



## 2020-2021 Grantee Year-End Report Summary

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### **CALM – Child Abuse Listening Mediation (\$75,000)**

**Community Needs Addressed:** Mental Health, Early Childhood Education, Family Support Services

*This grant is sustaining one full-time school-based mental health clinician to serve the needs of students, families, and educators at Franklin Elementary. This is the third year of collaboration between Santa Barbara Unified School District (SBUSD) and CALM to provide mental health services in all SBUSD preschools and nine elementary schools. The model includes a combination of individual counseling, skill-building groups, and Mental Health Consultation.*

The Women's Fund grant allowed CALM to build their school-based therapy team at Franklin Elementary in the first half of the academic year. Funds covered the salary/benefits of a full-time therapist and other newly hired school-based staff working as part of the team. All funds have been expended. At Franklin alone, 2,701 duplicated individuals benefitted from 148 service hours since the academic year began on August 17, 2021. Services for students include walk-in support focused on emotional regulation, triaging to other services, or coping with grief and loss. Lessons to help students develop social-emotional skills are given to entire classrooms. Teachers and staff receive support in their classrooms, as well as consultation to help them build their capacity to work with children who have experienced trauma. Survey data reveals most students and teachers have benefited from the program, with students remaining actively engaged in therapy and making progress toward their treatment plan goals.

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### **Carpinteria Children's Project (\$90,000)**

**Community Needs Addressed:** Early Childhood Development

*This grant has helped during the pandemic to sustain a tuition-based preschool in Carpinteria that provides quality childhood education to low-wage working parents.*

Funds have been fully expended during the first half of the grant year on salaries/benefits for preschool teachers. While providing only virtual support to children and their families during pandemic closures, the children are now thankfully back in the classroom. Since receiving the grant, 80 children have participated in CCP's toddler, early preschool, or preschool programs. Current enrollment is 58, which is lower than normal and not financially sustainable. Enrollment is low due to ongoing concerns

about young children unable to be vaccinated, parents still working from home and keeping children with them to save money, and an overall reduction in the number of young children in Carpinteria due to families moving out of the city or state (temporarily or permanently) during the pandemic. CCP is hopeful enrollment will rise as companies return to in-person work and vaccinations begin to serve children under five. Additionally, children currently served by Carpinteria's Headstart program may be displaced and seek enrollment at CCP. The Women's Fund grant has made a significant difference in the sustainability of CCP during the pandemic, as well as allowing them to plan for the coming year.

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### **Casa Pacifica (\$80,000)**

**Community Needs Addressed:** Mental Health

*This grant is funding one additional south county SAFTY mobile crisis counselor to reduce response times and provide longer-term counseling for youth experiencing mental health crises.*

The SAFTY counselor was hired in July 2021, and grant funds are anticipated to be fully expended by October 2022. Between July and November 2021, 272 crisis calls to SAFTY came from south Santa Barbara County schools, parents/family members and youth 12-17 years old. During that period, the new crisis team member helped 133 youth and families through 112 crisis line calls, 27 of which resulted in dispatching to the scene for in-person response. Additionally, she followed up with another 21 families after a crisis was resolved to help ensure ongoing stabilization. Data suggests the program is helping reduce suicides, as well as providing response prior to law enforcement and emergency rooms being utilized. SAFTY reports its overall hospitalization rate decreased from 11.26% in 19/20 to 8.83% in 20/21, and that it is even lower so far this year.

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### **The Cecilia Fund (\$50,000)**

**Community Need Addressed:** Healthcare

*This grant is expanding Cecilia Fund's existing program to cover medical and dental costs for an additional 35-45 patients who have no other way to pay for needed care.*

To date 70% of grant funds have been expended with the remaining funds to be utilized over the next three to six months. Thus far, the grant has paid for critical medical and dental care for 21 women with grant amounts ranging from \$228 for medication to \$3,366 for urgent dental care necessary for cancer treatment to commence. Qualitative data include expressions of extreme gratitude from individuals, referral sources and providers in the community.

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### **Children & Family Resource Services (\$100,000)**

**Community Need Addressed:** Family Support Services

*This grant is providing training, management, and support for 24 community workers, known as Promotores, to obtain certification and work as Family Health Navigators.*

Although this program started later than intended, CFRS fully expects it will finish on time with funds fully expended within the grant period. The first six months have been spent planning and preparing to implement the certification program, which will take place in January. Twenty-four promotores will be trained and certified, each serving 100 community members. The program will be self-sustainable, allowing CFRS to bill through Medi-Cal and private insurance. As noted in the CFRS mid-year report: "The Women's Fund's assistance in developing a documentary on the SBC Promotores Network will be a major educational and promotional piece that will benefit the program for many years to come. This was an unexpected generous addition to the grant work."

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### **Children's Resource & Referral of Santa Barbara County (\$100,000)**

**Community Need Addressed:** Early Childhood Development

*This grant is providing funding to recruit, train and assist 30 women to obtain family childcare licenses, creating 200 new available childcare spaces in family-run daycare centers.*

As of November 2021, CRR had trained and supported 12 women in successfully obtaining Family Child Care Licenses. The agency anticipates grant funds will be fully expended by June 2022. Along with obtaining their licenses, the Family Child Care Providers have received coaching, technical assistance, training, and networking opportunities. They currently serve a total of 96 children. The program and Women's Fund grant have allowed CRR to partner with various county agencies. A new partnership and collaboration with county libraries is helping caregivers further develop their knowledge of quality early learning, childcare, preschool, and early childhood education.

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### **Doctors Without Walls – Santa Barbara Street Medicine (\$60,000)**

**Community Needs Addressed:** Healthcare, Homelessness, Mental Health

*This grant award provides funding for a trained outreach worker to administer medical services to unsheltered and marginally sheltered populations in south Santa Barbara County.*

Grant funds will cover the DWW outreach worker's salary from September 2021 through August 2022 at which time the grant will be fully expended. During the first ten months of 2021, DWW had 3,519 service contacts with 773 unduplicated clients (up from 441 for the year 2020). Of those clients, 534 were men and 236 were women. A total 1,047 of the contacts resulted in medical encounters, and 27% indicated they had been treated or diagnosed with a mental illness. DDW reports they have vaccinated 53.5% of the county's homeless population. Due to the spread of COVID-19, DDW's Wrap around Care Program has been delivering food and water, clean clothing, tents, sleeping bags, blankets, solar chargers, and medical supplies to encampments to keep homeless populations sheltering in place. Challenges DWW has faced during the grant period include training volunteers on Telemedicine software/protocols, storing live COVID19 vaccines, and identifying and referring clients with mental health conditions.

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### **New Beginnings Counseling Center (\$75,000)**

**Community Needs Addressed:** Housing Assistance

*This grant is supporting the expansion of the Safe Parking Program within south Santa Barbara County to provide increased case management and housing assistance services to vehicular homeless. Funding is paying for lot insurance and sanitation stations, direct financial assistance to clients, and a Program Services Director to manage program operations and expansion.*

NBCC expects grant funds to be fully expended by the end of the grant period. To date, they have served 249 unduplicated clients through the Safe Parking Program and are on target to serve 525 by the end of June 2022. As reported in NBCC's last quarterly survey, 94% of Safe Parking clients reported the program has helped them deal more effectively with their problems, 94% expressed satisfaction with the services, and 98% say they would recommend the program to someone in need. Challenges in implementing the program have included the dearth of available and affordable housing in general right now in south county and the continued resistance from community in establishing new lots.

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### **PATH Santa Barbara – People Assisting the Homeless (\$50,000)**

**Community Need Addressed:** Housing Assistance, Homelessness, Healthcare

*This grant funded a new cargo van, insurance, security camera, vehicle registration, exterior branding, and a custom interior appropriate for collecting and distributing donated food to agencies that feed people experiencing homelessness.*

The van was purchased in June 2021. Of the \$50,000 grant, \$3,883 remains, which they expect to spend down shortly. If there are remaining funds beyond those specified in the original budget, PATH Santa Barbara would like to purchase gas cards, if approved by the Women's Fund. Since receiving the van, PATH Santa Barbara has served 392 clients, 30% of whom are women. In-kind food donations have also been shared with

other organizations including The Faulding Hotel and Johnson Court, both affordable housing communities with the latter targeted to Veterans. They have also delivered to Veggie Rescue, which serves smaller nonprofits across the county and helps PATH by composting food when they are not able to do so on their own.

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### **United Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Barbara County (\$70,000)**

**Community Need Addressed:** Education

*This grant provided scholarships for 80 low-income youth to attend summer camp, which included daily educational sessions.*

UBGC launched Summer Spectacular Camp in June 2021 to offer fun activities, engaging learning experiences, tutoring and a daily educational component to target low-income youth assessing below grade level. The camp was offered for ten weeks from 8 am to 6 pm, serving 1,110 youth and offering full scholarships to 300 summer camp participants at UBGC's six locations. As a result of the Women's Fund grant and visits, UBGC had many individuals reach out to volunteer with their organization. The outreach led to establishment of Friends of UBGC, which is now an organized volunteer group. All grant funds have been expended serving youth at UBGC's south county locations.