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EHSD Recognized for Expedient CalFresh Service

By Angela Verarde, CalFresh Program Analyst, Workforce Services

Some exciting news for our CalFresh staff at EHSD. In late April during the CalFresh Roundtable discussion, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) presented Statewide Timeliness awards for the 33-month period stretching throughout the pandemic, April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022.

CDSS awarded Contra Costa County EHSD for Most Improved in 3-day, Expedited Service Timeliness. During this period, CDSS noted that EHSD improved its timeliness compliance rate by 39.5%.

The award goes to WFS staff and Managers, Aging and Adult Services, General Assistance Intake for pulling data for reports and Staff Development for assisting with production of an e-learning video.

This is an amazing achievement earned throughout one of the most challenging periods. It is truly a testament to the great work and continued effort put forth by the entire Department.

Building Brighter Futures Together



Contra Costa County earned a Certificate of Excellence recognizing its ability through the pandemic to provide timely benefits to eligible CalFresh applicants.

Interview Blitz Pilots New Recruitment Process

By Larena Baldazo, Web Producer, with contributions from Anna Adriano and Shirly Naoom, Community Services

Staff Development and Personnel hosted an Interview Blitz, May 10th and 11th, at the Staff Development office in Concord. Open recruitment happened in the span

of five weeks, starting April 14th. Typical open recruitment usually takes 3-6 months. The jobs were posted for the shortest allowable time – 7 days – and 233 people applied with 175 who qualified to take the exam.

- 76 people passed the exam and were referred to the requisition
- 72 people were scheduled for an interview
- 54 people passed the interview process
- 34 people attended the NEO on May 22 with 19 currently set to start in August

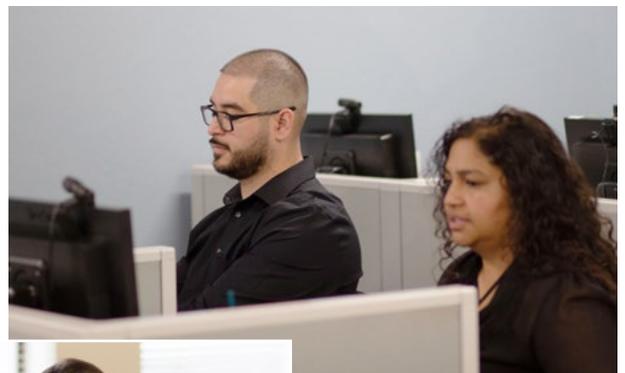
This is a true pilot in terms of the recruitment timeline; everything was accomplished in just five weeks! All candidates who passed the exam were notified about their start date and salary immediately, so they could begin forming a decision as they went into their interviews.

County Human Resources also temporarily authorized EHSD to process I-9 and COVID vaccination records. Personnel was also all hands



Meet the panelists!
Top Row (L-R): **Craig Roney, Emilio Alvarez, Omar Barajas, Donald Brown, Kevin Frandsen**
Bottom Row (L-R): **Rupinder Sandhu, Iliana Choate, Sandra Orellana, Amber Sandoval-Sullivan, Lori Juarez**

on deck ensuring candidates were scheduled for interviews, with staff communicating with them via email and phone.



Above: **Omar Barajas** and **Sandra Orellana** score applicants after a 2-day interview blitz at the Staff Development Office.

Left: **Amber Sandoval-Sullivan** makes a few notes, after interviewing potential Eligibility Workers for two days.

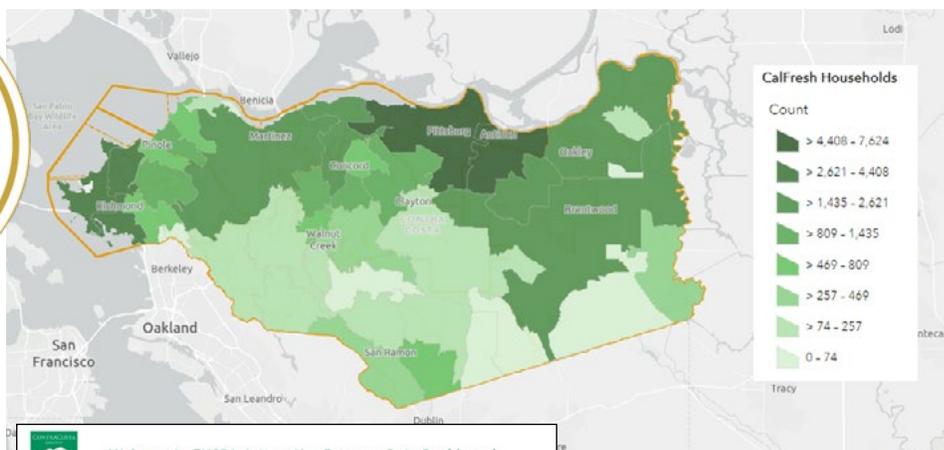
EHSD Wins National Award for Data Sharing Tools

Contributed by EHSD Policy & Planning Team

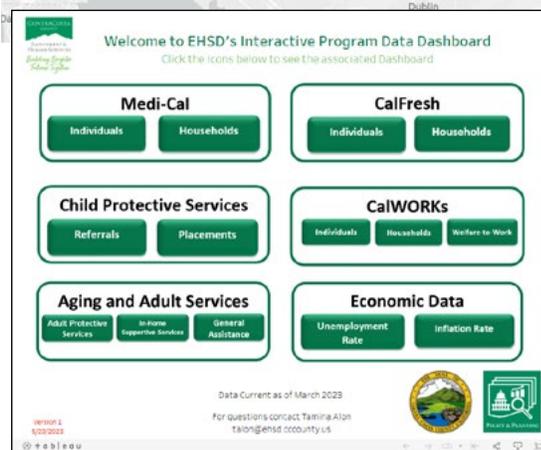
The National Association of Counties (NACo) has recognized the Contra Costa County Employment and Human Services Department (EHSD) for its powerful visualizations of Social Services data. NACo granted EHSD a 2023 Achievement Award for its *Public Information Sharing Tools: the EHSD Benefits Program GIS Map and Interactive Program Data Dashboard*.



Electronic copy of the NACo award



Above: View of the Benefits by Households, February 2023



Left: View of the Interactive Program Data Dashboard landing page, March 2023

The annual NACo awards honor innovative, effective county government programs that strengthen services for residents. EHSD won in the category of Civic Education and Public Information.

“The Achievement Awards demonstrate excellence in county government and the commitment to serve our residents every day,” said NACo President Denise Winfrey. “This year’s winners represent some of the most innovative and collaborative efforts we have seen in over 50 years of presenting these awards.”

EHSD’s GIS Map and Data Dashboard provide enhanced insights into how we serve our community members through key benefit programs. The Policy & Planning team developed these storytelling tools for Contra Costa County over the past few years, collaborating with the

Department of IT (DoIT) to create robust maps that depict individual and household enrollment in major EHSD programs by Supervisor District, zip code and city. EHSD

launched the tools publicly after receiving approval from the Board of Supervisors in February.

The Interactive Program Data Dashboard is a leading-edge platform with easy-to-understand visualizations of our program activity. [EHSD.org](https://ehsd.org) visitors can view and explore the monthly data in three ways: trend lines, mouse-over pop-ups, and bar graph color density to reflect volume.

For more information about The Public Information Sharing Tools, visit the [EHSD Program Data Dashboard | EHSD](https://ehsd.org).

For more information about NACo’s Achievement Awards, click [here](#).

The Inaugural Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Celebration

By Oravanh Thammassen, Contra Costa Alliance to End Abuse

On May 9, 2023, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors honored Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) culture and traditions at the first AANHPI Heritage Month Celebration in Board Chambers, in Martinez. The event theme, “Uplifting Our Heritage, Resilience, and Legacies” paid tribute to the AANHPI community that is made up of culturally and linguistically diverse people representing populations from many countries and islands residing in Contra Costa County. Nearly one in five Contra Costa residents identify as AANHPI.

I had the pleasure to co-emcee this inaugural event. This was special to me, as I came to Contra Costa County at a young age, my family received assistance from County services, and I was able to show gratitude for my home county and honor those who paved the way for new AANHPI generations.

The official designation of May as Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month



2023 AANHPI planning committee and performers

was signed into federal law in 1992. The month of May was chosen to observe AAPI for several reasons, including to commemorate the first Japanese who came to the country in May of 1843, and to mark the May 1869 completion of the Transcontinental Railroad, which involved the labor of many Chinese immigrants.

Contra Costa Health Services chaired the event in partnership with the Contra Costa Asian American Pacific Islander Coalition (CoCo AAPI Coalition), various county offices and volunteer

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The Inaugural Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Celebration

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Supervisors Candace Andersen and Diane Burgis

community members. The celebration featured a keynote speech by Andy Li, Contra Costa Community College Board Trustee, live traditional dance performances, and video presentations. This was also the first Board of Supervisors event to include simultaneous interpretations in eight languages via ZOOM: Tagalog, Mandarin, Cantonese, Nepali, Punjabi, Korean, Spanish and American Sign Language (ASL), and SAP in Mandarin for television viewers.



Oravanh Thammasen of EHSD (center) with Felice Nina Diamzon (left) and Emily Calica (right), performers from Legacies of the Pacific.

For more information and to watch the recorded event, check out the recap on [ContraCosta.ca.gov](https://www.contracosta.ca.gov).

Next May 2024, EHSD will chair the planning committee. Join us to build on this event! Contact: eventscommittee@ehsd.cccounty.us.



We Care...You Care

We Care...You Care is how we recognize our peers, emphasizing internal customer service. **We Care...You Care** nominations tie directly to one or more of our six Core Values. The program gives you the opportunity to show your coworkers how much you appreciate them. If you work with someone who deserves special recognition for internal customer service, check out the We Care...You Care link to the guidelines, then fill out a nomination form and submit it to the supervisor of the person you are nominating.

We Care Guidelines: [click here](#)

We Care Nomination Form: [click here](#)



An American Evolution: Persecuted Southeast Asians Gather at Buddhist Temple

By Alan Wang, Community Relations Media Specialist

There's something uniquely American about the Wat Lao Rattanaram Theravada Buddhist Temple in Richmond where EHSD Admin Program/Projects Coordinator **Oravanh Thammassen** worships. While the Buddhist temple serves much of the Lao community, many of its worshipers come from minority ethnic regions of different Southeast Asian Countries (Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar) where they were persecuted and forced to leave.

"My father was born in Yunnan province, China where his Dai ethnic people were persecuted by the Chinese government," says Oravanh. "His family escaped to Laos, then he went to Thailand where he met my mother." Oravanh's father is one of many worshipers, at the Buddhist temple who make up a diverse patchwork of persecuted ethnic Southeast Asians who might not have come together if not for their quest for religious, political freedom and a better life in America.

"You can hear all of the different Southeast Asian languages and dialects being spoken in the Buddhist temple," says Oravanh. "But the chants are in an ancient language called Pali. It's very similar to how the Roman Catholic Church used to be where mass was spoken and sung in Latin."

So just like many European Americans (German, Italian, Irish, French) who immigrated to the U.S., then intermixed at Christian churches and intermarried, a similar mixing of diverse Southeast Asians have come together in America.

"It's hard to feel connected with Southeast Asian culture while raising a family in California, but the temple is one of the few places where my family and I can gather with other Buddhists and my boys can learn more about their roots," says Oravanh. "It's a gathering space not just for my kids, but for the entire community, and we need to preserve it for future generations."



(L-R) Peter Myers (Oravanh's husband), Oravanh Thammassen, and children Gabriel and Marcus. [CLICK](#) on the play button for a look inside the Wat Lao Rattanaram Buddhist temple in Richmond where Oravanh's family worships.

Celebrating Public Service Recognition Week, May 8-12



ESC Unit – (L-R): Lashonda Wallace, Angel Reese, Amy Drenik, DeAndre Allan, John Galvin, Janelle Pruitt



CFS - Back row (L-R): Damien Williams, William Hodson, Milton Johnson, Tammy Hill, Karla Kattengell. Front row (L-R): Ellen Wienecke, TaWana Bishop, Suli Teo, Cristina Montufar, Virginia Paraizo



CFS – Faye Herald



E4E – (L-R): Donyale Thornton (Supervisor), Brandon Gamoras-Young (Clerk), Social Workers, Liza Bollas, Lesli Rudd, Yolonda Grandberry-Kelly, Lito Co



CFS – Elizabeth Chambers

Government Social Media: What's New?

By Larena Baldazo, Web Producer, Community/Media Relations

What's new in Government social media? That's what Community Relations' **Tish Gallegos** and **Larena Baldazo** sought to find out, as they attended the [Government Social Media Conference](#) (#GSMCON) in Reno, NV, in early May.

#GSMCON is the largest social media conference in the U.S. for government agencies. More than 1,400 in-person and virtual participants included social media coordinators, communicators, elected officials, marketers, law enforcement, and emergency managers from across the nation. The 2023 event featured workshops with industry professionals on topics such as advancing diversity, equity and inclusion, leveraging positive and negative engagement to build relationships, as well as applying copyright and fair use practices in social media.

A major #GSMCON focus was web and social media accessibility. Not only a trending topic in the communications field, ensuring that accessibility is effectively integrated in EHSD services and programs helps give every community member an opportunity to interact with us for the support they may need to achieve self-sufficiency. Continuing to improve accessibility options – in our public lobbies, on the telephone, via our digital tools or on our website – is simply the right thing to do.

To that end, Community Relations is working with Monsido, a web accessibility platform. The tool scans

EHSD.org to reveal areas within the website that need fixes in order to comply with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG).

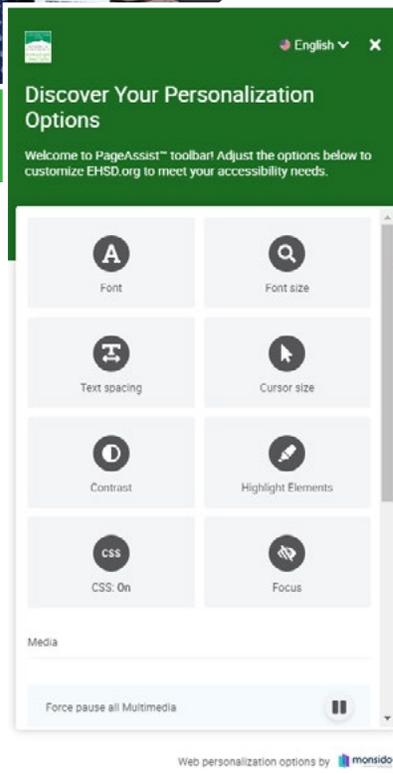
EHSD.org visitors will especially appreciate the new PageAssist feature, which includes a widget on our homepage to allow users to customize the site based on their needs.

While our work toward improving EHSD.org accessibility is ongoing, we are pleased to report that we're on track with these efforts.

Visit [EHSD.org](#) to try it out!



Tish and Larena joined attendees at #GSMCON23's welcome reception.



The PageAssist toolbar is the latest widget added to EHSD.org and can be found on the bottom left corner of EHSD.org.

Managing Stress

Contributed by Personnel Services

Modern life generates more types of stress now than ever before. Social scientists even point to “microstressors”—the countless uncomfortable intrusions on our peace of mind throughout the day—many of which we don’t even notice or acknowledge. Consider these stress management tactics.

- Prioritize self-care. Strive to eat nutritious food, get adequate rest, exercise regularly and engage in stress-relieving techniques like meditation, yoga, deep breathing or stress journaling.
- Talk things out. Share your struggle with someone who can listen and empathize with your situation. This helps calm the nervous system and reduce tension.
- Set limits. Many people get in the habit of trying to help and do too much. However, there’s no harm in telling others that you’re feeling depleted and can’t take on new tasks.
- Build in balance. Be sure to seek meaning and satisfaction in your personal life—via your family, friends, creative hobbies or spiritual practice. **Browse more articles at <https://member.magellanhealthcare.com/>**



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UPCOMING WEBINAR: Rediscovering Joy at Work June 14

This webinar will help you:

- Understand what motivates you at work
- Explore ways to build your strengths into each day
- Learn how to focus on your professional growth

Missed the live webinar?

Webinars are listed in your Dashboard under “Upcoming”. If you haven’t signed up to use the County Employee Assistance Program yet, follow these two easy steps:

Step 1: Go to <https://member.magellanhealthcare.com/> and click on “Sign up.”

Step 2: Complete the online registration form and click on “Get Started.”

Outreach Roundup

“Laugh, Love & Learn” Senior Resource Fair

This Senior Resource Fair, held at the Pleasant Hill Senior Center on May 5th, raised funds to support the Care Management Program. Many organizations and vendors provided resources for more than 150 seniors that attended.

Frank Latcham and **Daisy Gallegos**

provided brochures on Elder Abuse and Neglect, as well as handouts that bring awareness to financial abuse and scams.



Daisy Gallegos and Frank Latcham, Senior Staff Assistants, AAS

Crossroads PACT TO IMPACT Community Fair

This first annual event on May 19th held at Crossroads High School in Concord introduced various community partner organizations and resources to our pregnant and parenting teen students with guest speakers, workshops and interactive activities. The school has about 15 students who were able to receive valuable information. Navigators **Sandra Figueroa** and **Al Gibson** were able to email a CalWORKS worker about one of the teen parents without a high school diploma, to share about the Cal-Learn Program.

CalFresh Resource Fair

The Contra Costa & Solano County Food Bank’s Resource Fair at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Pittsburg had a good turnout from the community on May 19th.

EHSD staff included **Barbie Guardino**, CalFresh/Medi-Cal Program Analyst, Navigators **Sandra Zepeda-Lopez** and **Maria R. Muñoz**, who provided information on CalWORKs, Medi-Cal, CalFresh, and General Assistance benefits. They also assisted with online CalFresh applications, rental assistance, LIHEAP application, and SAR 7 report.



Navigator Sandra Zepeda-Lopez, Barbie Guardino, SSPA and Navigator Maria R. Muñoz

Various community partners were also on hand to assist the community with services and resources.

Operation Documentation

The County Clerk-Recorder hosted this event on May 31st for former military members and their families. They had the opportunity to access various services, which included recording original or certified copies of DD-214 discharge documents free of charge. Navigators **Maria R. Muñoz** and **Sandra Zepeda-Lopez** were there to represent EHSD.

Older Adults in Contra Costa County

June is Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month

By Frank Latcham, Social Worker & AAS Senior Staff Assistant & Tish Gallegos, Communications Manager

The size of Contra Costa County's older adult population is the fastest growing segment of our population. According to 2020 U.S. Census estimates, the number of age 60+ individuals in our county is 251,216.

Tracy Murray presented a comprehensive report about Aging & Adult Services (AAS) in Contra Costa County to the Board of Supervisors during its May 23rd meeting (Tracy was the EHSD Aging & Adult Services Director at the time; she is now the director of Workforce Services). As part of her AAS overview, Tracy noted an increase in the number of individuals served through Adult Protective Services (APS).

Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in June is an opportunity to heighten attention about supporting older adults and those dependent on others for their care and wellbeing.

Abuse can be physical, financial, emotional, or psychological; neglect by caregiver or self-neglect, and abandonment or isolation from friends or care. Adult Protective Services (APS) assesses and investigates reports. APS, part of EHSD's Adult & Aging Services Bureau, received 5,975 reports of elder and dependent adult abuse in Contra Costa County in 2022.

APS for older and dependent adults is similar to Child Protective Services for children. However, one major difference is that APS clients as adults have the right to refuse services unless a court determines they lack the capacity to make decisions.

For reporting purposes, California considers an elder to be age 60 and older. A dependent adult is



CLICK on the play button to see Tracy's informative BOS presentation about older adults in Contra Costa County.

someone age 18 to 59 who, due to certain mental or physical disabilities, is unable to perform normal activities and/or protect herself or himself.

If you are concerned about someone and suspect s/he is experiencing abuse, call the **APS hotline at (925) 602-4179 or (877) 839-4347**. The reporting party's name always remains confidential.

ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS FAIR

June 15, 2023 • 12 noon to 2 p.m.
Concord Senior Center - Garden Room
2727 Parkside Circle, Concord, CA

Information on how to spot and prevent elder abuse. Free admission. Games, door prizes, swag and more!

Sponsored by Contra Costa Elder Abuse Prevention Project, Contra Costa Senior Legal Services, Contra Costa District Attorney, Empowered Aging, Meals on Wheels Diablo Region, Contra Costa Health, Family Justice Center, and Contra Costa County Employment & Human Services Dept.

Older adults and people with disabilities are integral members of our families and communities, and greatly contribute to our overall wellbeing.

Training Our Workers

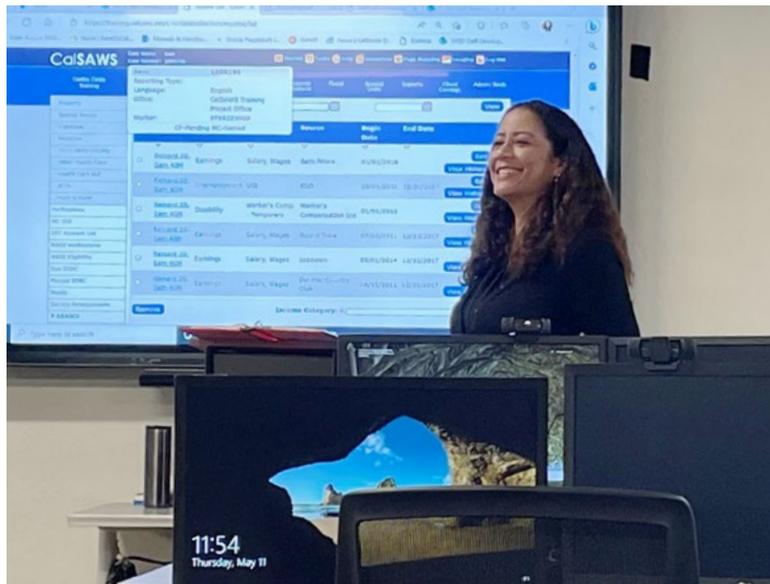
By Lori O'Donnell, Interim Staff Development Supervisor, Admin

Kudos to Staff Development Specialist **Elisa Subias** for stepping in and training Medi-Cal staff to the Public Health Emergency (PHE) Unwinding Process. Over a period of two months, she held six sessions and virtually trained over 140 staff. Job well done!

Medi-Cal Workers have been delaying discontinuances and negative actions for annual renewals and reported changes in circumstances to ensure customers remained eligible for Medi-Cal since the start of the State of Emergency declaration on March 4, 2020 due to COVID-19. This delay was to be in place until the end of the



Elisa Subias, Social Service Staff Development Specialist, Admin



Lorena Martinez-Castillo, Staff Development Specialist

PHE. The PHE has been lifted and annual reinvestigations and negative actions have been reinstated. The first negative action will be July 1, 2023.

Staff Development Specialist **Lorena Martinez-Castillo** just completed a CalFresh Crossover/Reinforcement training. This was our first Crossover/Reinforcement Training since CalSAWs implementation, which Lorena incorporated into her training material. Good Job Lorena!

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Kudos Staff Development!

Training Our Workers

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The November '22 graduates from the Medi-Cal and CalFRESH Eligibility Worker Training Unit, (EWTU) recently completed On the Job Training and have reported to their new unit assignments. Congratulations to all!

Front row, seated: Lisa James, Michelle, Greeson, Simone Braxton, Gemma Payumo, Sophia Ulloa. Second row, seated: Yukio Booker, Katrin Macias Jasmine Hood. First row standing: Sarah Williams, Maria Raymundo, Nicole Charles, Charlene Lopez, Fadia Abu Okab. Second row, standing: Katherine Bowen, Srisudha Vishnibhotla, Jasmine Murillo, Nhorilee Sausa, Shamiika Flemming, Marilyn Ojoi, Brandon Trieu. Back row: Gina Brindley, Clarence O'Niel, Pherlawanna Lesley, Chanay Baber, John Bonnar, Grecia Giovannetta, Elisabeth Shapiro, Breana Davis



The January 2023 EWTU Class graduated May 19, 2023. Congratulations!

Front row: Trenea Coleman, Ana Arroyo, Daniel Busch, Probhjot Sandhu, Daisy Galvan. Back row: Michelle Brackett, Fabiola Regaldo-Jijon, Griselda Rivera-Orochena, Corrie Velasquez, Leilani Calara.

Congratulations!

Microsoft Office (O365) Upgrade

Contributed by EHSD Information Technology

EHSD-IT is upgrading Microsoft Office for the department. The current version is MS Office 2016 and IT has initiated a project to upgrade to Office 365. The initial pilot for the conversion to Office 365 involved migrating the technology staff. This migration is complete, and helped us anticipate and prepare for a wider implementation.

Below is the upcoming schedule for the department-wide upgrade and what to expect.

Please carefully read this important information about the upgrade.

The goal is to offer better integration, improved security, and continuity of service across all Bureaus and Departments. Office 365 will provide and integrate with cloud-hosted tools like SharePoint Online and One Drive (like your current share drives, but without requiring VPN access), and includes 1 TB of document storage for each staff member. Office 365 will also allow staff to access all Microsoft products if they have Internet connectivity, anytime, anywhere, using any device.



Migration Schedule

1. First 5 went live April 15.
2. Hall and Sand Creek go live Monday, June 12
3. East County (Cavallo, Delta Fair) go live Wednesday, June 14
4. Central County (Stanwell, Civic, Martinez) go live Friday, June 16
5. West County (Linus Puling, McDonald) go live Tuesday, June 20
6. CFS will go live later this year when CWS/CMS support O365.

What to Expect:

1. Your MS Office applications will appear slightly different but should act as they always have.
2. If you have shortcuts to the current Office (2016) applications on your desktop or start menu, you will need to remap them.

We appreciate your partnership in this major endeavor that will enhance the technological landscape at EHSD significantly. **If you have any issues, call the IT Help Desk at 1-7200 or email ehsd_helpdesk@ehsd.cccounty.us.**



One Stop for Your County Service Needs

2023 Spring
BLOCK PARTY

**Tuesday, June 6
4 to 7 p.m.**

**Concord Library
2900 Salvio Street • Concord**

FREE ADMISSION

- Live music by local band
- County services
- Community organizations
- Raffle prizes
- Scavenger hunt
- Free parking

Food trucks on site to purchase food

Visit contracosta.ca.gov for full details





SERVICE AWARDS | NEW EMPLOYEES | RETIREES

SERVICE AWARDS

25 YEARS

James Camacho, Eligibility Work Supervisor, WFS
Tim Stiles, Eligibility Work Supervisor, WFS
Yesenia Valdivia, Social Service Appeals Officer, Admin
Sandra Wall, Social Service Program Assistant, WFS
Lashonda Wallace, Social Work Supervisor II, CFS

10 YEARS

Jason Colon, Social Worker III, CFS
Cheryl Leonor, Administrative Services Assistant III, Admin
Clache' Mullins, Clerk-Senior Level, WFS
Cassandra N. Nevarez, Social Service Program Assistant, WFS
Antonio Vasquez, Social Service Staff Dev Specialist, Admin
Quinn P. Walker, Social Service Program Assistant, WFS

NEW EMPLOYEES

Annette Charles, Social Casework Assistant, CFS
Teresa Dominguez, Clerk-Experienced Level, CFS
Joanne Gilbert, Account Clerk-Advanced Level, Admin
Aryanna Jefferson, Clerk-Experienced Level, CFS
Ursula Jimenez, Clerk-Experienced Level, CFS
Darnell Jones, Clerk-Experienced Level, Admin
Manjeet Kaur, Clerk-Experienced Level, WFS
Margarita (Maggie) Lopez, Account Clerk-Advanced Level,
Admin
Kay Maher, Clerk-Experienced Level, Admin

Veltha McGee, Clerk-Experienced Level, Admin
Theresa Nash, Clerk-Senior Level, CFS
Trinette Pinson, Clerk-Experienced Level, AAS
Vanessa Plascencia, Translator, WFS
Jessica Resendez, Account Clerk-Advanced Level, Admin
Melody Saint-Saens, EHS Division Manager-Project, Admin
Kathleen Springer, Social Worker II, CFS
Titianna Wilson, Clerk-Experienced Level, WFS
Thomas Woods, Administrative Services Assistant III, WDB

RETIREES

Barbara Smiglewski, Eligibility Worker III, WFS
Nicole Boston, Infant Toddler Teacher-Project, CFS
Janet Buttrick, Senior Clerk-Project, CSB

Are you planning a retirement celebration for a staff member and would like to present them with a retirement certificate? **If so, please contact Deb Johnson at djohnson@ehsd.cccounty.us or (925) 608-4904.**

SPREAD THE WORD

June 2023

- ELDER & DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH
- LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH
- JUNE 4 – National Cancer Survivor’s Day
- JUNE 11 – Abused Women and Children’s Day
- JUNE 14 – Flag Day
- JUNE 18 – Father’s Day
- JUNE 19 – Juneteenth (holiday)
- JUNE 20 – American Eagle Day
- JUNE 21 – Summer Solstice (longest day of the year)
- JUNE 23 – National Hydration Day

July 2023

- JULY 4 – Independence Day (holiday)
- JULY 11 – National 7-Eleven Day
- JULY 19 – National Hot Dog Day
- JULY 23 – Parents’ Day
- JULY 26 – Americans with Disabilities Act Anniversary

We Care... You Care

CLICK here to learn more about nominating a coworker.
Updated We Care... You Care nomination form: click here
and see page 6

Want to know what else we’re doing at EHSD?

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Is there room in your home for one more?

Make a change in a child’s life and become a Resource Parent/ Family for a foster child. Contra Costa County needs your support to provide care for children 0–18 years of age. Please join us for a virtual orientation and learn more about becoming a caregiver.

FREE VIRTUAL ORIENTATIONS

July 6 or 20 • 4 to 6 p.m.
August 3 or 17 • 4 to 6 p.m.
September 7 or 21 • 4 to 6 p.m.

For more information about becoming a Resource Parent visit us at www.ehsd.org. If you belong to an organization or community group interested in learning more about Resource Family Approval/ foster parenting, we can schedule an individual session for your group, in English or Spanish. To register for a class, please call (925) 655-4230 or email ResourceFamilies@ehsd.cccounty.us



July and August will be covered in a single Summer Issue of *Headlines* that will publish in early August. Please send your submissions to Headlines@ehsd.cccounty.us by Tuesday, July 18th..