



# FACT SHEET

## WHAT IS SONOMA CONNECT | SONOMA UNIDOS?

Sonoma Connect | Sonoma Unidos is an open coalition of partners and community members working together to create a comprehensive equity-focused and trauma-informed network that allows people to connect to resources they need to thrive.

### THE PROBLEM WE ARE TRYING TO SOLVE

In spite of having numerous and diverse resources in Sonoma County, many are hard to find, hard to access, and not connected with each other. Social systems often work in silos, are not coordinated, and thus are not person-centered. This means people experience having to tell their story multiple times, and may not receive services that are coordinated and aligned with their needs. What we see is underutilized services and services that are not culturally responsive or effective with all populations. The result is the inability to prevent complex health and social problems such as adverse childhood experiences (ACEs).

### HOW WE ARE TRYING TO SOLVE IT

Sonoma Connect | Sonoma Unidos uses a collective impact framework to bring together resource providers, service providers, and community members to prevent, address and heal ACEs and other social determinants of health (SDOH) through leveraging, alignment and agreement on common goals. We do this work through Action Teams grounded in an anti-racist, trauma-informed framework that centers community voice to drive changes to address fragmentation of resources. The Action Teams are open to everyone, and are designed to encourage active participation of people who want to work together on that Team's agenda.

### ACTION TEAMS

#### **ACE Screening Clinical Implementation**

Considers and implements how to build on best practices for ACE screenings, education and responsive support where needed in Sonoma County. The current focus of this action team is on how health centers can partner with schools, community-based organizations, and government agencies to integrate medical and social health. Health centers, schools and community-based organizations currently attend.

#### **Resource Connect Network**

Working to build a sustainable medical and social system integration tool using technology to connect existing platforms wherever possible. The platform will support comprehensive high quality resources that support, communication, referrals and shared case management between organizations.

#### **Community Accountability**

Ensures that Sonoma Connect | Sonoma Unidos addresses racism and social inequities. This action team works to uplift community voices and support pathways to leadership for BIPOC communities in the county. The Community Accountability Action team supports building and fostering a system of authentic community engagement by connecting to existing efforts, and supporting local leaders.

#### **Neighborhood Resource Centers**

Focuses on the people and places that make a resource connection system work: community health workers (CHW's) and neighborhood resource centers (NRCs). This action team develops standards of practice to build workforce capacity for CHW's and NRC's. The NRC action team provide trauma-informed support and referrals and close service gaps.



### OVERSIGHT

The Incubation Team provides oversight and accountability of start-up efforts of the initiative. A broader governing community board is developing to govern and direct the work of Sonoma Connect | Sonoma Unidos.

- **Providence, Lead Agency:** Dan Schurman, Community Health Investment Manager; Erika Klohe,
- **Behavioral Health Lead Department of Human Services, Upstream Investments:** Oscar Chavez, Assistant Director
- **Redwood Community Health Coalition:** Cynthia King, Director of Programs
- **First 5 Sonoma County:** Angie Dillon-Shore,
- **Executive Director Sonoma County Behavioral Health Department:** Susan Castillo, Equity & Diversity Officer



### WHO IS WORKING ON IT?

Our partners include hospitals and health centers, schools and school systems, community-based organizations, government agencies,

faith-based organizations, legal services, housing and many others. Some of our partners are Redwood Community Health Coalition, First 5 Sonoma County, Santa Rosa Community Health, Providence, Sonoma County Upstream Investments, Sonoma County Office of Education, Northern California Center for Well-Being, Latino Service Providers, and Community Action Partnership Sonoma County. The more partners that join, the better the system of connection and care will be as we work together to address common challenges to support our community.



### WHY IS SONOMA CONNECT | SONOMA UNIDOS DIFFERENT?

Sonoma Connect | Sonoma Unidos exists to bring together care systems that may previously have been working in silos to better support our community. We are not a project, or a program, but an initiative to help disrupt and transform care delivery systems. Sonoma Connect | Sonoma Unidos is not a series of meetings where people share the work they are doing but rather work together to accomplish goals. It is not designed to duplicate any existing work or replace organizations, but rather to facilitate building partnerships by leveraging and connecting existing resources and practices. It is not a legal entity, but a collaborative that is supported by many stakeholders to bring community together to support a common agenda and achieve common goals.

### HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE?



- Attend an [Action Team meeting](#) to work with others and change what you care about
- Join our [email contact list](#) to stay informed, on top of opportunities to participate and train
- Connect with one of our backbone staff members for an orientation or ask questions:

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