2024 Amador County

HOMELESS RESOURCE FAIR



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What is the Homeless Resource Fair?

Amador County's Homeless Resource Fair is an inviting space for providers and recipients to engage with each other, highlighting our strengths and fortifying our connections as members of one Amador County community. Similar to the Veterans' Admintration "stand-down" model, attendees are encouraged to remain in the park throughout the duration of the 2-day event.

Began in 2018 as a project of the Outreach Subcommittee of the Homeless Task Force. We served 67 attendees that year.



A free overnight event with local resources in a convenient format at a safe, familiar location for our most vulnerable residents.

- Valuable resources
- Fellowship & connection
- Hot meals
- Supplies & services

- Passport to services
- Haircuts & eye exams
- Vaccines & contraceptives
- AA/NA recovery groups

Takeaways

Some statistics from the 2024 Homeless Resource Fair:

Participants

76 total responses
representing 106 people

Gender

60% male
40% female

Attendance

52.1% were first time attendees
47.9% were repeat attendees
24.7% second time attending
6.8% third time attending
2.7% fourth time attending
13.7% fifth time attending







Attendees

A closer look at the 2024 Homeless Resource Fair participants...

TIME LIVED IN AMADOR COUNTY

- 30+ years: 35%
- 20+ years: 46%
- 10+ years: 60%
- Less than 10 years: 40%

TIME WITHOUT RELIABLE HOUSING

- More than 2 years: 52.4%
- 1-2 years: 17.5%
- 6-12 months: 7.9%
- Less than 6 months: 22.2%

CURRENT SLEEPING SITUATION

- Tent or outside: 31.1%
- Vehicle: 21.6%
- At friend or family: 18.9%
- Shelter: 12.2%
- Other: 23%

CURRENT PAIN

- 37% currently experiencing pain
- 6% receiving treatment

HAVE AUTOMOBILE?

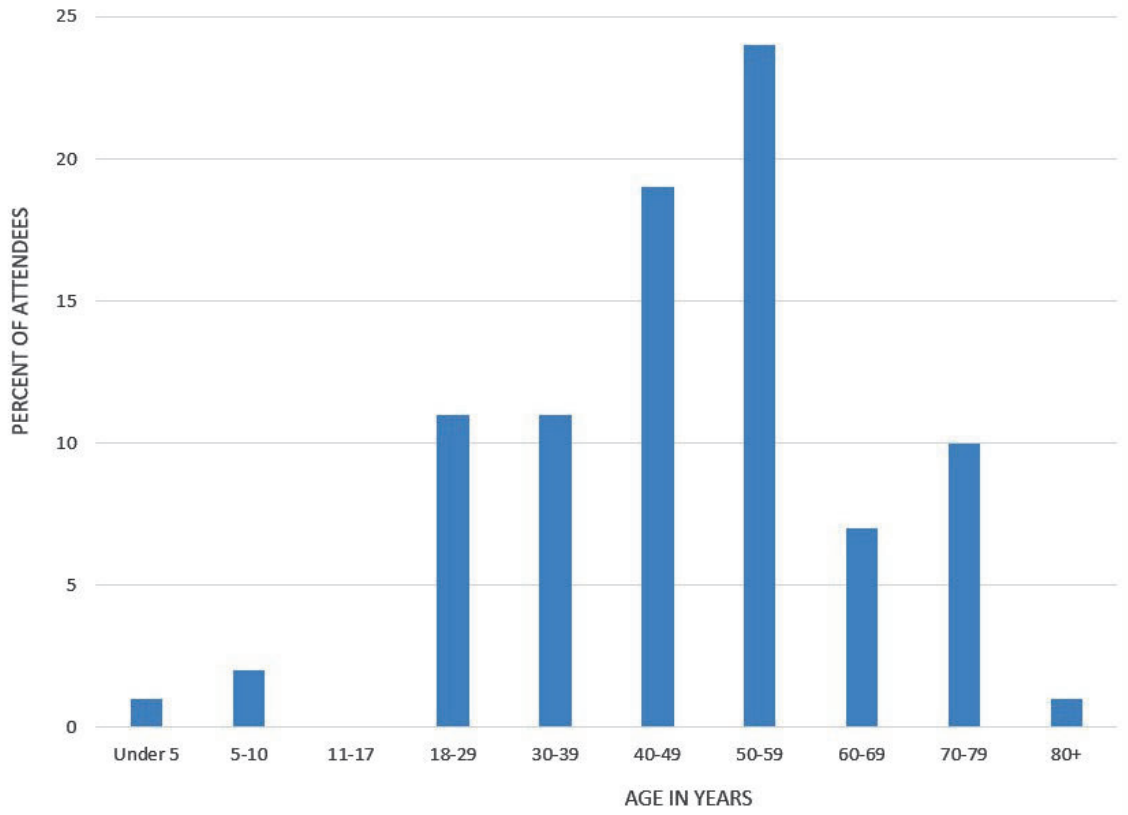
- 51% yes
- 49% no

Participant Age Breakdown

- Oldest participant: 82
- Youngest participant: 2
- 18.9% of attendees were over 65

According to the American Society on Aging and data made available by Pennsylvania University School of Social Policy and Practice, the percentage of homeless single adults aged 50 or older has increased substantially from 11% in the early 1990s to 37% in 2003. **Now nearly 50% of homeless Americans are over 50**. It is now predicted that the population of homeless individuals 65 or older will more than double by 2030.

Ref: https://aisp.upenn.edu/aginghomelessness



Specific Requests

- **30% Camping Equipment,** including sleeping bags, tents, cooking fuel/stoves, tarps, etc
- **17% Housing**, including 1 as a temporary need for surgery
- **17% Clothes,** including shoes and socks
- **8% Food**
- **6% Cell phone, Gas Cards, Transportation, Jobs, General Assistance/Services/Resources**
- **4% Haircut, Eye Exam**
- **2% Blankets, Toiletries, Dental, Child Services, AA, Handicap Showers, Charging Station, Cleaning Supplies**



Feedback on Services

SERVICES RECEIVED IN LAST 3 MONTHS

- Sierra Wind: 49%
- St Vincent de Paul: 38%
- Behavioral Health: 26%
- Church or similar: 19%
- Public Health: 17%
- Operation Care: 13%
- City of Jackson: 13%
- VA or Victory Village: 6%
- HART: 4%
- $mallChange4Big: 4%

SERVICES UNFAMILIAR WITH

- $mallChange4Big: 70%
- HART: 60%
- St Vincent de Paul: 55%
- VA Victory Village: 50%
- Sierra Wind: 40%
- Public Health: 40%
- Behavioral Health: 40%
- City of Jackson: 35%
- Church or similar: 35%
- Operation Care: 30%







Participating Agencies & Organizations

Churches & Nonprofits



Organizations



Public Agencies



28 organizations, churches, providers, and public agencies participated in Amador County's 5th annual Homeless Resource Fair May 19-20, 2024 in Detert Park.

SPONSORS

OPERATION CARE
24 HOUR SUPPORT LINE: 209-223-2600

ATCAA
Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency
People Helping People

CAL VOICES
ADVOCACY · RECOVERY · PEER SUPPORT
a continuation of NorCal MHA Mental Health America

AMADOR COUNTY CALIFORNIA

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Independent licensee of the Blue Cross Association

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SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

SIERRA WIND
Wellness and Recovery Center

Seventh-day Adventist Church
SUTTER HILL

MORIAH HEIGHTS
Seventh-day Adventist Church

Global Citizen · Гражданин Мира · 全球公民 · Ciudadano del mundo · Citoyen du monde

American Legion
Ambulance Service

Mother Lode Monument
Creekside Methodist Church
Betsy Sanders
Supervisor Frank Axe
Mel Welsh & Dr. Bob Hartmann
Peggy Scott & Dr. Arnie Ziederman
Richard Miles & Dr. Michelle Roland
Donna Jackson
Jim & Bobbi Laughton
American Legion Post 108
Mark Dyken
Dr. Travis Lyman

PASSPORT TO SERVICES



To encourage attendees to learn about the services available to them, we added a "Passport to Services" incentive, signed off at each booth visited. The passport was their ticket for hourly drawings. By visiting 5 booths, and engaging in the process, attendees earned a chance at tailored prizes to support them in their journey with homelessness. We also had a popular mealtime incentive offered to each person seated at the first table to fill, thus encouraging social engagement.

- **Over $1000 in gift cards for food and outdoor gear**, donated by Anthem Blue Cross
- **Backpacks packed for youth (5)**, donated by Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Commission
- **Peer Volunteers (5) earned $50 each,** donated by ATCAA
- **Solar Charging Units (2),** donated by Global Citizen
- **Laundromat & Grocery Vouchers,** donated by St. Vincent de Paul
- **Gas Cards and Specialized Items,** donated by Creekside Methodist Church

MEAL PROVIDERS

During the event, six meals were served by local churches and restaurants.

MotherLode Market, Deli and Catering

Amador Axes & Eats

Rosebud's Cafe

Golden Dragon

Creekside Methodist Church

Moriah Heights Seventh-Day Adventist Church



OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM



Tyx Pulskamp

Co-Chair



Trixxie Smith

Co-Chair



Hadley Leppla

Volunteer Coordinator



30 Volunteers ages 13-70+



Future Goals

Amador County's 6th Annual Homeless Resource Fair is scheduled for May 18-19, 2025.
Your sponsorship, volunteer help and support make a difference in the lives of our most vulnerable residents.
Follow Amador County Homeless Task Force on Facebook for updates and invitations to volunteer.

By prioritizing our most vulnerable residents, we can effectively meet the needs of those experiencing less critical needs by supporting housed residents facing the risk of homelessness.

Pooling resources ensures fiscal conservancy. A coordinated approach to mitigating the impacts of homelessness is more than a compassionate act, it's good business. Municipalities, public agencies, faith-based organizations and residents of all socioeconomic backgrounds working together serve to effectively identify and address gaps in services unique to our rural community.

Feed the hungry. Clothe the poor. Equip the impoverished to navigate the press of day-to-day life as a means of intervention and mitigation in a community with increasing levels of poverty, unemployment, and homelessness.

Empower employers and job seekers alike to connect the dots between job readiness and gainful employment. By working together to facilitate employment wins for people experiencing homelessness, we create a pathway to economic stability and safe housing.

THANK YOU

For more info or to get involved:

- Visit Sierra Wind Wellness and Recovery Center 10354 Argonaut Ln, Jackson, CA 95642 (Mon-Fri)
- Attend monthly Homeless Task Force Meetings fourth Thursdays 3:30pm at HHS Building, 10877 Conductor Blvd Sutter Creek, CA 95685 (Conference Room A)
- Donations can be made via Zelle and PayPal at smallchange4big.org

