COVID-19 Vulnerable Communities: Data Uncovers New Critical Needs

3rd Round Survey Assessment

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COVID-19 is Shaking the Foundation of our Most Vulnerable and Essential Workers

“I spend more money eating once a day and paying for housing than I make at my job.”

“As a single parent with a toxic co-parenting situation I have to carry the load of educating my 9 yr old and finding work while maintaining high rent costs. Minimal support. I’m struggling and overwhelmed.”

“Landlord made it clear no rent control in Daly City, she raised it 20 percent due to pandemic.”

“I left a full time job to self quarantine, due to my patient testing positive for COVID-19.

When requesting to return to work, and I was advised that my position was given to a new employee.

They stated that I may return on a part-time basis, only 4 hours a day.”
JVS Emergency Response Meets Clients’ Needs in First Wave

From April-September, we’ve distributed over $250,000 in emergency support dollars

- “It allowed me to get groceries and pay my phone bill.”
- “I was able to get diapers and catch up on rent.”
- “I was able to pay my internet bill to continue my job search.”
- “I was able to learn and practice new zoom interviews.”

We funded 98% of client requests for groceries, rent, and utility bills
93% of clients say that JVS funding alleviated their emergency
We accepted 100% of client requests for laptops, internet, and web cams
Launched 20+ new job readiness workshops and 6 new training cohorts.

* Emergency response funding was distributed based off responses from JVS client needs survey
Benefit Cliffs Put Vulnerable People at Risk

July

$600 extra in Unemployment Insurance stops

Remote schooling begins causing strain for working parents with children

54% of clients applied for unemployment. Only 1/2 have received it.

72% report feeling unstable/worried about housing

45% have another household member who was laid off too

46% are living paycheck to paycheck

73% of clients are still looking for work

62% reported school closures impacted job search/current work

August

$600 extra in Unemployment Insurance gets reduced to $300

Paycheck Protection Program ends, causing second wave of covid layoffs

[Clients still can’t get through to Unemployment due to high demands]
Long-Term Predictions and More Benefit Cliffs Loom on the Horizon

The conclusion of several public benefit packages impacts the ability for clients to sustain themselves for the next three months.

**Eviction implications start due to end of Eviction Moratorium**

- Under Assembly Bill 3088, clients will be required to pay back at least 25% of their rent
- Evictions begin in February for those failing to pay the minimum required

**Election results will determine future covid relief packages**

- Additional stimulus checks are on pause
- 70% of clients don't think they'll be able to meet basic needs for the next 3 months

**Sept**

October

2nd wave of COVID-19 anticipated to peak sometime in the fall

**November**

Dec

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) end

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Skills Training Remains Crucial

Clients recognize the need to maintain momentum in skills training and job search support during this time of uncertainty.

73% of clients are actively looking for work.

Only 11% have found a job.

- 98% looking to learn news skills while continuing job searching
- 92% interested in 1:1 virtual career coaching
- 81% are looking for connection to employers
2020 Pandemic Already Surpasses Great Recession Numbers

In just 3 months, from March to May 2020, COVID-19 induced layoffs far surpass layoffs in the Great Recession from (2008-2010).

2008 Great Recession
- Nationwide unemployment jumped from 5% to 10%
- California unemployment jumped from 4% to 12%

2020 Pandemic
- Nationwide unemployment jumped from 3% to 15%
- California unemployment jumped from 3% to 16%
Standing Stronger Together

Our mission is — and remains — to transform the lives of our community members. We are placing racial equity at the center of our work to connect those who have not been seen, to opportunities and economic mobility.

- **Supporters and Volunteers**: the need is greater than we have seen in our lifetimes. Your financial support and volunteer hours are critical

- **Elected Officials and Policymakers**: we need to invest in workforce and training, and investments should include training-related subsidized employment and job creation

- **Advocacy**: JVS continues to advocate for policies that strengthen the social safety net