

## Homeless Initiatives Program Finds Success



In 2017, the Board of Supervisors approved funding and implementation of four major initiatives to address critical needs of those experiencing homelessness. In just one year's time, the County has achieved phenomenal results from these new initiatives.

- » **Improve the Family Crisis Response and Shelters** (October 2017)
  - 146 families served in shelter
  - 50 moved to permanent housing
- » **Preserve Mather Community Campus** (October 2017)
  - 351 individuals served in transitional housing
  - 116 moved to permanent housing
- » **Full Service Rehousing Shelter** (March 2018)
  - 91 individuals in scattered-site shelters
  - 19 moved to permanent housing

- » **Flexible Supportive Re-housing Program** (February 2018)
  - 191 individuals enrolled
  - 94 moved into permanent housing
- » **Transitional Aged Youth** (May 2018)
  - 115 served with prevention, diversion and intervention services
  - 35 moved to permanent housing
  - 32 maintained housing through services
  - 17 entered emergency shelter
- » **Unincorporated County Navigation Services** (April 2018)
  - 177 served through outreach and rehousing services
  - 30 moved to permanent housing

In total, 416 individuals have moved into permanent housing since the start of the first initiative in October 2017.

"We are thrilled to share the success that our programs have had in this first year. In some programs, success has been demonstrated in mere months," said Ann Edwards, Director of the Department of Human Assistance. "We are reaching people we have never been able to engage, and they are seeing a real difference in their lives."

With the initial success of the Sacramento County Homeless Initiatives and additional funding sources for expansion, collaborative community partnerships and dedicated service providers, Sacramento County recognizes that change is possible for our community and the lives of its valued residents.



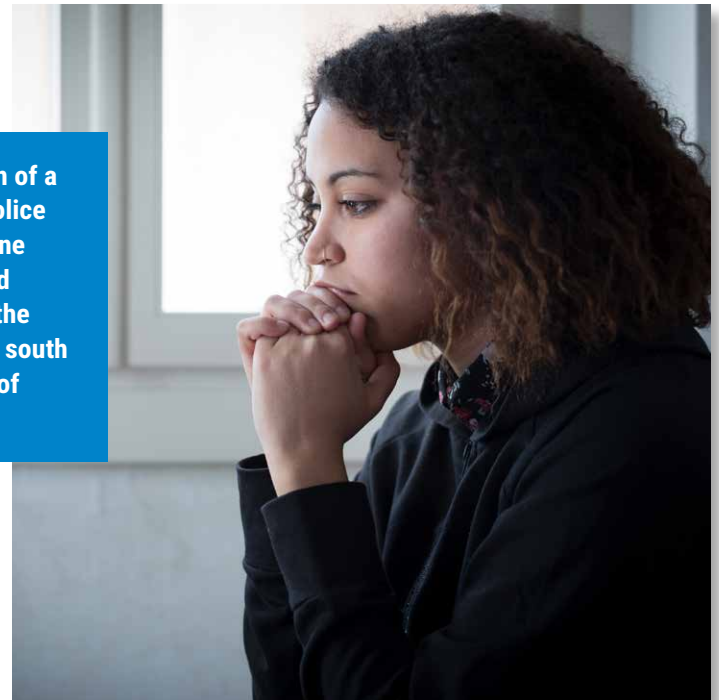
## Mental Health Services and New Mobile Crisis Support Team

Sacramento County is excited to announce the implementation of a new Mobile Crisis Support Team (MCST) with the Elk Grove Police Department. The Mobile Crisis Support Team in Elk Grove is one of six teams implemented in the Sacramento region to respond to and address mental health crises. In addition to Elk Grove, the County also has Mobile Crisis Support Teams in the north and south areas of unincorporated Sacramento County, and in the cities of Sacramento, Rancho Cordova, Citrus Heights and Folsom.

### The goals of MCST are to:

- » Provide safe, compassionate and effective responses to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis
- » Mediate the current crisis to increase public safety
- » Decrease unnecessary hospitalizations and unnecessary incarcerations for those experiencing a mental health crisis
- » Increase member participation with mental health providers by problem solving barriers to service and increasing knowledge of local resources

Depending on the potential mental health needs, individuals can be linked to services through the Mobile Crisis Support Team



including outpatient mental health and/or drug and alcohol treatment services as well as linkage to community resources, such as housing/shelters/respite centers, veteran services, benefits, food and clothing, social connection resources, and medical resources.

## SACRAMENTO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Mobile Crisis Support Team partnership with law enforcement is one of several services in Sacramento County. Learn about how residents can get mental health services in Sacramento County below and visit [www.dhs.saccounty.net/BHS/Pages/Mental-Health-Services.aspx](http://www.dhs.saccounty.net/BHS/Pages/Mental-Health-Services.aspx):

- » Call the Mental Health Access Team to request mental health services and an over-the-phone assessment in order to be referred to an appropriate mental health service provider.
  - Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5 pm
  - (916) 875-1055 or toll free (888) 881-4881
- » If you or a loved one has an immediate mental health and/or co-occurring substance abuse need, the Mental Health Urgent Care Clinic provides services on a voluntary, walk-in basis.
  - For hours, call 916-520-2460
  - Location: 2130 Stockton Blvd., Building 300, Sacramento, CA 95817

- » If you need some support during times of a mental health crisis, the TLCS Crisis Respite Center provides services in a warm, homelike atmosphere for up to a 23-hour period in a supportive, stabilizing environment.
    - Call 916-737-7483 for additional information
    - Peer support services and self-help groups/classes to empower individuals with psychiatric disabilities are available at Wellness & Recovery Centers
- LOCATIONS:**
- North location:** 3637 Mission Ave., Building B, Carmichael, CA 95608, 916-485-4175
- South location:** 7171 Bowling Dr., Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95823, 916-394-9195
- » For anyone experiencing homelessness, the Guest House Homeless Clinic, provides mental health support services during weekday hours.
    - Location: 600 Bercut Dr., Sacramento, CA 95811
    - Call 916-440-1500 for additional information





## Be Prepared for Floods

The Department of Water Resources has information to help you understand the threat flooding may pose to your property. Log onto [www.stormready.org](http://www.stormready.org) and click Flood Zone Information to learn more about your flood risk.

If you live in a flood zone, you can reduce the potential for damage by being proactive.

- » Clear storm drains of leaves and debris to ensure the water freely flows away from your home. Clogs can cause localized flooding to streets that could eventually back up to your doorway.
- » If you come across street flooding, call 3-1-1 to have County crews come out and clear the clogs. Also, don't drive through flooded streets.
- » If you see items dumped into nearby creeks, call 3-1-1 and report it. It's important to clear those areas before the rain to avoid problems.



Develop a plan if you have to evacuate. This plan will be useful for any potential disasters, including floods. It's not too early to decide where you will go and what you should take.

Remember the five Ps when preparing to leave your home in an emergency:

1. People and pets
2. Papers (important documents)
3. Prescriptions (medication, eyeglasses, hearing aids)
4. Pictures (Irreplaceable memories)
5. Personal computer

Make sure you have a designated meeting place in case you become separated from family. [Stormready.org](http://Stormready.org) also features evacuation maps as well as the region's flooding history.

Stay up-to-date with the latest neighborhood emergency and flood information by signing up for Sacramento Alerts at [Sacramento-Alert.org](http://Sacramento-Alert.org).

## Resource Families Needed for Foster Youth

Sacramento County reminds the community that you can make a difference in the life of a child by becoming a resource family.

Hundreds of new resource families are needed so that children and youth can live with a caring family in a home-based setting rather than in a group home. In particular, the County is looking for families who are able to foster teenagers, LGBTQ youth, African-American children, children with medical needs, emergency/last-minute placements and homes for sibling sets.

Sacramento County supports, trains and offers guidance, support and assistance to resource families to make sure the journey is a positive transition. When reuniting children with their biological families is not possible, staff can help resource parents adopt or take legal guardianship without



undergoing another approval process. This creates a continuous care experience for children who will no longer have to switch homes at the point of adoption.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a resource family for local foster children or an adoptive parent, attend the next Resource Family/Adoptive Parent Orientation or call (916) 875-5543 and visit the Sacramento County Department of Child, Family and Adult Services Resource Family web page at <http://www.dcfas.saccounty.net/CPS/>

## Do You Have An Uncashed Sacramento County Check?



Currently, the County has more than 5,000 uncashed checks, totaling more than \$2.2 million. How does this happen and could this be your unclaimed money?

If a Sacramento County issued check goes six months without being cashed by the rightful payee, the information becomes available in a PDF document on the Unclaimed County Warrants (checks) webpage at [www.finance.saccounty.net/AuditorController/Pages/UncashedWarrants.aspx](http://www.finance.saccounty.net/AuditorController/Pages/UncashedWarrants.aspx). The data is also searchable on the County's Open Data portal at [data.saccounty.net/](http://data.saccounty.net/).

### Think you might have an uncashed check with Sacramento County? Here are quick and easy ways to find out:

- » From the Unclaimed County Warrants webpage, scroll through the check numbers on the Unclaimed Warrant listing PDF document (use the Find feature [Ctrl+F] to search names or other terms in the PDF).
- » Go to the Sacramento County Open Data portal. Once on the portal, click "Finance" icon; click "County Outstanding Checks" link; and click "Data" tab. Then click on the column "filter" cone-shaped icons for specific value sorting, or the column headings for alpha/numeric listings to get ascending or descending sorts.
- » If you find your name or business on the data listing, go to the Unclaimed County Warrants webpage above to find out about the documentation and information needed to validate that you are the rightful payee to receive the funds.

### More Unclaimed Monies

The Department of Revenue Recovery (DRR) has unclaimed payments that are a result of not having a current address for the recipient. On the Open Data portal, under the Finance category, check out the Revenue Recovery Unclaimed Payments data and search for your name at [data-sacramentocounty.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/revenue-recovery-unclaimed-payments/data](http://data-sacramentocounty.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/revenue-recovery-unclaimed-payments/data). If you

locate a claim due to you, contact DRR at (916) 875-7815, and provide the following information:

- » Claimant's Name
- » Date of Birth
- » Address (Current and Previous)
- » Phone Number
- » Amount of the claim
- » DRR Account Number
- » Court Docket Number
- » Date of Order
- » Defendant's Name
- » Proof of Identity (Driver's License or ID Card)
- » Proof of Payment: Copy of check, money order receipt or credit card confirmation number
- » Information regarding the incident (case information)

Sacramento County makes this data easily available on its websites, Open Data Portal and other measures to ensure the information is accessible and the monies go to the rightful payees.

## Sign Up for Emergency Alerts

Have you signed up for Sacramento-Alert yet? Just go to [www.Sacramento-Alert.org](http://www.Sacramento-Alert.org) and sign up your home and work phone numbers and emails, as well as your cell phone numbers. This way, when an emergency happens in your area, you will be notified about critical and time-sensitive issues – including fires, floods, evacuations and disasters.



Signing up is easy, and your information is protected. Register now on the region's mass notification system:

[Sacramento-Alert.org](http://Sacramento-Alert.org), [Yolo-Alert.org](http://Yolo-Alert.org) or [Placer-Alert.org](http://Placer-Alert.org).

For additional information about how to prepare for emergencies, such as rain and cold temperatures, go to the Sacramento Ready website at [www.SacramentoReady.org](http://www.SacramentoReady.org).