



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

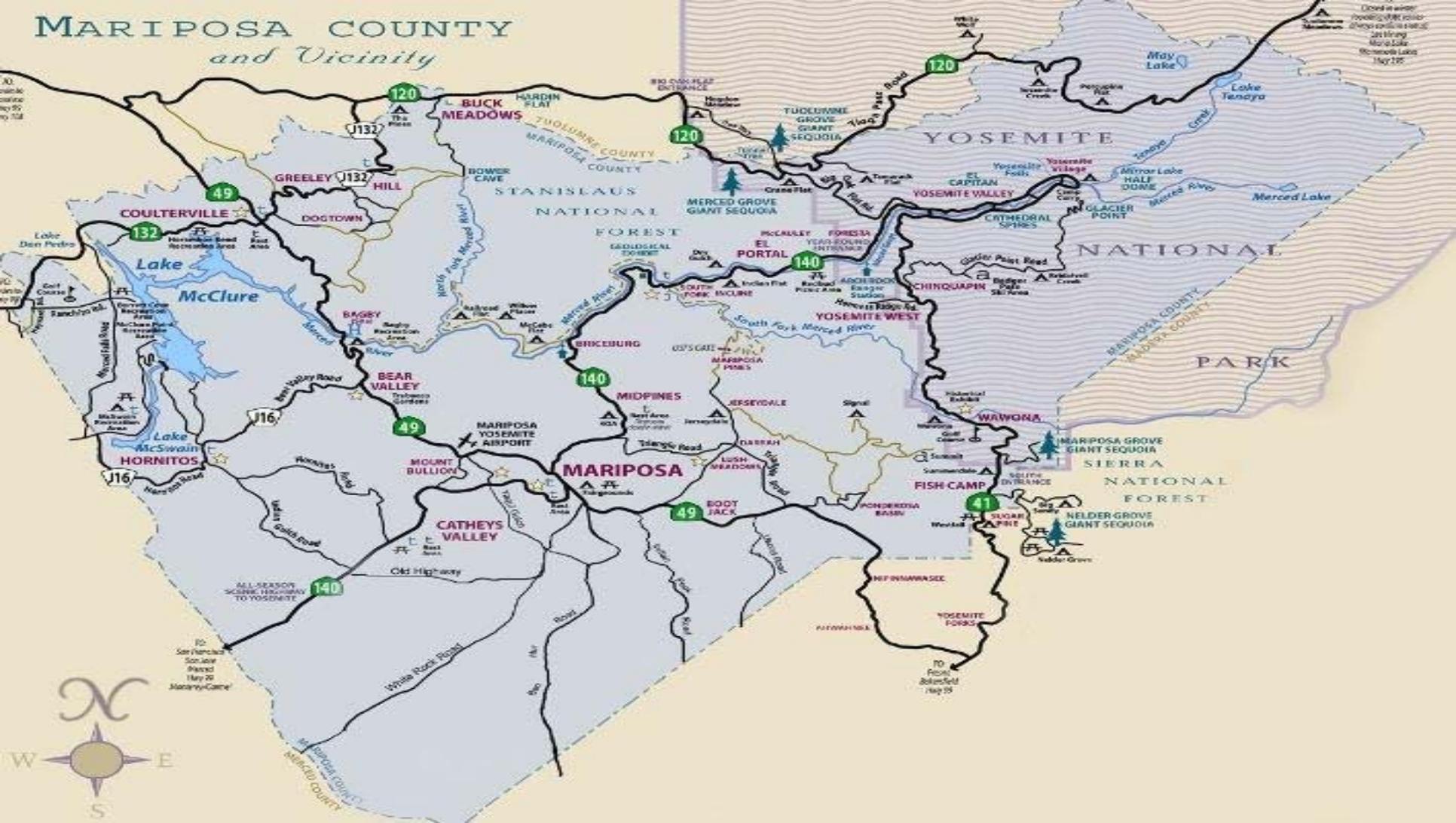


GEOGRAPHY -

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



Closest winter
road to
Yosemite
National
Park
May 15

All
Season
Snow
Through
to
Yosemite
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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.

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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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