

# WCC COVID Community Care

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*Rapid Response for Systems Transformation*

*Cultivating community, coordinating resilience, channeling righteous rage, building solidarity*



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## Our intentions

- ♥ To affirm our humanity and interdependence.
- ♥ To hear and share brief and key updates - landscape of conditions, needs, and resources
- ♥ To assess, allocate, and advocate for immediate, on-going, and long-term needs, priorities, and possibilities.

## Our commitments

- ♥ We give each other and ourselves grace and space.
- ♥ We stay mindful of time and space we take.
- ♥ We get through what we get through.
- ♥ We participate in our formal roles and consider all our networks and resources.
- ♥ We appreciate what is being done as we continue to figure out what to do.
- ♥ We stay tender with each other and strident in our solidarity.

### To date:






- ✓ 7 calls, 84-105 people on each call
- ✓ CBOs/Service Providers, Public Agencies, Funders, Electeds, Coalitions
- ✓ Preliminary assessment done (and stays ongoing)
- ✓ Activating assessment: Cluster, coordinate, and carry out

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Cluster, carry out,



## convene

-  Continued coordination, creation and carrying out of direct supports
-  Direct Support Groups meet outside of weekly calls
-  2-3 Conveners for each group
-  Weekly calls continue to take place - includes high level/high impact updates, collective learning.
-  Partners sign up for direct support areas of choosing

## Direct Support Areas

-  Direct Financial Disbursement
-  Food and basic supplies (including wifi)
-  Housing - rent, mortgage, eviction, utilities
-  Primary health, mental health, COVID care and education/updates
-  Childcare
-  Decarceration and reentry supports
-  Supports for TAY/Foster Care
-  Supports for CSEC and those experiencing DV/IPV
-  Supports for undocumented families and residents
-  Distance Learning, Trauma-informed SEL
-  \*\*Provider safety net continuity
-  Others right now?
-  Compassion and love

# Interacting layers of Solidarity

Truth and Reconciliation, Reparations and Return of Resources, Building Beloved, Righteous Community



Legacy and Structure

Power-Building, Power-Shifting, Systems and Policy Transformation, Dreaming (*how do we not go back to what we had? How do we build our dreams?*)



Systems and Institutions

Community Connection, Collective Learning, Grieving, Healing, Expression, Mutual Aid (*solidarity not charity*)

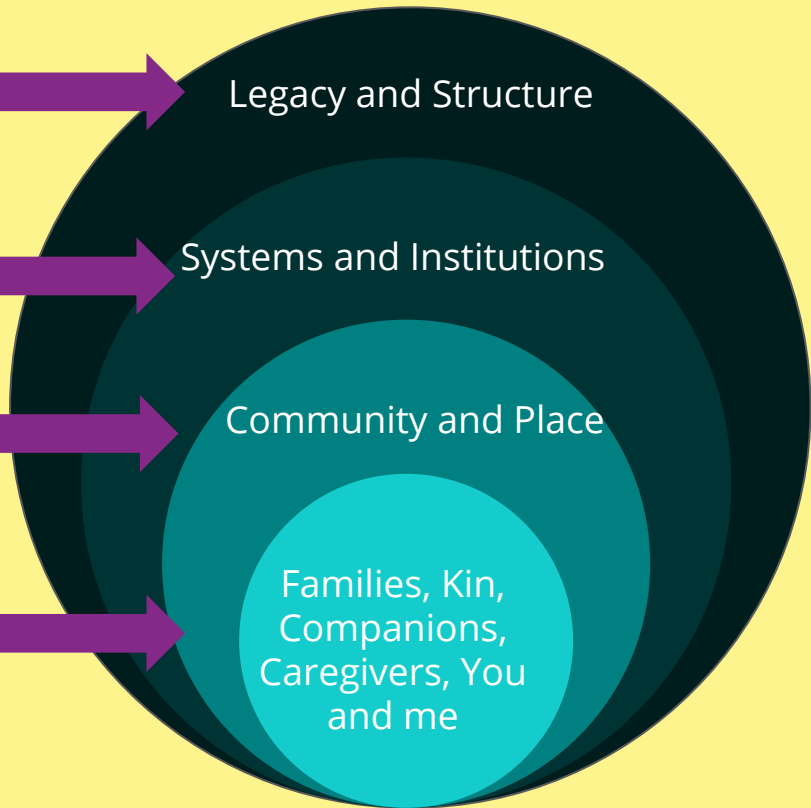


Community and Place

Direct Supports, Mutual Aid, Resource and Referral, Witness-Bearing, Listening



Families, Kin,  
Companions,  
Caregivers, You  
and me



# Direct Supports - Convening Groups\*

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\* highlighted groups indicate confirmed conveners/points and/or already convening

\*\*emerging support areas

- Richmond Rapid Response Fund - *City of Richmond, Ed Fund, RYSE*
- Food and basic supplies (including wifi) - *Contra Costa VOAD, EHSD*
- Rent/mortgage/housing/utilities - *Raise the Roof Coalition, City of Richmond*
- Primary health, COVID care - *CCHS, John Muir*
- Mental Health - *BHS/MHSA, RYSE, community mh/school-based provider*
- Childcare - *EHSD/First Five, CoCo Kids*
- Decarceration and reentry supports - *Probation, DA, PD, RYSE, Rubicon*
- Supports for TAY/Foster Care - *RYSE, ILSP*
- Supports for CSEC and those experiencing DV/IPV - *FJC, Alliance to End Abuse*
- Supports for undocumented families and residents - *STAND Together Contra Costa, Latina Center, La Clinica*
- Distance Learning - *WCCUSD, Healthy Richmond, Ed Fund*
- Provider/safety net continuity - *Human Services Alliance, Raise the Roof Coalition*
- Compassion and love - *ALL*

# Connection, Learning, Expression

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- Mutual aid networks
- Virtual programming and services
- Virtual arts, culture, and expression
- What is COVID-19, Coronavirus, Pandemic, etc.?
- Joint Order/Shelter in Place/Social Distancing
- Policing, state violence, & oversurveillance of Black and Indigenous Communities & People of Color
- Discrimination and stigma
- Know Your Rights
- Maintaining and sustaining provider/CBO/mutual aid infrastructure



# Power-shifting, Dreaming

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- Health is public, so then should be our healthcare.
- Everyone should be housed.
- No one should ever be hungry.
- No one should ever feel unwanted.
- Young people need to be loved, not locked up or left out.
- Restorative justice, transformative justice is our default.  
Everyone is deserving of redemption and justice.
- Public dollars belong to the people.
- It is time for philanthropy to increase the 5%
- We are temporary stewards of the land.
- Harm is political, so then should be our healing.



# Legacy and Structure - Truth and Reckoning

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❖ *Pandemics reveal and increase inequity.*

❖ *Pandemics surface the political determinants of health*

- All violence is state violence - pandemics are violence.
- Safety is sanctuary, not surveillance.
- For BIPOC, resilience is our baseline, not our benchmark.
- For PWIs and white people, reckoning the harm and undue benefits of white supremacy is fundamental to building beloved and righteous community.
- We build loving community to build loving power to build loving systems.

*"...justice is what love looks like in public." -- Cornel West*

