

Youth for Change

SCOPE OF SERVICE

Foster Care Services (Traditional, Intensive Services and Transitional Housing)

Service Area: Northern California Counties

Program Philosophy: Well-trained resource families encouraged and supported by an effective Foster Family Agency can improve a child's out-of-home experience and enhance the likelihood of a successful reunification of child and family.

Program Goal: Foster Care Services goals include:

- Working with local agencies in meeting the needs of at-risk children and young adults.
- Providing professional training and support to resource families and thereby improving the experience of children in foster care.
- Providing a continuum of care to graduates of other Youth for Change programs.
- Incorporating transitional counseling and family therapy to ensure successful reunification following out-of-home placement.
- Providing healthy, supportive and stable long-term foster care opportunities for youth and young adults who are unable to reunify with family members.

Program Description:

- **Service Type:** Out-of-home care and supports provided in a family-like setting, resource home, supported housing or independent living setting.
- **Service Location:** Housing locations throughout Butte County
- **Administrative Location:** 7200 Skyway, Paradise, CA 95967. Phone: 530-877-6764
- **Population Served:** Children, teens and young adults who qualify for foster care services and who may be considered to be neglected, physically abused, sexually abused, and who may have parents who are incarcerated or require drug rehabilitation.
- **Hours of Operation:** 24 hours/day, 7 days/week. In case of emergency contact youth for Change Foster Care on-call at (530) 415-4139 or call 911.

Service Abstract: Traditional Foster Care provides comprehensive support services to resource parents as well as safe, nurturing and supportive relationship with youth in need of a stable home. Intensive Services Foster Care is a short-term program with highly trained resource parent(s) that assists in stabilizing a youth's behavior as they prepare to reunify with a family member or other long term placement option. Transitional Housing (THP, THP Plus Foster Care, and THP Plus) assists participants with the financial responsibilities and supports for independence while helping gain the necessary skills to sustain themselves.

Foster Care Services staff consist of Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Associate Marriage and Family Therapists, and Associate Social Workers with supervision by the FCS Administrator, Director of Social Services and Clinical Director.

Referral, Transition and Discharge: All referral, transition and discharge decisions are the responsibility of the services provider and applicable treatment team(s). Referrals will be made and documented throughout treatment, taking into account clients' and families' abilities and preferences. Transition planning will occur throughout the course of treatment, be discussed with clients and applicable treatment team(s), and be documented. Transition plan will include review of clients' wellbeing, gains achieved, and client and family strengths. Discharge paperwork and client history reports will be completed and reviewed at the end of treatment with clients and caretakers as available and appropriate.

Program brochure available upon request.

Agency website: www.youth4change.org