

COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION WORKERS (CHEWS)- CHAFFEY

In partnership with Chaffey Unified School District



The Reason:



- To provide specialized services to some of the most at risk students and their families in the district to reduce the risk of suicide and improve resiliency in the community for students and their families.

The Strategy:



- Deployment of two community health education workers (CHEWs) to close the gap between district resources and families in need.
- Measure the social determinants of health impacting students and their families and to support the district suicide prevention efforts, making this last year a baseline for data collection and intervention.

The Impact:



83 Home Visits assessing educational and health barriers of students/ families.



Family received free medical services for a parent. A physician and nurse conducted home visit and provided free of charge care at SACH clinic.



Food distribution began at Chaffey and now has evolved into a weekly food drive with a **total of 254 Chaffey families** receiving food boxes.



CHEWs involved 4 parents in food delivery drop off and food bank pick-ups to resource more families.

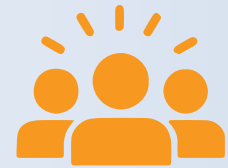
CHEWs invited Telecare Corporation to provide information to parents on accessing **mental health resources** specific to crisis stabilization.

Key Findings from Focus Groups:



Top 3 Barriers:

- Social Determinants of Health
- Student Behavior
- Student Mental Health



2,469
Food Boxes

Due to COVID-19, the project refocused to food security. The two Chaffey CHEWs joined the 4 SBCUSD CHEWS to address food insecurity across the Inland Empire, mainly between the east and the west valley. 2,469 food bank boxes were delivered across San Bernardino County.



Chaffey Food Drive

- Hot Spot - Food Drive with 95% Confidence
- Hot Spot - Food Drive with 90% confidence

Testimonials:

From staff in regards to CHEWs: *"More than anything I think [their/CHEWs] home visits and going into their home. They felt so comfortable with [CHEWs]. And so much so it was like [the school/district] reaching out, even in their homes that we care about them."*

Focus Group Participant." [Staff]



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