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2025-26 Annual Report

Building a Foundation for Student Wellness and Family Success

During the 2025–26 school year, the Lake County Office of Education's Healthy Start Youth & Family Services continued its dedicated partnership with the Redbud Health Care District. Through focused outreach and comprehensive support services, Healthy Start addressed critical social determinants of health, attendance challenges, behavioral health needs, and basic life necessities for students and families across **Konocti Unified School District (KUSD)** and **Middletown Unified School District (MUSD)**.

Key Impact Highlights

- **Total Services Delivered:** Over **10,000+ total service contacts** provided across both districts.
- **Basic Needs Support:** **1,764 instances** of basic needs support delivered, making it the single highest service category.
- **Attendance & Engagement:** Over **3,700 service touchpoints** dedicated to attendance checks, incentives, case management, and chronic absenteeism intervention.
- **Holistic Well-being:** Substantial engagement in youth mentoring (**640**), social-emotional support (**611**), home visits (**861**), and health/oral health coordination (**699 combined**).

Service Breakdown by Category

Basic Needs & Stability Services

Basic necessities form the foundation of student health and educational readiness. Healthy Start provided extensive crisis relief and direct assistance:

- **Basic Needs:** 1,764 (1,633 KUSD | 131 MUSD)
- **Home Visits:** 861 (777 KUSD | 84 MUSD)
- **Resource Linkages:** 742 (694 KUSD | 48 MUSD)
- **Transportation:** 329 (288 KUSD | 41 MUSD)
- **Housing Navigation:** 59 (59 KUSD | 0 MUSD)

Attendance & Academic Interventions

Chronic absenteeism directly impacts health outcomes and educational success. Healthy Start targeted non-attendance through multiple touchpoints:

- **Attendance Checks:** 1,601 (1,309 KUSD | 292 MUSD)
- **Chronic Absenteeism Outreach:** 1,243 (1,013 KUSD | 230 MUSD)
- **Attendance Incentives:** 676 (509 KUSD | 167 MUSD)
- **Attendance Case Management & Planning:** 332 combined (284 KUSD | 48 MUSD)

Physical & Behavioral Health

Supporting student wellness through health education, preventive care, and substance use awareness:

- **Oral Health Services:** 440 (432 KUSD | 8 MUSD)
- **Substance Use Awareness:** 342 (337 KUSD | 5 MUSD)
- **Tobacco Cessation Support:** 289 (286 KUSD | 3 MUSD)
- **Health/Hygiene Education:** 275 (263 KUSD | 12 MUSD)
- **Health Services Coordination:** 259 (247 KUSD | 12 MUSD)
- **Behavioral Health:** 45 (41 KUSD | 4 MUSD)

Youth Development & Social-Emotional Well-being

Fostering emotional resilience, mentorship, and positive school culture:

- **Mentoring:** 640 (600 KUSD | 40 MUSD)
- **Social Emotional Support:** 611 (558 KUSD | 53 MUSD)
- **Follow-up Calls / Home Visits:** 504 (460 KUSD | 44 MUSD)
- **School System Advocacy:** 285 (230 KUSD | 55 MUSD)

(See Attached 25-26 Data Summary Sheets and graphs)

As we look toward the upcoming school year 2026-27, our commitment to our community remains resolute, even as we navigate significant operational shifts. Due to the LCSSP (Learning Communities for School Success Program) grant not being funded for the 2026–2029 cohort, our program experienced deep structural changes—resulting in the full layoff of four dedicated team members and reduced hours for the majority of our remaining staff.

Despite these capacity challenges, we remain dedicated to expanding our partnerships and strengthening our vital ties with providers like Adventist Health and other local health centers. We will maximize our resources to sustain community outreach, safeguard vulnerable and unaccompanied youth, and continue our essential work in tobacco prevention (TUPE) and truancy intervention to keep our schools full and healthy.

We are profoundly grateful to our collaborative partners, our resilient staff, and the families who trust us with their care. Together, we remain steadfast in building a healthier, stronger Lake County.

The steady investment of \$95,000 from the Redbud Health Care District serves as a cornerstone for pediatric wellness and family resilience in South Lake County. By addressing the root causes of absenteeism, health disparities, and family instability, Healthy Start continues to ensure that local health care resources are used efficiently while cultivating a healthier, more supported youth population.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the Redbud Health Care District Board of Directors for your enduring partnership, trust, and commitment to our community's children and families.

In Gratitude,

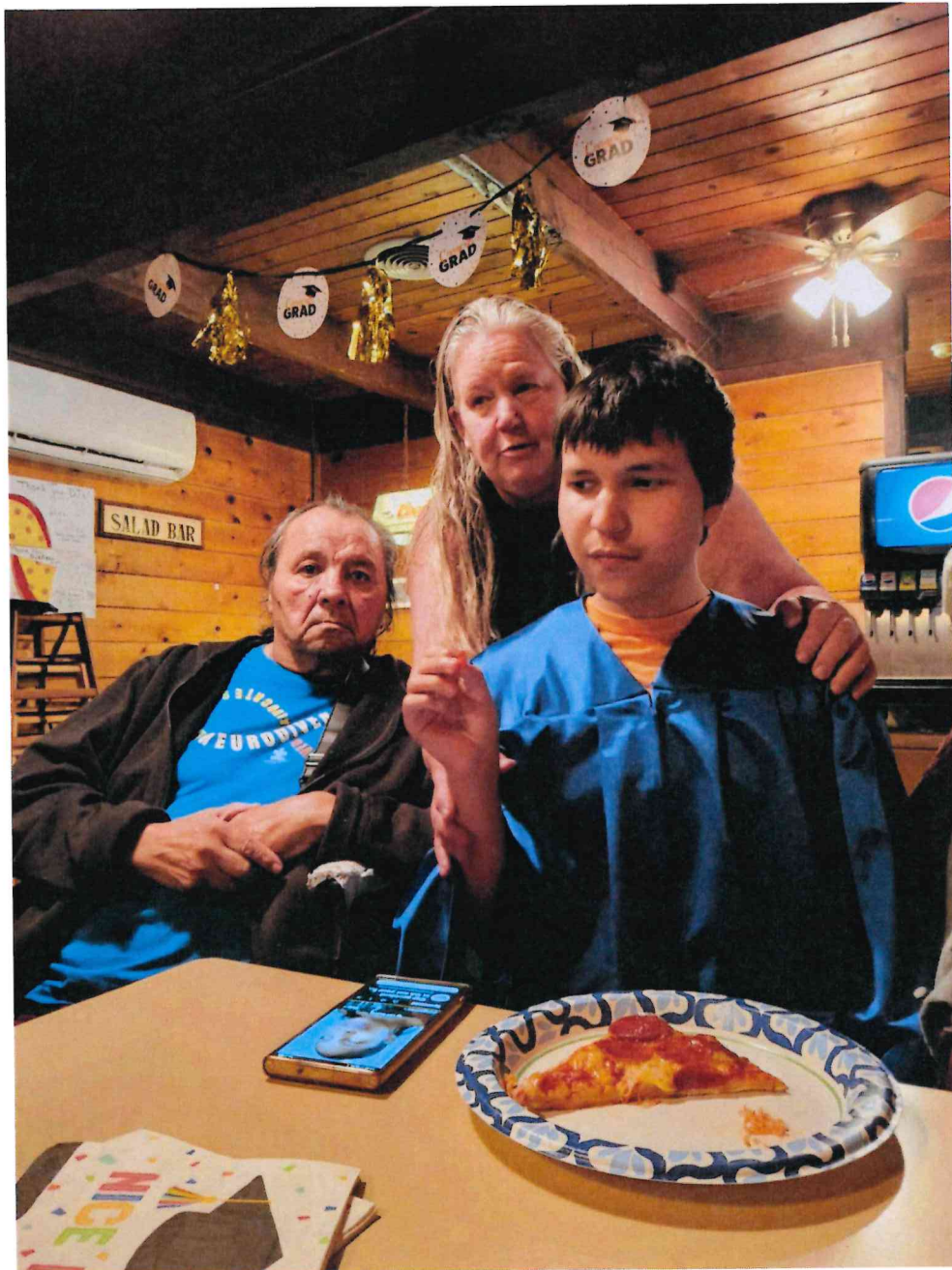
The Healthy Start Youth and Family Services Team

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Tanya Biassotti	.5 Family Advocate (hours are reduced for the 26-27 school year)	Family Advocate home visitation, medical and dental case management health referrals and parent support Trained NF facilitator Foster Youth Specialist	Burns Valley Elementary
Jessica Howells	.3 Family Advocate (hours are reduced for the 26-27 school year)	Family Advocate home visitation, medical and dental case management health referrals and parent support Foster Youth Specialist Project Sun Certified Cessation	Obsidian Middle School Coyote Valley Minnie Cannon
Alfredo Garcia	.4 Family Advocate Bilingual (hours are reduced for the 26-27 school	Family Advocate home visitation, medical and dental case management health referrals and parent support	Lower Lake High School Carle Blue Heron Highlands Richard Lewis

	year)	Foster Youth Specialist AP/OD certified facilitator	AP/OD facilitator
Mitzi Zagala (momma Mitzi)	.3 Family Advocate (hours are reduced for the 26-27 school year)	Family Advocate home visitation, medical and dental case management health referrals and parent support McVento Youth Specialist Trained NF Facilitator	Lower Lake Elementary
Ileta Duran	Family Advocate (not funded RHCD) Bilingual (hours are reduced for the 26-27 school year)	Family Advocate home visitation, medical and dental case management health referrals and parent support Foster Youth Specialist AP/OD certified facilitator FNL Certified facilitator Project Sun Certified Cessation	Pomo Elementary Cobb Elementary
Debbie Ogulin	Family Advocate (not funded RHCD) (hours are reduced for the 26-27 school year)	Family Advocate home visitation, medical and dental case management health referrals and parent support Foster Youth Specialist Nurturing Parenting trained facilitator	Eastlake Elementary
Lisa Hart	.35 Site	FY Coordinator	Middletown Unified

	Supervisor/FY Specialist	home visitation, medical and dental case management and parent Trained NF Facilitator	
<i>Roxanne Morris Aaron Moore Justin Willis Sheila Yahnke</i>	<i>(not funded RHCD) Attendance Supe. Youth Advocate Youth Advocate Youth Advocate</i>	<i>Chronic Absenteeism</i>	<i>County Wide Tk-8 Laid off due to grant not funded for 26-29</i>
Connie Chicoine	Youth Skills Coach (not funded RHCD)	Justice Involved Youth	County Wide
Ana Santana	Program Director County Homeless Liaison (not Funded RHCD)	A little bit of everything Trained Facilitator Nurturing Parenting Positive Indian Parenting AP/OD	County wide
Cheryl Graves	Administrative Assistant (Not Funded RHCD)	Staff support and budget	Eastlake



Tyler's graduation this year was a powerful milestone for both his family and our team. His family proudly shared this photo with us, sharing that Healthy Start played a vital role in making this day possible. By supporting the family through housing navigation, basic necessities, home maintenance support, and transportation to specialized out-of-county medical appointments, we were able to remove critical barriers so Tyler could succeed



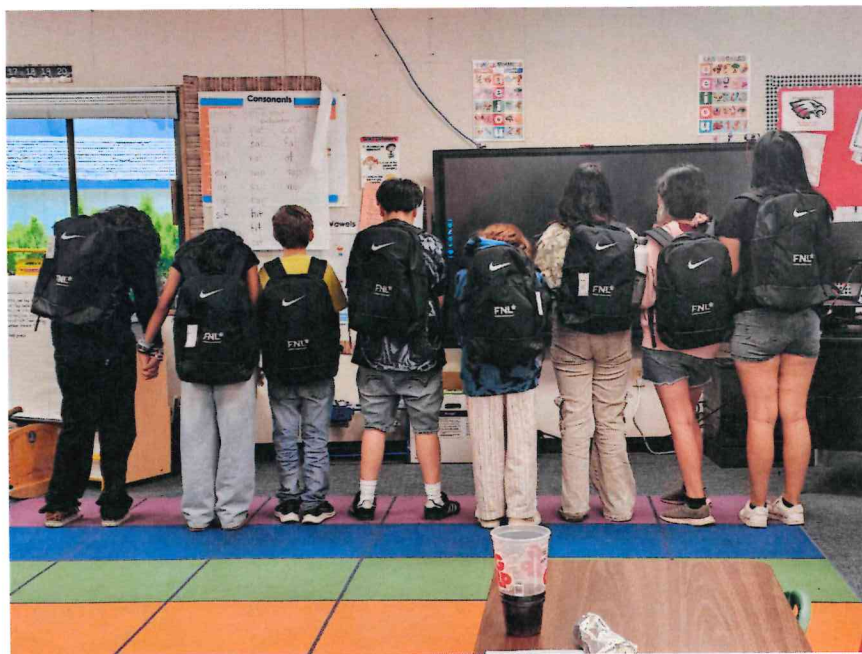
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Healthy Start staff maintain a consistent presence across school campuses, delivering targeted outreach around health prevention, student wellness, attendance support open house, family nights and kindergarten round ups.



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The Healthy Start TUPE (Tobacco Use Prevention Education) team successfully established Friday Night Live (FNL) clubs at both Pomo Elementary and Obsidian Middle School campuses. By aligning these middle and elementary programs with the existing Lower Lake High School FNL club, the team created a clear pathway for ongoing student leadership, youth advocacy, and peer mentorship across grade levels.



Student leaders from the Pomo Elementary and Lower Lake High School Friday Night Live (FNL) clubs work together on a collaborative initiative

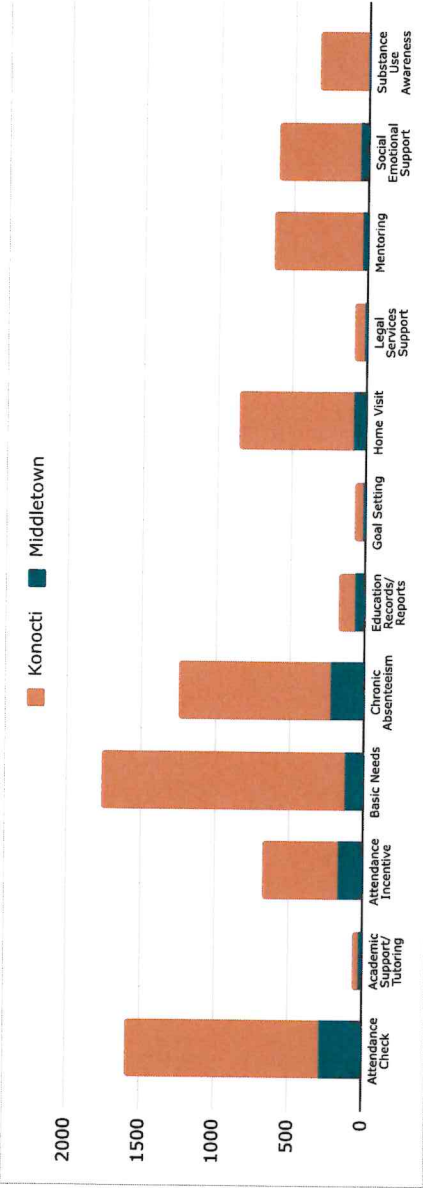


Healthy Start staff engaging with youth and families at one of many community events. Outreach efforts focus on vital resources, including oral health, tobacco prevention education, homeless youth support, chronic absenteeism interventions, parenting programs, and community resource connections

Students Served and Total Services

District	Individual Students Served	Student/Family Office & Field Visits
Konocti	864	3078
Middletown	148	468
Grand Total	1012	3546

District Services



Attendance

Attendance Program	
Attendance Referrals	402
Attendance Check	1495
Chronic Absenteeism	1203
Home Visits	477
Attendance Incentives	672
Follow up Call/Home Visit	279
Case Plan Completed	4

Foster Youth Services

Foster Youth Services	
Foster Youth	76
Education Records/Reports	114
Case Consultation	5
Social Emotional Support	70
Afterschool Enrichment	1
Basic Needs	98
Mentoring	58

McKinney-Vento Services

McKinney-Vento Services	
McKinney-Vento Referrals	112
Basic Needs	172
Linkages to Resources	149
Home Visits	172
Chronic Absenteeism	101
Attendance Check	114
Case Plan Completed	0

Family WRAP

Family WRAP Services	
Family WRAP Referrals	8
Mentoring	74
Social Emotional Support	65
Goal Setting	75
Attendance Check	69
Basic Needs	23
Case Plan Completed	0

Family PRO

Family PRO Services	
Family PRO Referrals	72
Linkages to Resources	78
Home Environment	78
Basic Needs	57
Parenting Education	33
Housing Navigation	5
Case Plan Completed	0

Health Services

Health Services Coordination	
Health Coordination Referrals	181
Tobacco Prevention Education	285
Behavioral Health Coordination	23
Medical/Vision Services Coordination	161
Oral Health Care Coordination	328
Head Lice Education/Treatment	34
Case Plan Completed	1

Student/Family Office & Field Visits - Individual meetings with students and/or families. Multiple services such as basic needs and linkages to resources may be provided during meetings.