



# Yolo County Basic Income (YOBI) Pilot Project: First Year Outcomes

## Summary

Yolo County's Health and Human Services Agency launched the YOBI pilot project in 2022 to address deep poverty rates among homeless families with young children.

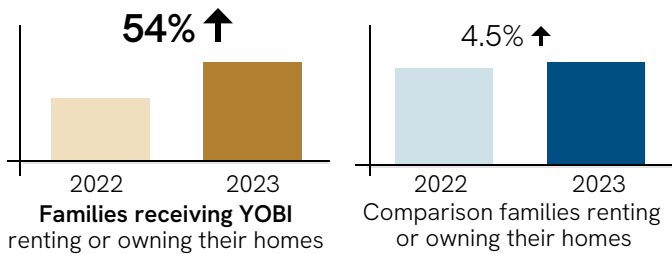
The YOBI pilot project provided a monthly cash payment to 76 families with children age 5 years or younger who were in CalWORKS. Many were also in the CALWORKS Housing Support Program (HSP) and were experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, housing instability or homelessness.

After one year, findings from a controlled evaluation with families in the pilot and similar families in CalWORKS not receiving the cash stipend suggest YOBI impacted housing and financial security. Families in YOBI reported increases in renting or owning their homes and being able to afford basic needs.

## Project Data and Outcomes

### Housing Type & Security

The number of YOBI families who rented or owned their homes **increased by 54% after one year.**



"I'd probably be homeless. I'd probably be out there looking for places to sleep on... if I didn't have it [YOBI payment]."

### Economic Security

Economic security **increased** for families receiving YOBI for one year.



There was a **33.9% decline** in the number of families struggling to pay their bills.

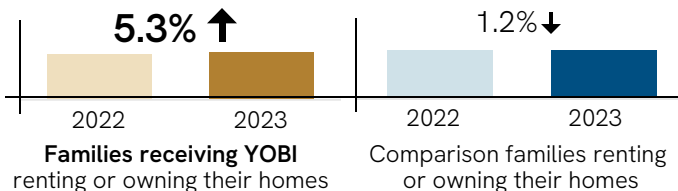
There was a **43.5% decline** in the number of families saying they did not have enough money for their material needs.



"I'm able to pay my bills. I don't have to ask people for money. I don't have to go out and do prostitution no more. So, it's just been great."

### Family Functioning and Resilience

Family functioning and resilience scores **increased after one year** of YOBI payments.



Despite no changes in positive parent-child activities overall, there is some evidence of increases in the following:



Doing arts and crafts with children



Visiting the library as a family

### Other Outcomes

**No clear changes** were observed for the following outcomes after one year:



Total social cohesion



Feelings of safety



Parental depressive symptoms



Children's attention and sleep problems



Children's anxious and depressed symptoms



Total positive parent-child activities

Outcomes will be assessed again in program year two.