ANNUAL OVERVIEW

OUR MISSION & VISION

DataShare Santa Cruz County (DSSCC) is an interactive data platform with local, regional and national data available to everyone. DSSCC provides data that is accessible, comprehensive, up-to-date and reliable.

DSSCC vision aligns with Collective of Results and Evidence-Based (CORE) Investments; Envisioning Santa Cruz County as equitable, thriving, resilient community where everyone shares responsibility for creating the social, economic and environmental conditions necessary for health and well-being at every stage of life.

Since 2019, DSSCC has been the central hub of information with the most up-to-date data and reports of over 390 indicators displaying wellbeing strengths and gaps across the Santa Cruz County.

The data, reports, dashboards and progress metrics available on the DSSCC platform help to better inform funders, grant writers, community advocates, researchers and students, elected officials and policy makers, public servants and concerned community members to make data-driven decisions, plan programs, report on progress and advocate for resources and funding.

FY2020-2021 GOALS

1. Increase user base beyond core user group
2. Leverage platform to promote equity in our community
3. Increase amount of local data available
4. Increase community's ability to make data-driven decisions

*FY20-21 is the first year the DSSCC has undergone an evaluation process. Process was overseen by DSSCC Evaluation Workgroup consisting of Nicole Lezin and Nicole Young of CORE Investments and George Malachowski - Business Analytics Manager SCC Human Services Department.

GOVERNANCE

ADMINISTRATIVE PARTNERS

DSSCC is a collaborative project. Administrative partners include nonprofit or public agencies providing core services to operate and develop DataShare SCC.

Learn more at www.datasharescc.org

STEERING COMMITTEE

DSSCC is overseen and guided by representatives from a diverse cross-section of public, nonprofit, and private agencies promoting equitable health and well-being in Santa Cruz County across the lifespan.
OUTCOMES SUMMARY

1. **INCREASE USER BASE BEYOND CORE GROUP**

DSSCC has made efforts in the last year to increase collaboration between partners and outreach with community members who have historically had limited access and capacity for analyzing and utilizing wellbeing data.

Activities have included; an increased social media presence, data literacy trainings and a launch of a local leaders speakers series focused on leveraging data for action.

For the first time, all of our activities have been interpreted and materials translated to provide English and Spanish access to resources.

![Graph showing increase in user base](image)

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**INCREASE IN TOTAL USERS**

58%

**INCREASE IN USERS FROM WATSONVILLE**

62%

**INCREASE IN SPANISH LANGUAGE USERS**

27%

2. **LEVERAGE PLATFORM TO PROMOTE EQUITY**

Increasing the quantity of local data and disaggregated data available on the platform helps us increase understanding of potential wellbeing disparities across age, gender, ethnic/racial and geographies and enables targeted action to communities and residents most in need of support and resources.

**INDICATORS DISAGGREGATED BY EQUITY DIMENSION**

89 total indicators

**DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FY 19-20 TO FY 20-21**

- Age disaggregation: -14
- Race/Ethnicity disaggregation: -6
- Gender disaggregation: 0
- LGBTQ+ disaggregation: 0

**Indicator Disaggregation By Race/ Ethnicity Available on Platform**

- **American Indian/Alaska Native**: 19%
- **Asian/ Pacific Islander**: 37%
- **African American/ Black**: 26%
- **Hispanic/ Latinx**: 53%
- **White**: 55%
- **Other/ Two or More Races**: 37%

*Indicator disaggregation is impacted by low population size leading to limited availability of smaller race/ethnicity group data
### Outcomes Summary

3. **Increase Amount of Local Data Available**

- **New local indicators:**
  - LGBTQ+ Mental Health (COE)
  - Crop reports & Commuter data (HSD)

- **New local Reports & Publications:**
  - Black Health Matters 2020 Snapshot, UW SCC
  - First 5 Santa Cruz Strategic Plan & Report
  - UndocuFund Data, SC Community Ventures
  - Crop report, HSD

4. **Increase Community’s Ability to Make Data-Driven Decisions**

   Decisions that are data-driven support community stakeholders in making the case for taking action, strengthening capacity, allocating needed resources and enabling stakeholders to work together on shared goals.

   We focused on increasing data literacy and utilization of DSSCC through training and outreach to community stakeholders.

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**Local Resources on Platform Comparison FY19-20 to FY20-21**

- **Local Data:**
  - FY19-20: 8
  - FY20-21: 33

- **Reports & Publications:**
  - FY19-20: 16
  - FY20-21: 21

- **Promising Practices:**
  - FY19-20: 2
  - FY20-21: 3

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**Local Progress sections highlight data, reports and information to demonstrate progress towards achieving the strategies and deliverables of the program or initiative and address CORE conditions. This information helps increase understanding of the factors that affect the wellbeing of Santa Cruz County residents and provide a special equity lens.**

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**Core Results Menu**

- Safety Net Coalition: 23
- Cradle to Career: 32
- Alignment: 30
- Thrive by Three: 76
- Food, Farming and Health Policy Council: 40
- County Strategic Plan: 120
- SafeRx: 92
- Community Health Improvement Plan: 91
OUTREACH AND TRAININGS
Trainings and speaker series have helped demystify DSSCC platform tools, highlight the value of shared indicators and provide access to key tools such as dashboards and reports. Correlation between data usage on DSSCC and outreach and trainings is clear. Some examples include; monthly newsletters consistently increase platform views by an average of 24% and some trainings have increased platform users by more than 300%.

COLLABORATION
Our collaborative of agency partners contributions of thought partnership and operational support from the Administrative Partners as well as the working groups consisting of Steering Committee members have been critical in increasing the user base, supporting continuous improvement efforts and providing access to local data.

CONSISTENCY
Consistent data updates, renewed local progress pages and embedded dashboards utilized by partner drive users to the DSSCC platform. These actions help increase platform traffic and utility by closing a feedback loop, providing simple and accessible data tools and highlighting the progress of local initiatives.

INCREASED ACCESSIBILITY
Timely release of indicators, a multiplicity of data resources and limited knowledge of the existence of the platform for Santa Cruz County stakeholders remain a barrier to access and utilization.

CLARIFIED AND VALUE-ADDED PLATFORM USER EXPERIENCE
Many community stakeholders need to share their story through multiple equity lenses, example; age, geographic location, race/ethnicity. However, the filtering functions on DSSCC can limit which lens is chosen and currently only one filtered view can be chosen at a time on dashboards and reports. Another component which limits platform user experience is multiple pathways to similar resources and a limited understanding of tools.

INCREASED LOCAL DATA INTEGRATION CAPACITY
Many local agencies are collecting data which would help fill gaps in understanding disparities within specific groups and regions in the County. However, DSSCC staff continue to encounter barriers to accessing these data sets due to overloaded agency staff who do not have capacity to share their data. Another barrier with local data has been ensuring the comparability of the data sets, especially in regards to point-in-time comparisons and population size.
Thank you to our funders, partners, committee members and clients whose special expertise helps promote progress toward DataShare SCC’s vision and annual objectives.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PARTNERS

Pajaro Valley Community Health Trust
Santa Cruz Office of Education
Santa Cruz County Health Services Administration
Santa Cruz County Human Services Department
Santa Cruz County Administrative Offices
United Way of Santa Cruz County

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CORE Investments
Community Action Board
Community Foundation for Santa Cruz County
First 5 Santa Cruz County
Health Improvement Partnership of Santa Cruz County
Janus
Santa Cruz Community Ventures
Santa Cruz Arts Council
Santa Cruz Community Health Information Exchange
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