

Community Town Hall Education

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What are the needs in the community?

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| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High cost of pre-school • School readiness • Achievement gap • English language acquisition • High school dropout rate • Access to and affordability for education, especially for the homeless population • Resources and services for foster youth • Culturally appropriate services and supports to engage families and communities • Social & emotional supports in schools • Early childhood programs • Enrichment programs • Access to equitable education/ curriculum • Disproportionate school funding per student in California • Pushout/dropout rate • Basic needs of students/families – backpacks, food, school supplies • Instill hope during negative times • Seniors caring for grandchildren and their educational needs • K-12 schools losing many supports over next couple of years • “Relationship” that Sacramento State students bring |
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Who is meeting the needs and serving as the Safety Net?

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| Education | <p> Sacramento State Elk Grove Unified Gateway Community Charters Natomas Unified Sacramento City Unified Saint Hope Public Schools San Juan Unified Twin Rivers Unified Washington Unified Hart Senior Center Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services Birth and Beyond SETA* 2-1-1 Sacramento Community service agencies – Child Action, First Five, Corporations (social responsibility) Parks & Recreation Senior Legal Hotline Grandparent Project PIQE- Parent Institute Quality Education </p> |
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* Sources: CSPC Community Survey and Town Hall Forums – *Community Perspectives 2009*; United Way California Capital Region Community Impact Report; Capital Region Healthy Futures Project-CSPC

What are challenges and infrastructure barriers to meeting unmet needs?

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| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drastic cuts to social work and counseling services in schools (no organizational infrastructure)• Money• Parent Involvement (have to work)• Volunteers/staffing• Program availability• Availability of jobs |
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How can University and Community partner to better support existing community assets and address unmet needs with a measurable impact?

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| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create (culturally appropriate) community learning centers• Provide tutoring and learning activities• Allow special education students who complete their credits to graduate• Train staff to bridge divide between education & communities• Provide scholarships for homeless people who want to finish school• Create community learning centers to assist youth & adults get into college• Advocacy – to push paradigm shift• Learning objectives for courses and outcomes• Sacramento State Writing Partners• College of Education – preparation of teachers, counselors, etc.• More Sacramento State students in the community (service learning, field study, community engagement) as positive role models |
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