MAPPING SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY'S NEEDS AND ASSETS



Joshua Tree + Yucca Valley Asset Mapping

This summary map shows community identified assets and needs in the Joshua Tree and Yucca Valley community. During the asset mapping workshop a mix of 7 local parents, residents, and service providers worked together to identify current community strengths and challenges. Participants discussed a broad range of assets including schools, child care, food outlets and health care facilities. Although this is not an exhaustive list, First 5 San Bernardino and key community partners can use this map to identify existing resources that can be built upon to strengthen the foundation of services for children 0-5 and their families.

Key Findings:

- Residents are particularly proud of the outdoor assets in Joshua Tree and Yucca Valley. In addition to the Joshua Tree National Park, the community boasts two museums devoted to the natural setting and outdoor art. While participants identified the opportunities afforded to families who live near such unique outdoor venues, they also noted basic park needs, such as shade and lights.
- → Participants highlighted the need for improved public infrastructure. Specifically, they mentioned the need for navigable sidewalks, bike paths and public transportation. Parents don't feel comfortable walking with their children to nearby parks due to safety concerns, and residents can't take public transportation out of "the basin."
- → Nearly every asset is adjacent to the Twentynine Palms Highway (HWY 62), and the majority of the items are found where Hwy 62 meets Old Woman Springs Road (Hwy 247). Families in the neighborhoods further from these highways have access to few, if any, assets in their immediate proximity.

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