



LAYTONVILLE HEALTHY START

Center Profile

Laytonville Healthy Start Family Resource Center is a collaborative formulated under Howard Memorial Park, a local non-profit and the Laytonville School District. The Center is located at Harwood Memorial Park in Laytonville, California and serves the greater Laytonville area. According to the 2000 Census, 3,364 people or almost 9% of the Mendocino County population live in this region. In addition, the census indicated that approximately 7% of the population reported to be of Hispanic/Latino origin and 8.1% reported being Native American. The school demographics are: 73% White, 19% American Indian, and 7% Hispanic. Laytonville is located in the unincorporated area of Mendocino County and has no county agencies/satellite offices to provide health and human services for children and families. In 2002, some of the most pressing issues identified for this northern inland area were: alcohol and other drug services, lack of access to health care, and child abuse and neglect. Today, the Center also identifies the need for transportation services, services for adults and seniors and affordable childcare.

This Family Resource Center was created with a Healthy Start grant aimed at assisting families whose children attended Laytonville schools. It operates on a daily basis, Monday through Friday, providing a wide variety of family-strengthening services. The primary target populations for the Center are children, youth and fami-

lies, but the Center does its best to serve anyone in need.

The 2008 budget is \$375,215 with funds primarily from a Federal Juvenile Justice Grant, Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) reimbursement, the Mendocino County Department of Social Services and First 5 Mendocino. In addition, Laytonville Healthy Start has smaller funding sources that contribute to the operations of the Center. Several contractors are utilized to provide services/facilitation as needed. The school-connected employees receive paid sick, personal and vacation benefits, as well as health insurance coverage and retirement benefits. Harwood Memorial Park-connected employees receive health insurance.

Laytonville Healthy Start has a strong connection to Laytonville Schools as two of the on-site staff are employed by the school. In addition, they partner with many other entities including Long Valley Health Center, Harwood Memorial Park, Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency, law enforcement and probation, First 5 Mendocino, and local businesses.

The future dream/vision for the center is to sustain or enhance their services in order to address the unmet needs in the area. These areas include increased coordination and collaboration with the Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency which includes services for children and families, mental health services, services to adults and older adults and drug and alcohol prevention, intervention and treatment. They will also continue to seek funding to support their juvenile justice programs.

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Center Staffing

- 1 FTE Director
- 1 FTE Certified Application Assistant/Clerical Support
- .4 FTE Program Coordinator
- .5 FTE activity coordinator

2.9 total staff

Center Services

Laytonville Healthy Start offers many opportunities to families including, but not limited to:

- * parent education
- * information and referral
- * assistance with health
- * insurance applications for children
- * computer and internet access
- * after school programs
- * summer recreation
- * counseling
- * job readiness support
- * health education
- * childcare during classes

The Center offers limited bilingual services.

