

Youth & Families Recommendations

- Expand and continue to build programs and services that are responsive to community needs, including accessible mental health resources, vocational training, and recreational spaces.
- Increase collaborative opportunities to improve communication, information dissemination, and outreach efforts.
- Enhance community safety and foster positive police-community relationships.
- Promote social engagement and belonging by creating inclusive spaces and programs.

Older Adults Recommendations

- Explore availability of physical space for older adults, including a potential dedicated senior center, and an assessment of transportation routes to enhance accessibility.
- Provide diverse programming opportunities by offering culturally appropriate programs, with an emphasis on social and physical activities.
- Publicize programming through various communication mechanisms thereby increasing awareness of available programs through preferred communication methods, such as email and face to face.
- Promote social engagement by providing opportunities for social activities and volunteerism.
- Plan ahead for an aging population by considering affordable housing options, transportation needs, social activities, and other areas that affect the day to day lives of older adults.

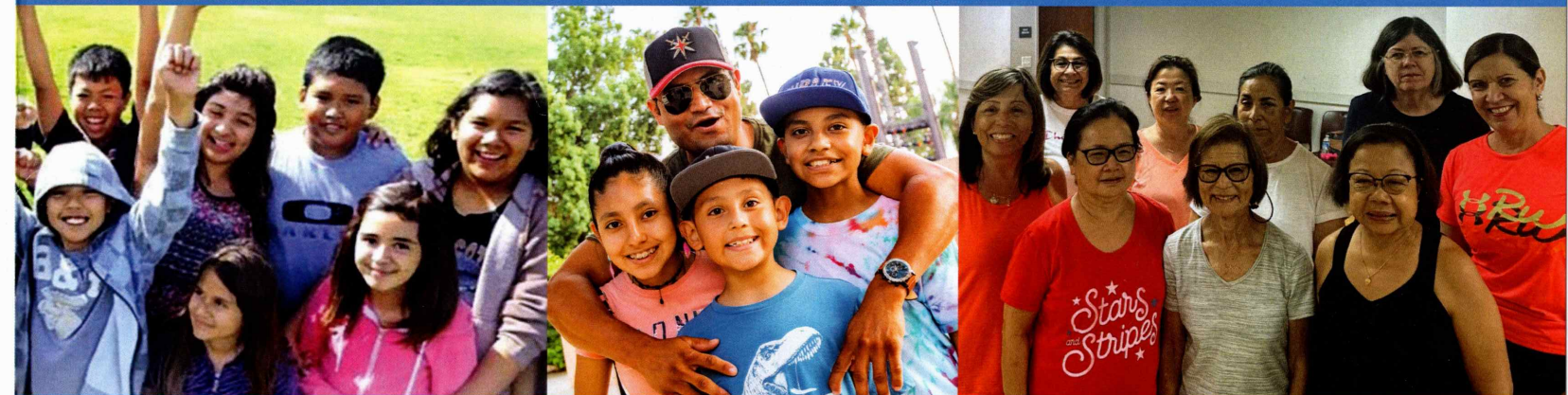
Vision for moving forward

This assessment provides a comprehensive overview of the needs and strengths of Anaheim's youth, families, and older adults, identifying opportunities for program expansion, improved communication, and enhanced community safety and engagement. By addressing these areas and continuing to build on past and existing work to strengthen and support the community, ACF and its partners can better serve the diverse populations of Anaheim and promote a thriving, inclusive community.

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Anaheim Youth & Families and Older Adults Needs Assessments

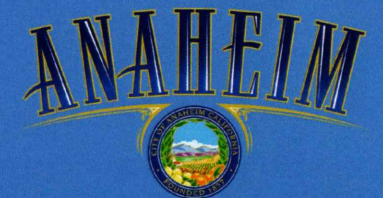
Executive Summary
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The Anaheim Community Foundation (ACF), established in 1984, is a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of Anaheim residents. The ACF and the City of Anaheim commissioned Charitable Ventures to conduct a comprehensive community needs assessment. This report builds on a 2012 assessment focused on youth, extending the focus to include both Youth & Families (households with children ages 5-17 years) and Older Adults (ages 55 years or older) living in Anaheim.

Researchers employed various data collection methods, including analysis of publicly available data, surveys, and focus groups with youth & families and older adults.

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Youth & Families High-Level Report Findings

	Demographics: The 1,300 survey respondents were demographically diverse.	
	Housing: Challenges around high rental costs are leading to shared living spaces; need for financial rental assistance and housing advice.	While 37% of survey respondents reported not needing any housing resources, 20% needed financial rental assistance and 11% needed one-on-one housing advice.
	Health: Identified priorities around having physical and mental health resources, with significant interest in mental health support and safe community spaces.	Among survey respondents, 19% were interested in physical health information and 18% wanted mental/emotional health information.
	Education: Need for STEM classes, college prep, vocational training, and career opportunities.	Among survey respondents, there was high interest for academic achievement information (37%) and post-high school opportunities (35%).
	Food Access: Some families are food insecure.	Nearly one in three survey respondents (29%) expressed being concerned about having enough food to eat.
	Active Living: Interest in recreational facilities, sports teams, and safe outdoor spaces.	Just over half of respondents (51%) reported an interest in facilities for active lifestyle/recreation programs and 47% expressed interest in available sports activities/teams.
	Social Well-Being and Inclusion: Opportunities for engagement, including community events, outdoor activities, and social connections.	Survey respondents reported engagement with community events (35%), outdoor activities (33%), time with friends (30%), and participating in arts and crafts (29%).
	Accessibility: Communication preferences include internet, email, and fliers; need for modernized information dissemination.	A vast majority of respondents reported using the internet for information (95%), email for communication (90%), and fliers for information (85%).

Older Adults High-Level Report Findings

	Demographics: The 1,515 survey respondents were diverse in their demographics.	
	Housing: Need for affordable housing and assistance with home maintenance.	Eleven percent (11%) of respondents received rental assistance and 7% had access to affordable housing. In addition, 18% wanted financial rental assistance and 15% wanted assistance with necessary housing repairs and deferred maintenance.
	Health: Identified priorities of maintaining an active lifestyle and receiving physical health information.	A plurality of respondents (35%) were interested in learning more about how to maintain an active lifestyle and 30% wanted to know more about physical health.
	Affordable Aging/Financial Stability: Concerns around food insecurity, financial stability, and need for financial planning and fraud prevention programs.	While more than 70% indicated that they never lacked access to food, 13% indicated they were sometimes or always food insecure.
	Social Well-Being and Inclusion: Need for social activities, outdoor engagement, and community.	Almost half of respondents (47%) indicated that they never feel lonely, whereas 35% sometimes feel lonely and more than 10% often or always feel lonely.
	Caregiving: Challenge of accessing affordable and reliable caregivers.	Less than 10% of respondents currently have a caregiver, about 60% of those are paid.
	Transportation: Limited public transportation options and accessibility issues.	Only 15% of respondents used public transportation in the past 12 months. Of those that did not use public transportation, 72% drove themselves, 12% had another family member drive them, and 6% did not feel safe or comfortable.
	Accessibility: Email and printed materials preferred communication method; preference for human interaction over digital solutions.	The preferred method for receiving information about programs and services was email (39%) followed by paper media, such as fliers in the mail, news advertisements, etc. (24%).