

Youth for Change

SCOPE OF SERVICE

6th Street Center for Youth

Service Area: Butte County

Program Philosophy: To provide a safe place where youth experiencing homelessness can acquire the skills, resources, and opportunity the 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 Phone: (530)894-8008
- **Population Served:** Butte County youth ages 14-24 that are homeless, marginally housed, or runaway.
- **Hours of Operation:** Monday thru Friday 10:00am to 6:00pm 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 services 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. Presentation may include local community and public radio, non-profits, services organizations, and faith based organizations. Strong and effective collaborative partnerships with key programs and services 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. The transitional housing program provides intensive case management and supportive services for a period of six months to one year. Master Lease is a permanent housing program for youth who are further along in skill development, but still require support to maintain stable living.

Two supportive employment “internships” are offered at 6th Street; Custodian Intern and Food Service Intern. These positions are paid internships focused on helping youth develop soft skills such as showing up on time, proper hygiene, following directions, working with others, etc., while gaining entry level experience in janitorial and food preparation service. The internships are six to nine months in duration with the goal of the young person being ready to enter community employment upon completion.

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.

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