

Agency Spotlight:
Yolo Community Care Continuum, Woodland, California



YOLO COMMUNITY CARE CONTINUUM

For nearly 30 years, Yolo Community Care Continuum (YCCC) has provided community based mental health support services to those diagnosed with mental illnesses. The organization was founded in 1979, as a result of a small group of concerned parents of young adults who came together to solve their common dilemma. Believing it would be beneficial for their children to live in a community setting while receiving professional treatment, the parents strived to create a place that felt like home, rather than an institution. After one couple donated a house, Yolo Community Care Continuum was born, and has since become a statewide model of mental health care.

The mission of YCCC, to better the lives of people with a mental illness through the direct services, advocacy, education, and volunteer efforts, is driven by the force of fifty employees and over seventy five volunteers. Their assistance helps to execute and maintain programs like the Safe Harbor Crisis House, New Dimensions Supportive Housing (NDSH), the Farmhouse, and Harmony House. Whether addressing a short-term need or if struggling with a severe illness, participants of these programs are given the opportunity to receive counseling, have access to psychiatric and social services, live in a home-like environment, and work on confidence-building skills like cooking, shopping, and money management.

The Food Bank is very happy to partner with YCCC and support their mission. Executive Director, Michele Kellogg, says, “The food that the Food Bank provides to our programs enables YCCC to keep food costs lower so that more funds are available for direct service.”

There is some exciting news on the horizon for YCCC, including their third annual Blinds & Bluffs Poker Event at the Davis Odd Fellows Lodge this October. The event is co-sponsored by the Davis Odd Fellows and Rebekah’s Lodge. As a future goal, YCCC seeks to expand and enhance the services they provide and assessing the need of surrounding counties that may need community based mental health services.

Thank you YCCC for your hard work and supporting our neighbors in need!

Like any other agency, Yolo Community Continuum can benefit from increased support from the community, in general. For more information about how you can volunteer or make a donation, please contact them at (530) 758-2160 or visit their website: www.y3c.org.