

Safe & Healthy Community

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Front Door for Families officially launched on March 15! This new project is focused on supporting households with children that are homeless or at-risk-of homelessness. Funded by a Family Homelessness Challenge Grant from the State of California, together with the Bringing Families Home program through CDSS, the project is a "one-stop shop" for families with children who need guidance on securing safe and stable housing. Check out www.frontdoormendocino.org for more information.

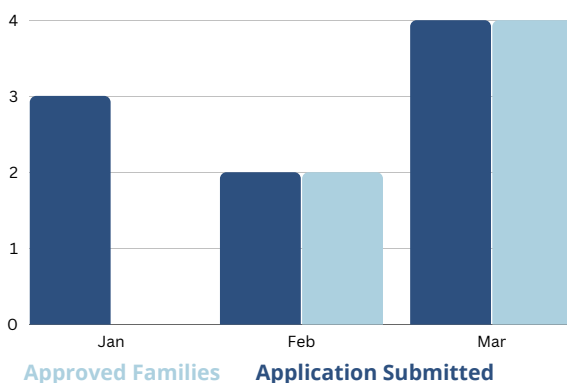


The new California Fruit and Vegetable EBT Pilot Project recently launched.

One of the first grocery stores in the State to participate in this pilot is Harvest Market in Fort Bragg and Harvest at Medosa's in the Village of Mendocino!

Authorized by legislation in 2018, the program provides matching funds of up to \$60 per month for the purchase of California-grown fruits and vegetables so that families and individuals participating in the CalFresh Program can buy even more fresh fruits and vegetables at the grocery store. Many Californians are having trouble affording healthy food with inflation and the end of CalFresh Emergency Allotments. The Fruit and Vegetable EBT Project will help reduce these impacts for those who use their EBT card at these pilot retail locations. Given the heightened need, the California legislature is now considering a proposal that would make this program available more broadly. The CalFresh Fruit and Vegetable Supplemental Benefits Expansion proposal (AB 605) — would provide funding to make these supplemental benefits available at many more grocery stores and farmers' markets across the state. Find out more at DoubleUpCa.org.

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During the month of March, the Adult and Aging Services division continued to support our aging population. The In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) unit aided nearly 150 new applicants and performed over 100 IHSS reassessments. The IHSS Quality Assurance team tackled 13 unannounced home visits, 24 desk reviews, and investigated 2 cases of fraud.

The Adult Protective Services team received over 140 calls, responded to 87 reports of abuse, referred 53 cases, and assisted 12 displaced family units find permanent housing. Our Veterans Services Office helped over 140 veterans and their family members receive benefits. The General Assistance team completed over 200 applications for various services. Lastly, the Public Guardian/Public Administrator team continued to support 12 conserved clients, manage 51 estates, and close 3 cases.

