Into Adulthood: Supporting Transitional Foster Youth Into the Next Stage of Life
The HOPE House

Tuolumne County

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AGENDA

- The Need
- What is the HOPE House?
- Implementation
- Running the Program
- Challenges
- Changes/New Directions
- CSAC Award
THE NEED
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Many foster/probation youth leave the foster care system at age 18, without a job, behind educationally and with no resources.

- Each year 25,000 youth “age out” of the foster care system in the U.S., including 4,500 in California.

- 18-22% of youth who age out of foster care experience homelessness within the three years.

John Burton Foundation for Children Without Homes & California Coalition for Youth
• Up to 50% of former foster/probation youth become homeless within the first 18 months of emancipation.

• Less than half of former foster youth are employed 2.5 - 4 years after leaving foster care.

• Youth in foster care are 44% less likely to graduate from high school & after emancipation 40-50 & never complete high school.

National Foster Care Youth Statistics provided by On the Move.org
THE NEED
Foster youth in Tuolumne County often end up homeless or moving from home to home after emancipation.

Tuolumne County has a shortage of housing in general, but especially housing that will accept young adults without co-signers.

Transportation remains limited and cumbersome.

In December 2005, when plans were initiated, there were 46 youth eligible for the program.
Mission Statement

To provide emancipated foster and probation youth a transitional housing opportunity with real-life concrete opportunities, supported with individualized, strength-based services that will enable them to obtain skills and abilities necessary for a successful transition to adulthood. Tuolumne County is committed to assisting emancipated youth with accessing housing & services designed to fulfill the goals included in each youth’s Transitional Independent Living Plan.
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- **Housing & Opportunities Program for Emancipated Youth (HOPE House).**

- 3 Models identified & described under the Transitional Housing Program (THP-Plus);

- Tuolumne County unique in approach of building facility just for the CWS and Probation youth emancipating out of foster care.
COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Behavioral Health and Recovery
- TeenWorks
- Sonora Union High School Alternative Education Program
- Mother Lode Job Training
- Columbia Junior College Job Placement
- Center for a Non-Violent Community
- Family Health & Wellness Center
- County Public Health Dept.
**The Project:** Renovate an existing county-owned building, expanding it to a 3633 sq. foot residence with 6 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, an office and a study. The building would be retrofitted to meet ADA requirements, and the County would contribute parking, fencing and landscaping.
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In November 2005, EHAP issued a Notice of Funding Availability for $31 million in new projects, of which $6.2 million was set aside for projects in rural areas.
Emergency Housing and Assistance Program Capital Development (EHAP CD)- State of California Department of Housing & Community Development.

- 10 year Forgivable Loan.
- EHAPCD Funding: $1,000,000.
- Competitive Statewide
## Construction Financing

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• Competitive-Continuum of Care (COC)

• McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act programs require the development of a COC in the community

  Address Homeless through coordinated community-based process of identifying needs & building system to address the needs

  Homelessness is not caused merely by lack of shelter
CONTINUUM OF CARE

- **Supportive Housing Program** - Provides housing, including housing units & group quarters, that has a supportive environment & includes a planned service component.

- **Shelter Plus Care Program** - Grants for rental assistance for homeless persons w/disabilities through four component programs (tenant, sponsor, project & Single Room Occupancy Rental Assistance)

- **Single Room Occupancy Program** - Rental assistance on behalf of homeless individuals in connection w/moderate rehabilitation of SRO dwellings
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM

- Designed to develop supportive housing & services that will allow homeless persons to live as independently as possible

- Three goals: achieve residential stability, increase skill level and/or income, obtain greater self-determination.
IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

January 2006  Submitted the EHAP CD Grant Application.
June 2006    Received notification of grant award
September 2006 Construction Contracts signed
October 2006  Construction Begins
April 2009    Dedication Ceremony
August 2009   First Resident Moves In.
Existing Property
The HOPE House

Housing and Opportunities Program for Emancipated Foster Youth
Dedicated To The Young Adults of Tuolumne County
this date April 21, 2009

ELEZABETH BASH, FIRST DISTRICT
PAUL WAREF, SECOND DISTRICT
MARK A. HURSTON, THIRD DISTRICT
JOHN C. OSBORNE, FOURTH DISTRICT
RICHARD N. FERRIS, FIFTH DISTRICT

CR30, L. PERRY, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AND COUNTY, CEO DIRECTOR

ARCHITECT: TIPEPERK, KEN, & ASSOCIATES
CONTRACTOR: CUSTOM BUILDERS

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Front Yard
Kitchen.
Living Room
Study
Population Served
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- THP-Plus tenants are young adults who have emancipated from foster/probation care and are at least 18 years of age, but not yet 24 years of age;

- Are pursuing the county-approved goals they have developed in the Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP);

- Are actively participating in school if a diploma or GED has not yet been obtained, or are participating in vocational training;

- Are obtaining & maintaining part-time or full-time employment as appropriate;

- Are maintaining a substance-free lifestyle.
Referral & Screening Process
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- The placement social worker, probation officer or the Independent Living Plan (ILP) Coordinator may initiate a referral.

- The referring party should schedule an assessment with the youth.

- The referring party should assist the youth in completing the application process.

- The Social Svs. Supervisor shall follow-up with a review of the application and references, the completion of at least one interview with the youth, consultation with the social worker/probation officer or ILP Coordinator, and either accept or reject the application.
Service Components
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- Linkages to job training
- Case management/life coach
- 24-hr crisis intervention and support
- A mentor & support team
- Referrals for mental health & substance abuse screening
- Educational advocacy
- Assistance finding affordable housing
- Participation in ILP & execution of the TILP
- On-site, live-in house mgrs
- Monthly Stipend for living expenses

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## THPP/THP-Plus Cost Per Bed/Month

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Cinnamon Lampi, Probation Officer
CHALLENGES
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- Economy
- Transportation
- Maturity and “Entitlement Program”
- Job Retention
- Monthly Stipend
- Administration
- Staffing
CHANGES/NEW DIRECTIONS

- *AB12 - Non-Minor Dependents*

- *Therapy*
VIDEO

QUESTIONS?