

Youth for Change

SCOPE OF SERVICE

FARE Family Team Meetings (Facilitating All Resources Effectively)

Service Area: Butte County

Program Philosophy: To strengthen partnership and collaboration between family members, Social Workers, and other service providers.

Program Goal: The goal of the FARE Program is to identify strengths of the family and ensure their participation in all stages of the welfare process.

Program Description:

- **Service Type:** Family Team Decision Making meetings.
- **Service Location:** Services are provided at a location in Butte County that best meets the needs of the family served.
- **Administrative Location:** 578 Rio Lindo, Chico, CA 95928
- **Population Served:** Families involved with the Butte County Children's Services Division (CSD)..
- **Hours of Operation:** Monday thru Friday 9:00am to 6:00pm after hours and weekends as appropriate. In case of emergency after hours or on weekends, holidays, contact Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services at (530) 879-3731 or (530) 538-7883 or call 911.

Service Abstract: A FARE meeting is facilitated by a neutral party and involves immediate and extended family, friends, support people, and service providers. The team draws on the family's experiences, strengths and resources to create plans that provide for the safety and well-being of their children.

Two types of meetings are offered:

- Family Placement Meetings (FPM) to determine the best placement for children in out-

of-home care.

- Child Family Team Meetings (CFT) using the Safety Organized Practice (SOP) safety mapping model. These meetings are designed to help families identify their support systems as well as to see what the family needs to be successful in reunifying with their children. These meetings are offered every 2-3 months until their case is closed with CSD.

Program staff are skilled professionals prepared with training in meeting facilitation, coordination and record keeping as well as extensive training in Signs of Safety (SOS) practice.

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