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USDA-Funded Efforts to Address Adverse Childhood Experiences in Yolo County

When kids experience trauma early in life, the effects can last a lifetime — leading to chronic health issues, mental health struggles and barriers to success. UC Davis research, led by Professor Leigh Ann Simmons, is tackling Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) head-on. With support from the USDA, they're connecting families to resources that build resilience, strengthen communities and change lives.

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This initiative helps break cycles of trauma and supports healthier communities. Without continued funding, vital programs could be lost, leaving vulnerable families without access to life-changing support. Sustained investment is essential to ensuring brighter futures for children in Yolo County and beyond.

// For every dollar the USDA invests in research, it generates \$2.46 in economic benefits in the form of new jobs and infrastructure.”
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