



FUNDING THE NEXT GENERATION SOLANO FACT SHEET

What Does the Data tell us about the Unmet Needs of Solano Children?

Solano has a high need child and youth population and current service levels across multiple dimensions are inadequate to meet the needs of Solano's children and youth:

- ✚ The child poverty rate in Solano is nearly 20%, for children under 5 it is over 25%, and there are many more families struggling to make ends meet
- ✚ **Nearly 2,100 Solano school-aged children are homeless;**
- ✚ The resources to help homeless children stay in school are uncertain year to year and currently amount to less than \$9 per month per homeless child;
- ✚ **Over 4,200 reports of child abuse of Solano children are received annually;**
- ✚ The lifetime cost of caring for one child victim of abuse is \$210,012, yet only about \$1 per year per child is available in Solano to prevent abuse;
- ✚ **The number of eligible children on waiting lists for high quality child care in Solano exceeds the total number of slots in existence;**
- ✚ Since 2009, there has been a loss of over \$9 million in Solano County child care subsidies resulting in a decrease of 40% of the resources needed to serve our most vulnerable children. There are now only enough preschool spaces for 13% of the lowest income three and four- year-olds in Solano County;
- ✚ **42% of the children and youth over age 12 in Solano are overweight or obese;**
- ✚ Almost 12% of Solano children age 11 years and younger have never had a dental visit;
- ✚ Solano children are far more likely to be hospitalized for “Mental Diseases and Disorders” than for ANY other diagnosis. 12% of hospital discharges carry this diagnosis. The next most common reason, asthma, is infrequent by comparison — only 4.3 %. This pattern suggests that critically needed effective prevention and early intervention services are not readily available to impacted families in Solano;
- ✚ **The Solano youth unemployment rate is 50% higher than the statewide average and more than double the average rate of other Bay Area counties.**