County Unified School District (WCCUSD) passes a resolution identifying Full Service Community Schools as a district wide priority.
- 2017: WCCUSD passes a "Resolution for Positive School Climate Policy," which directs the Superintendent to develop and implement a positive school climate policy and implementation plan for all schools that, among other aspects, looks to evidence-based practices such as Restorative Justice and Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports (RJ/PBIS) that keep students in school, and limits the role and funding for campus security and police.

Systems and Practice Change:

- 2012: Restorative Justice is implemented across 10 schools throughout the West Contra County Unified School District.
- 2013: Advocacy results in increases in Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) funding for parent engagement.
- 2014: Community partners work with WCCUSD to hire a Director of Community Engagement to provide a consistent point of contact for external stakeholders; community members and parents serve on the hiring committee.
- 2015: A new full-service health clinic opens at Kennedy High School, replacing the mobile van which offered limited hours of operation.
- 2016/17: After many years of flat funding for comprehensive school-based health centers located across the West Contra Costa Unified School District, the 2016-17 LCAP increases the amount allocated to each health center from \$60,000/year to \$75,000/year.
- 2016/17: West Contra Costa Unified School District's LCAP exhibits significantly improved budget transparency, including the addition of budget summaries in Appendix C that shows allocation of LCFF, federal, state and local funds -- approximately \$340 million (nearly the entire district budget) is accounted for.
- 2018: WCCUSD hires its first School Climate Coordinator using resources from its AB 1014 (Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Fund) grant. The recommendation to hire a designated coordinator for school climate is one of several made by the Healthy Richmond Schools and Neighborhoods Action Team for the 2017-18 LCAP.
- 2018: WCCUSD schools offering school-based health services grows from 13 at the start of the 2017/18 school year to fifteen at the end of the school year.
- 2018: WCCUSD increases base funding in school-based health services from \$900,000 in the 2017/18 school year to more than \$1,125,000 using LCAP funding across 15 clinic sites.
- 2018: WCCUSD decides to no longer fund the Campus Security Officer (CSO) positions with LCAP dollars, as requested by Healthy Richmond partners. The Superintendent also signals to participating cities that the district will no longer absorb 100% of the costs for School Resource Officers (SROs) and, instead, will seek a 50/50 split.

- 2018: Two parent leaders from flatland schools participate in the official hiring process for the next Director of Community Engagement for WCCUSD. Their top choice candidate was eventually hired by the District.
- 2019: WCCUSD's Local Control Accountability Parent & Student Committee (DLCAPS) unanimously adopts all seven recommendations made by Healthy Richmond's School and Neighborhoods Action Team for inclusion in the final set of recommendations to the Board of Trustees. School district staff signal that they want to work with Healthy Richmond to improve resident and community collaboration for the process next fiscal year.

Tangible Benefits:

- 2013: BHC benefits from robust funding partnership with Kaiser Permanente (KP): School-based health center network at West Contra Cost Unified School District.
- 2013: \$500,000 DHHS grant helps to fund the renovation of the classroom into a clinic.

Health Happens in Neighborhoods

Policies Passed:

- 2013: Safe Return co-sponsors and wins passage of "Fairness in Hiring" at the state level, which will expand employment opportunities for more than 6 million Californians.
- 2013: Safe Return successfully advocates for a far-reaching Ban the Box ordinance for the City of Richmond.
- 2013: City of Richmond passes innovative Health in All Policies (HiAP) ordinance and strategy plan.
- 2016: Richmond City Council votes to approve a "Fair Chance Access to Affordable Housing" ordinance to protect the rights of people who are re-entering society and are excluded from housing opportunities due to their criminal record.
- 2016: Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors vote unanimously to impose a moratorium on fines charged to parents/guardians of young people incarcerated or monitored in the juvenile system. In the review of the policy, the cost to the County for collecting such fees is estimated at \$500,000, while the revenue was about \$300,000.
- 2016: Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors approves the 17-member Racial Justice Task Force to: research and identify consensus measures within the county to reduce racial disparities within the criminal justice system; plan and oversee implementation of measures once identified; and report back to the Board on progress made toward reducing racial disparities in the criminal justice system.
- 2017: Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors votes to permanently ban the practice of charging "Juvenile Cost of Care" fees to parents of young people caught in the justice system.
- 2017: Contra Costa County Board also agrees to refund parents who were improperly charged fees, going back to 2010. An estimated \$160,000 will be returned to over 500 low-income families in the county. In addition, the county will forgive \$8.8 million in unpaid juvenile fee debt.
- 2018: Richmond voters overwhelmingly pass Measures E and K to establish a dedicated funding source to expand services for children and families, and create a city-operated Department of Children and Youth. This measure was spearheaded and championed by several Healthy Richmond partners.
- 2018: Richmond voters pass Measure H, a luxury real estate transfer tax that will raise between \$2.5 to 4 million annually for the City of Richmond and, specifically, for the implementation of the Fund for Children, Youth and Families. The purpose of the fund is to "address the structural and environmental conditions that drive harmful

behavior in children, youth and families; strengthen the diverse assets and resilience of children, youth and families; and build alternatives to trauma, violence, hopelessness, despair and victimization.”

Systems and Practice Change:

- 2011: Contra Costa County's Community Corrections Partnership (CCP), which oversees implementation of AB 109 funding for criminal justice realignment activities, establishes a Community Advisory Board - inclusive of formerly incarcerated residents – to improve accountability and transparency to the community.
- Launched 2011/Opening Fall 2015: City, County and community partners come together to launch the Reentry Success Center for West County to provide comprehensive, integrated supports to those returning to the community from jail or prison.
- 2012: City of Richmond embraces health equity as a fundamental role for city government. HiAP strategy sets a framework of collaboration within city departments as well as with community-based organizations and other government agencies.
- 2012-2015: Community advocates and allies come together under the banner of “People, Not Prisons” to halt two attempts by the Contra Costa Sheriff to expand the West County Detention Facility in Richmond.
- 2013: Secured a Youth Council within the City of Richmond to represent and advocate on behalf of young people in the City.
- 2013: AB109: Contra Costa Interfaith Supporting Community Organization (CCISCO), Safe Return, Reentry Solutions Group and other Healthy Richmond partners successfully advocate for the investment of \$4 million of AB 109 funds in community-based services and supports for the reentry population.
- 2014: Health & Active Before 5 helps Contra Costa organizations pass 76 organizational policies promoting healthy eating and active living for our youngest residents.
- 2014: RYSE successfully advocates for the elimination of the juvenile record sealing fee for young people in Contra Costa County.
- 2015: Organizing secures a community benefits agreement with UC Berkeley's proposed global campus to support local hiring, small business support, housing, and educational opportunities.
- 2016: The Contra Costa County Public Defender's office develops agreements with the District Attorney's Office and the Court to design an expedited process for filing and consideration of Prop 47 cases. Under this agreement, substantial numbers of such cases are handled through an ex parte process, without requiring a Court hearing.
- 2016: The Richmond Kids First Initiative, which would allocate up to 3 percent of general fund revenue for children and youth services, gathers sufficient signatures to qualify for the 2018 ballot.
- 2016: In the nearly ten years since the City of Richmond launched the Office of Neighborhood Safety, it experiences a 71% reduction in gun violence causing injury or death.
- 2017: Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors appoints Diana Becton as District Attorney to fill the vacancy of the outgoing DA, who resigned amid charges of improper campaign spending. Ms. Becton is the first African American and woman to lead this office. Her appointment was supported by the Contra Costa Racial Justice Coalition.
- 2017: Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors approves a funding partnership with local philanthropy, including TCE, to launch Stand Together Contra Costa, a rapid response system to meet the needs of immigrants facing deportation in the county. The \$1 million budget sustains the program for its first two and a half years and brings together multiple agencies and community providers to provide high quality legal defense and support services.

- 2018: Contra Costa County ends its contract with ICE to detain immigrants at the West County Detention Center after considerable public pressure. Approximately 200 people housed at the jail are being moved to other sites while advocates continue to press for their release.
- 2018: Contra Costa Board of Supervisors adopts the recommendations of the Racial Justice Task Force to address persistent inequities in the juvenile and criminal justice systems. The first recommendation is to establish a Racial Justice Oversight Body to oversee implementation of the recommendations. All recommendations are accepted except for two having to do with independent oversight of confinement conditions in the West County Jail, which is sent back to the Public Protection Committee for further investigation.
- 2018: Contra Costa County Housing Authority agrees to incorporate a community-driven vision statement into the Request for Proposals that will be issued to solicit private developers to the North Richmond neighborhood. The visioning process was led by the North Richmond Resident Leadership Team, which is organizing resident voice and power in the face of mounting redevelopment pressures.
- 2019: Contra Costa County Housing Authority endorses the North Richmond Quality of Life Plan developed by resident leaders and, by so doing, agrees to include plan recommendations in the Request for Proposals (RFPs) and place two North Richmond resident leaders on the selection committee for developers responding to the RFPs.
- 2019: Contra Costa County Conservation and Development Department agrees to formally recognize the North Richmond Quality of Life Plan developed by resident leaders in the comprehensive review and update of the County General Plan, Envision Contra Costa 2040. The recommendations from the Quality of Life Plan are already starting to inform County prioritization of resources for traffic safety, business development, and overall planning.
- 2019: Contra Costa County District Attorney signs a collaborative agreement with the RYSE Center and Impact Justice to pilot a restorative justice diversion program for young people facing a potentially serious felony or misdemeanor charge. Upon completion of the restorative intervention, the young person will not be charged.

Tangible Benefits:

- 2014: Pogo Park helps to secure \$7 million in State Prop. 84 funds for Elm Playlot and Unity Park on the Richmond Greenway.
- 2014: The community-designed and redeveloped Elm Playlot formally reopens to serve Iron Triangle children and their families.
- 2015: The Reentry Success Center opens in Richmond, a comprehensive resource and support center for people reentering society from prison or jail that was funded by AB109 dollars.
- 2015: Richmond secures a \$6.2 million Active Transportation Program grant from the State of California to build the first leg of the Yellow Brick Road, a network of safe and vibrant routes for children and youth connecting key community assets in Richmond's Iron Triangle Neighborhood.
- 2016: Contra Costa County leases land to Urban Tilth for 30 years at a nominal cost to start a 3-acre farm and community learning and healing space in an under-resourced neighborhood of North Richmond.
- 2016: Seven young, watershed technicians in-training help to build a water catchment system and bioswale at the new North Richmond Farm with \$300,000 in support.
- 2018: RYSE purchases the land on which an expanded youth center, now called RYSE Commons, will be built. A capital campaign launches to build RYSE Commons.

Policies Passed:

- 2012: The City of Richmond adopts General Plan 2030 with a comprehensive Community Health and Wellness Element (HWE).
- 2015: Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors votes to support the "Contra Costa Cares" program to provide access to primary care for the remaining uninsured. The \$1 million investment by the County and three local hospital systems (Kaiser, Sutter and John Muir) allows for 3,000 individuals to be enrolled in the program for one year.
- 2017: Contra Costa Board of Supervisors votes to extend "Contra Costa Cares" for another year and expand the program with a commitment of \$750,000 to be matched by partnering hospitals. The \$1.5 million investment provides access to primary care for 4,400 undocumented adults in the county.
- 2019: Contra Costa County agrees to maintain funding for Contra Costa Cares for the next fiscal year 2019-2020.

Systems and Practice Change:

- 2017: West Contra Costa Unified School District's Office of College and Career launches its first formal summer internship program serving all rising seniors. The West County Health Pathway Partners – a collective impact effort funded by TCE – partners with the district to ensure all students seeking a health-related placement have a high-quality internship. The program is continued in 2018.
- 2018: Contra Costa Health Services signals a commitment to sustain and elevate its commitment to health career pathways. Public Health Solutions, a pathway curriculum for high school students grounded in health equity and funded by TCE, moves from the Public Health Department to the office of the new Director for Health Services.

Tangible Benefits:

- 2015: 85,967 new Medi-Cal enrollees in Contra Costa County.
- 2016: With a \$450,000 PRI from TCE, Lifelong Medical opens the W. Jenkins Health Center in a key corridor in downtown Richmond. The portable structure will allow Lifelong to serve an expanded number of pediatric clients while plans are underway to transform the units into a three-story facility that will complement an array of other wellness facilities.