Today there is a vision for a comprehensive coordinated response to childhood trauma. The community began planning the Center for Learning and Resilience (The Center) before the 2018 Camp Fire devastated our community... and now it is needed more than ever.

The Need
The Center will be a place of recovery and belonging for Butte County families with infants and young children. It will serve all families, but in particular those who have experienced sudden or chronic trauma in their lives. It will set in motion improved connections between multiple local agencies in a way that hasn’t been done before. It will provide families with greater access to services and become a training institute for experts who specialize in working with children from across the North State.

Our Children Struggle at a Young Age

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More than 544 children ages 0-10 are in foster care, that’s double the state average.
For Today...For Tomorrow

For the future of Butte County’s smallest residents

In order to serve families in a new and innovative way, Butte County Office of Education along with its partners and stakeholders, recognized the need to create an ideal space to co-locate county and nonprofit programs that provide direct services to families in need. As a result, plans are underway to transform the former courthouse in Chico into The Center. Once open, The Center will host community programs and offer education, events, research and professional collaboration. It will also be the hub for services delivered remotely.

Healing happens at individual, family and community levels
Case Management • Family Support • Workforce Development • Professional Training
Family Engagement • Play Groups • Counseling

Rebuild and re-shape Butte County’s next generation

Butte County Office of Education has formed a Planning and Development Committee made up of professionals and community members who are passionate about stewarding the development of services, systems and care for children and families in Butte County. After two years of planning and collaboration with these individuals, The Center is becoming a reality in Butte County so that we can connect parents to the services their children urgently need.

“What we must do is offer mental health supports for children and their families in remote areas, multi-disciplinary services, family respite, case management, and secondary trauma support in a professional capacity. The Center offers all of these solutions to ease Butte County’s pain and suffering.”

Mary Sakuma, Superintendent
Butte County Office of Education
What are ACEs?

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are negative childhood experiences known to contribute to poor long-term health. ACEs include traumatic experiences such as:
- Abuse
- Neglect
- Parental absence
- Witnessing community violence

Butte County’s high rates of childhood trauma may be a contributing factor to many of the physical, behavioral, and family issues that educators and caregivers regularly report among our youngest children.

The Center will build resilience in children by providing a nurturing and trauma-responsive place to support healing

Young children who have negative experiences can overcome adversity when exposed to positive experiences. It only takes one positive adult to dramatically change the course of a child’s life and protect and prevent them from a life of adversity. Early intervention is crucial because it helps them build strong, loving relationships and prepares them to learn in school.

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Multiple experts unite

Butte County Office of Education will also offer mobile services, intended to address the immediate needs of remote and rural community members deeply traumatized by devastating fires. Parents and caregivers throughout Butte County will be able to access. The California’s Mental Health Services Act granted funding to The Center for a team of mental health specialists who will provide direct services to young children and their families. The grant will enable The Center to offer training, coaching and counseling to preschools, child care providers and nonprofits. The goal is to promote children’s development, support families, and help educators understand and respond to toxic stress and trauma. Upon opening, this approach will integrate into the range of programs co-located at The Center.
Shaping the Future

For kids and families in Butte County

Join us in supporting children and families in rural Northern California by investing in The Center for Learning and Resilience. The Center is a key part of recovery in Butte County and a model for other communities who have experienced natural disasters.

Help make Butte County a healthier place to live

- Increase economic vitality
- Attract a qualified workforce of professionals who specialize in helping children
- Create more positive outcomes for children living in our communities

Your contribution will help connect children and families in need to resources throughout our community and to a Center that cares.

How will you help shape the future?

The launch of The Center is based on an operating budget of $5.4 million, which includes $3 million in capital to begin construction and renovations.
To date, Butte County Office of Education has secured $2.7 million
- $1.6 in capital funding
- $950,000 for staffing

Be a hero to a child by contributing to the #ButteStrong $500,000 Challenge
Donate today at www.centerforlearningandresilience.org

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Thank you for dreaming with us about what IS possible!