



# MARIPOSA COUNTY

**The Art of Collaboration  
for Senior Services in a  
Rural County**

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# Objective:

**To share how the various partners in Mariposa County work with seniors and dependent adults, and work collaboratively together to meet the needs of this population, in a small rural county, with limited resources, but big hearts.**

# Mariposa County Geography



## GEOGRAPHY -

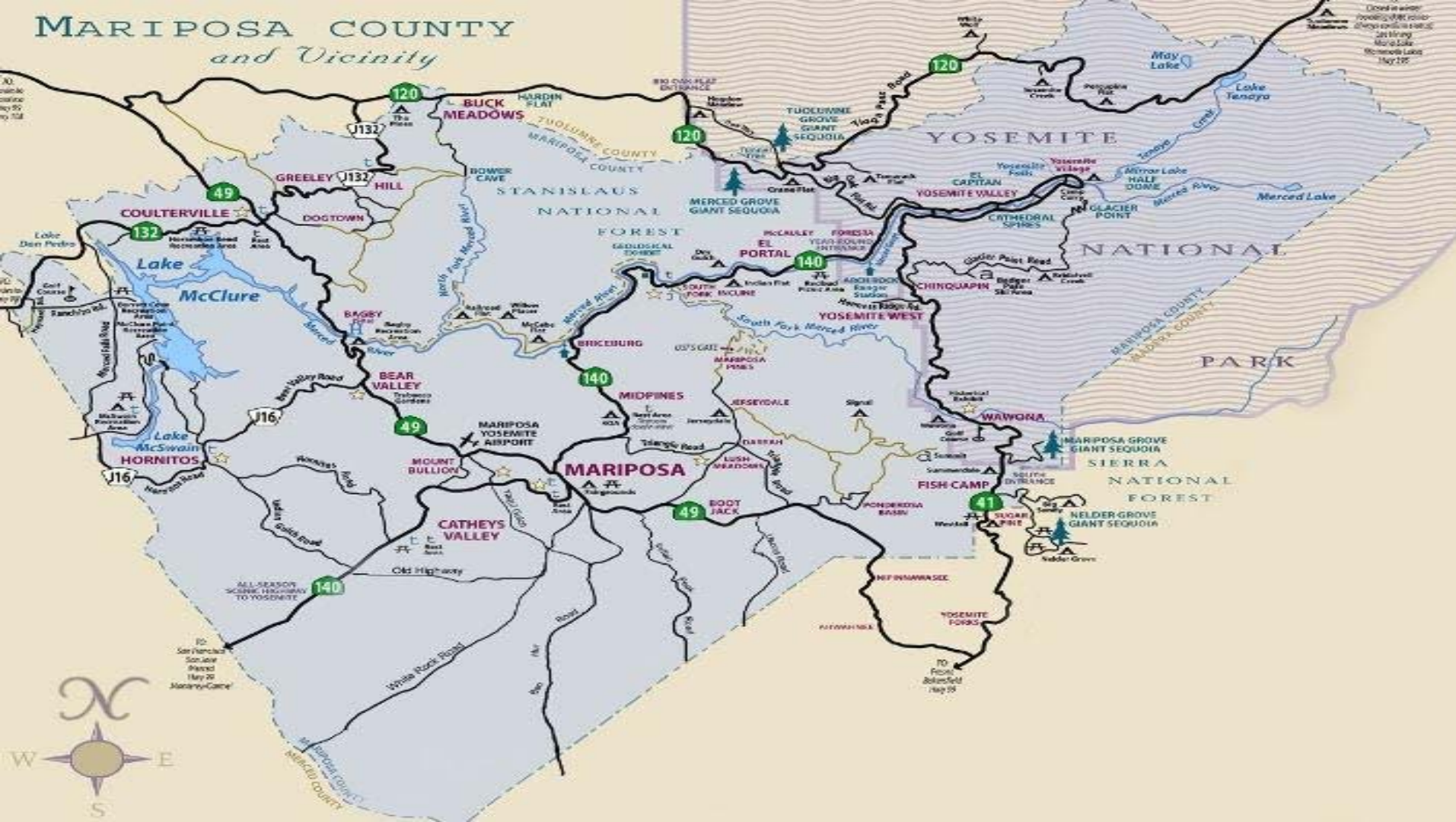
Mariposa County is located in the Western Foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, North of Fresno and East of Merced. The geography of

Mariposa County is mostly mountainous, but catches a small part of the Central Valley and is home to some of Yosemite National Park.

Census Designated Areas: [Bootjack](#), [Yosemite Valley](#) and [Mariposa](#)



# MARIPOSA COUNTY and Vicinity



# Mariposa County Demographics

**POPULATION: (US CENSUS BUREAU 2017) - 17,569**

- 27% of the population is age 65 or older
- 90% of the population identifies as White or Caucasian
- 49% Identifies themselves as Female
- 9% Identify as a Veteran



# Mariposa County Economy



**ECONOMIC LANDSCAPE** - The unemployment rate in Mariposa County as of April 2015 was 10.2%, compared to the California rate of 6.8%. Yosemite National Park annually draws nearly 4 million tourists from all over the world. As such, tourism is this rural county's main industry and the park is the area's largest employer.





# Mariposa County Elder Empowerment Coalition MOU

## Goals and Objectives:

Parties **share** the following goals and objectives with regard to seniors residing in Mariposa County:

- To provide resources and referrals to seniors in Mariposa County, as needed.
- To identify gaps in services for seniors in Mariposa County.
- To promote education and provide training on elder abuse and abuse prevention for the community, and for seniors and caregivers.





# Mariposa County Elder Empowerment Coalition MOU

## Goals and Objectives Continued:

- To have regularly scheduled meetings, activities, and events related to seniors, including holiday events and elder abuse awareness events during, but not limited to, Elder Abuse Month.
- To identify and explore grant opportunities related to senior services.
- To share information about the Parties' activities, as well as advocacy services of the Elder Ombudsman's Office, on the Network of Care website and to keep such updated.

# Services for Seniors

## Community Services:

- Senior Services
- Veteran Services
- Senior Nutrition Program
- County Transit Provider
- Medical Transportation

# Services for Seniors

## **Catholic Charities**

- The Mother Lode Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program
- The Elder Abuse Prevention Program
- The Legal Advocacy for Seniors Program

## **Area 12 Agency on Aging (PSA-12)**

- Family Caregiver Support Program (FCSP)
- Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP)
- Minor Home Repair Program
- Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP)

## **Adult Protective Services:**

- Emergency response and case management for elder abuse.
- 2017: 222 referrals and 147 confirmed

# Services for Seniors

## Domestic Violence: Mountain Crisis Services:

- MCS provides support and services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse, human trafficking and stalking. Work closely with APS on elder cases.
- Operates 1 safe house and 1 transitional home in Mariposa
- Valley Crisis Center has 1 safe house and 3 transitional homes in Merced which is utilized if protecting client in Mariposa is an issue.
- For this grant period, 7/1/16 – 9/30/17, **34 seniors were assisted**

## Sheriff's Department:

- Nixle
- Project Lifeline
- Scope Program



# Services for Seniors

## District Attorney/Victim Witness:

- Work closely with APS
- Victim Witness
  - Help victims apply for the state victim compensation program
  - If approved they are assisted with a slew of services:
    - Mental Health Services
    - Installing alarm systems
    - Vehicle reimbursements
    - Ramps
    - Restitution for money lost

# Services for Seniors

## In Home Supportive Services:

- Safe alternative to out-of-home care for elderly and adults with disabilities
- Income based program with a share of cost and have to be Medi-Cal eligible

## Public Health:

- Safe (Support and Aide for everyone) Program

## John C. Fremont Hospital:

- Critical Access Hospital
- Private Home care which is alternative for folks who don't qualify for IHSS
- Long Term Care: 16 skilled nursing beds and 8 short term care beds

# Services for Seniors

## Behavioral Health:

- Whole Person Care: Tri County Collaborative
- Adult System of Care
- Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI)
- SUDS
- TRAC



# Case Consultation & Staffing Opportunities

## Bi-Monthly MDT:

- Human Services weekly Adults Staffings with our BH staff
- Utilize the CFT Facilitator for challenging APS/IHSS cases
- SART Monthly Meeting
- MDT Meeting
- Utilization Review with Hospital
- Commission on Aging



# Our Challenges

- Geographic range of county
- Weather related issues
- Limited long term care options
- Limited in county medical options
- Limited housing
- Limited transportation needs
- Limited providers for in home care
- Isolation
- Staffing
- Cost of living
- Broadband

# Mariposa County Superior Court





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