



Scope of Service

6th Street Center for Youth

Service Area:	Butte County
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Program Philosophy
To provide a safe place where youth experiencing homelessness can acquire the skills, resources, and opportunity they need to transition into healthy independent living and adulthood.

Program Goal
Through a partnership between Youth for Change and Butte County Department of Behavioral Health, and in collaboration with the Runaway and Homeless Youth Task Force, the 6th Street Center for Youth offers both basic and intensive services. These needs are addressed by modeling healthy behavior and relationships, encouraging productive activities, and providing access to needed resources. The program seeks to impart the knowledge to each young person that they are valued and capable of accomplishing their goals.

Program Description	
Service Type:	Basic and intensive services to homeless youth in a drop-in center location.
Service Location:	Services are provided at the 6th Street Center for Youth as well as supportive housing services in scattered locations in Butte County.
Administrative Location:	130 W. Sixth Street Chico, CA 95928 (530) 894-8008
Population Served:	Butte County youth ages 14-24 that are homeless, marginally housed, or runaway.
Hours of Operation:	Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and after hours and weekends as appropriate. In case of emergency after hours or on weekends/holidays, contact Butte County Behavioral Health Crisis number at: (530) 891-3277 or 1-800-371-4373 or call 911.

Service Abstract
Services are provided in a safe and supportive environment and are available for homeless and marginally housed individuals between 14 to 24 years of age. Outreach and engagement, or basic services, include a wide variety of resources including food, transportation, clothing, hygiene, and laundry facilities. Intensive services consist of both basic needs and mental health services including assessment and evaluation, therapy (individual and group), rehabilitation, plan development, and case management. A variety of educational and recreational workshops are available to participants including such topics as art, cooking, budgeting, music, stress management, and others. 6th Street encourages community support and awareness of the challenges facing homeless youth through conducting presentations on the need for services and the impact it is having on our community.

Presentations may include schools, local community and public radio, non-profits, services organizations, and faith-based organizations. Strong and effective collaborative partnerships with key programs and services that cater to the transitional aged youth population are developed to provide seamless services for youth who may need to access services from a variety of providers. 6th Street offers two programs for housing support and assistance: Transitional Housing and Master Lease, and permanent housing. The transitional housing program provides intensive case management and supportive services for a period of six months to two years. Master Lease and permanent housing programs for youth who are further along in skill development, but still require support to maintain stable living. Peer Support Worker employment is offered at 6th Street. This is a paid position focusing on developing healthy peer relationships, mentoring and role modeling. 6th Street has an eight-week pre-employment training program call Job Steps. Job steps includes volunteering in the community and workshops to development employment skills like showing up on time, proper hygiene, following directions, working with others, etc. Program staff are skilled professionals prepared to help with crisis intervention, ongoing counseling family reunification, educational advocacy, and resource referral. Awareness and utilization of youth specific intervention techniques are at the forefront of service provision.

Entry and Exit Criteria

Entry to the program is based on the client's willingness to participate in program services and the determination that they qualify for services as defined by MHSA funding (youth between the age of 14 - 24 years dealing with issues of homelessness). The client exits services based on the reduction of crisis needs related to incidents of runaway or homelessness or the client has reached the age of 25 years.

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, considering 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.

Agency Website:

www.6thstreetcenter.org, www.youth4change.org