

As we move into the fall, WMCC continues to grow and expand the ways we serve our community. Over the past several months, we have been building new programs, strengthening existing work, and developing partnerships that are helping us step into new areas such as climate resilience, workforce development, and expanded health and wellness initiatives.

As our work grows, one thing continues to stand out: we cannot do this work alone. Our partnerships with local organizations, healthcare providers, funders, and community leaders allow us to bring additional resources, knowledge, and opportunities directly to the families and residents we serve.

Through our partnership with the UC Merced Labor Center, we are expanding into climate resilience and workforce development. This work will help us better understand how we can connect households to climate resilience resources while also strengthening our knowledge of the workforce development system and how we can better support farmworkers in accessing training, resources, and career opportunities.

Our Community Health Worker is also helping us expand the support we provide to individuals and families. Through our partnership with Kaiser Permanente, we will be increasing outreach and enrollment support to help community members better understand and access healthcare coverage and resources. We are also providing CalKIDS enrollment support through the California Early Wealth Accounts System Plan, helping families access funds available for their children's future education.

October also gives us an opportunity to bring additional attention to mental health and wellness. In recognition of World Mental Health Day on October 10th, WMCC will be hosting a special community event in collaboration with Tell My Story and the World Bipolar Foundation. The event will provide a welcoming space for awareness, conversation, connection, and mental wellness. Space is limited, so we encourage community members interested in participating to register early.

While each of these efforts may look different, they share something important: they are built through partnership. Whether we are connecting someone to healthcare, helping a family access educational resources, supporting farmworkers, or bringing new resources into our community, collaboration allows us to do more and reach more people.

In alignment with our mission to address social and economic barriers, we remain committed to building meaningful partnerships that respond to community needs and create greater access to resources and opportunities for the people we serve.

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