

# 2-1-1 Monthly Report for February 2019

# Noteworthy Updates

During the month of February, **5,172** calls were handled by 2-1-1 Resource Specialists and **7,591** health, housing and human service referrals were provided. Of the unduplicated callers, **71%** are female, **26%** are single mothers with minor children, and **59%** reported they are living with disabilities. (These statistics exclude callers who opted to not provide demographic information during intake.)

For additional 2-1-1 stats for the month of February, go <u>here</u>. For 2-1-1 stats for the current fiscal year-to-date, go <u>here</u>.



## 2-1-1 Launches Texting for Tax Referrals

On February 13th, Eden I&R launched a two-way texting pilot for tax preparation assistance information in Alameda County. Although 2-1-1 staff have been texting referral information to callers over the last several years, this recent enhancement now allows for staff to conduct live texting conversations with those wishing to converse via texting. Initially two-way texting is specific

to the topic of tax preparation assistance and is available Monday-Friday from 9 am to 4 pm. 2-1-1 will be rolling out a larger 2-way texting program with expanded hours later this spring. For information on the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and if you qualify, as well as a list of free tax prep sites near you, **text 898-211 or call 2-1-1!** 

We are pleased to join many other 2-1-1 systems in expanding our means of communication. Texting is one more way 2-1-1 Alameda County can serve our community, and can be especially useful for youth, those with a hearing impairment, those fearing for their safety such as domestic violence survivors and victims of human trafficking, and can quickly disseminate information during a disaster.

### **Benetech Nonprofit Data Collaboration Pilot**

Eden I&R is proud to be part of a first of its kind data collaboration, making it easier for people to get connected to the services that they need. Over the next six months, six Bay Area organizations will use Benetech Service Net to share and maintain their records on local social and human services. Click here to read more.





## Call Examples



A Hayward senior informed 2-1-1 he was suffering from serious health conditions, including from a previous physical assault. He received a slight increase in his benefits raising his monthly income by about \$40, and was now being required to pay a share of cost for his medical coverage. Because of this, the caller had not been under a physician's regular care for over a year and had not been taking critical medications. 2-1-1 had previously provided referrals to this caller for agencies that could assist him in understanding his medical

benefits, but he needed more support.

A victim of identity theft, the caller shared he was fearful of sharing his information with strangers, but he trusted 2-1-1. The 2-1-1 Program Manager contacted staff at Alameda County Health Care Services Agency (HCSA) to request help advocating for the caller after receiving permission to do so. He was then conferenced in on several calls with agencies (one at a time) including Kaiser, Medi-Cal, and HICAP-Legal Assistance for Seniors. He was very emotional and sometimes reacted with frustration and anger on these calls, but 2-1-1 kept him calm and focused.

The caller was evaluated by Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center for both lab tests and a medical appointment, and transportation was arranged for him to get seen at their clinic. His medications were also ordered and HCSA and 2-1-1 continued to work with the caller to get them delivered, as he could not get to the pharmacy and did not have internet access.

For additional 2-1-1 call examples handled in February, go <a href="here">here</a>.

## Caller Feedback

"I appreciate your taking the time to help me. No one has done this... You can change the world with your (work) ethic and your compassion. At the beginning of this call, I know I was upset and complained that no one is helping homeless seniors like me, but I really want you to know that I appreciate all the time that you have taken to help me understand how (the Coordinated Entry System) works and what I need to do now."





During the month of February, **112** agency record updates and **527** program records updates were made to the Services Database, which currently contains **1,216** agencies and **3,121** programs.



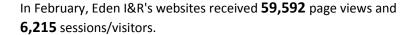
**230** new units were added to the housing database in February for a total of **73,893** housing units. Staff made **2,824** record updates this month.



AHIP (AIDS Housing Information Project) offers housing and human services resource referrals to People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH) via a designated phone line and through one-on-one, in-person assistance at clinics and AIDS Service Organizations. In February, AHIP handled **147** calls, provided **227** service referrals and **587** housing referrals.

#### Website

Eden I&R's health and human services data is provided free through the agency's publicly accessible websites at <a href="www.edenir.org">www.edenir.org</a> and <a href="www.edenir.org">www.edenir.org</a> and <a href="www.achousingchoices.org">www.achousingchoices.org</a>.







## **Meetings & Presentations**

In February, staff participated in **18** meetings, phone calls, and webinars with current and potential partners. Highlights included a half-day all staff team building exercise, a first since 2-1-1 launched in 2007. This was made possible with support from 2-1-1 Ventura County who handled calls during the session.

#### Fairs / Events / Outreach

In February, Eden I&R served **78** people at training, events, and fairs and distributed **3,855** pieces of outreach materials to service providers and residents of Alameda County.

Eden I&R's Housing Coordinator attended a "Mixer Event" hosted by the Rental Housing Authority (RHA) and Hayward Chamber of Commerce, to promote our housing services, and work adding new property owners and landlords to our database.

Outreach materials were distributed by request to City of Oakland Head Start in Oakland and Center for Independent Living in Oakland.

## **Disaster Preparedness Trainings**

In February, the Disaster Preparedness Coordinator conducted trainings for:

- Union City Public Works Department supervisors on Incident Command System
- American Indian Model (AIM) Schools staff in Oakland on Safety Kept in Place (SKIP), Personal Preparedness, Incident Command System, and workplace violence
- Seniors at Wittenberg Manor in Hayward on Safety Kept in Place (SKIP)

Eden I&R provides a full range of disaster preparedness training classes. All trainings are interactive and fully customizable. Contact Disaster Preparedness Coordinator, Lars Eric Holm, at 510-727-9516 or <a href="mailto:leholm@edenir.org">leholm@edenir.org</a> to schedule your training today!

#### Staff In-Service & Training

In-service presentations were provided to staff by representatives from the following programs:

Season of Sharing



Alameda County Tobacco Control Program





## **Technology**

Eden I&R's disaster response plan and capabilities keep moving forward. This month testing was completed that confirmed the ability to enter call data into the 2-1-1 Alameda County contact forms by 2-1-1 Ventura County from their remote office location. Additionally, inbound

2-1-1 phone calls were temporarily rerouted to 2-1-1 Ventura County to successfully confirm that they could receive our phone calls if ever needed in the event of a disaster. This access is now in place should a disaster occur that is of a large enough impact that it necessitates assistance from an additional 2-1-1 call center.

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

Help us tackle some of the Bay Area's most challenging issues. Eden I&R is looking for volunteers to support the organization at all levels. If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Jeanette Mills at 510-727-9503 or <a href="mailto:jmills@edenir.org">jmills@edenir.org</a>.





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Join our community on Facebook for the latest news, photos, and updates from 2-1-1. <u>Click here</u> to "like us" and invite your friends to do the same.









### **Alameda County Summary By City**

#### 2/1/2019 Through 2/28/2019; 2-1-1

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	<sup>1</sup> Total	<sup>2</sup> Client	<sup>3</sup> General	duplicated	Disabled	Male	Female	<sup>5</sup> Youth	W/Minor	
City	Calls	Calls	Calls	Clients	Clients	Clients	Clients	Under 18	Children	Referrals
Alameda	121	74	47	48	26	9	36	16	9	217
Albany	15	7	8	7	4	3	3	2	1	17
Berkeley	361	241	120	145	91	58	81	28	21	588
Castro Valley	58	36	22	21	14	6	15	7	4	89
Dublin	21	16	5	13	4	4	8	1	1	49
Emeryville	38	22	16	19	11	5	12	10	6	101
Fremont	281	119	162	78	42	32	41	18	11	320
Hayward	626	386	240	251	127	61	177	95	60	1109
Livermore	71	47	24	33	16	8	24	12	10	126
Newark	31	17	14	14	6	4	10	7	5	62
Oakland	1757	1130	627	774	404	194	541	253	186	3301
Piedmont	4	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	11
Pleasanton	73	39	34	24	10	6	14	5	4	123
San Leandro	205	133	72	99	59	30	68	36	24	462
San Lorenzo	38	30	8	23	16	3	20	12	9	104
Union City	56	31	25	29	15	6	22	10	7	91
Other	1416	205	1211	139	53	37	76	33	22	821
<b>Grand Total:</b>	5172	2534	2638	1718	898	466	1148	545	380	7591

Monthly and year-to-date 2-1-1 statistics include all calls/intakes handled by 2-1-1 Resource Specialists, including incoming calls and completed quality assurance calls. Callers include individuals in need of resource referrals as well as service providers and advocates seeking resource referrals for clients.

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Albany	97	52	45	32	17	10	19	7	3	139
Berkeley	3216	2310	906	1036	576	425	529	158	110	4927
Castro Valley	433	294	139	165	74	38	112	50	29	792
Dublin	263	194	69	82	29	22	52	19	15	367
Emeryville	330	255	75	134	77	34	93	37	25	717
Fremont	1992	1268	724	609	281	219	355	164	97	2866
Hayward	4420	2996	1424	1545	666	375	1051	554	363	7525
Livermore	556	375	181	235	103	53	156	71	50	924
Newark	385	265	120	152	73	43	104	72	43	757
Oakland	15348	10522	4826	5427	2523	1426	3614	1776	1265	28384
Piedmont	10	2	8	2	1	0	1	0	0	13
Pleasanton	344	167	177	118	54	33	75	30	16	598
San Leandro	1888	1358	530	739	346	194	498	223	168	3658
San Lorenzo	274	217	57	120	60	23	87	49	29	604
Union City	451	285	166	177	77	34	131	71	50	769
Other	7482	1423	6059	874	264	208	467	177	112	5208
<b>Grand Total:</b>	38422	22646	15776	11776	5380	3213	7572	3564	2438	59900

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