

THP-Plus:

Housing California's Former Foster Youth



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Purpose of Presentation

- Overview of emancipated foster youth in California
- Review Nuts & Bolts of THP-Plus
- Key Elements of Implementation Process
- Case Study: Alameda County
- Review Budget

Most importantly: answer your questions!



THP-Plus Statewide Implementation Project

CDSS

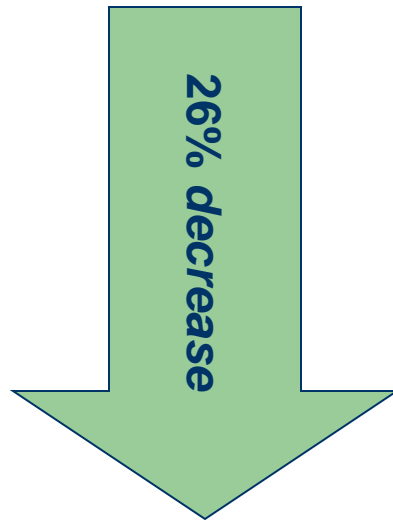


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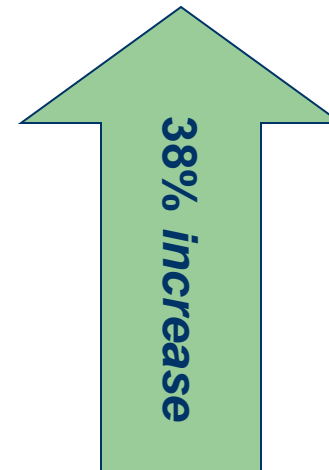
Between 1998 to 2005...

**Foster Care
Caseload**



108,283 to 80,115

**# of Youth
Emancipating**

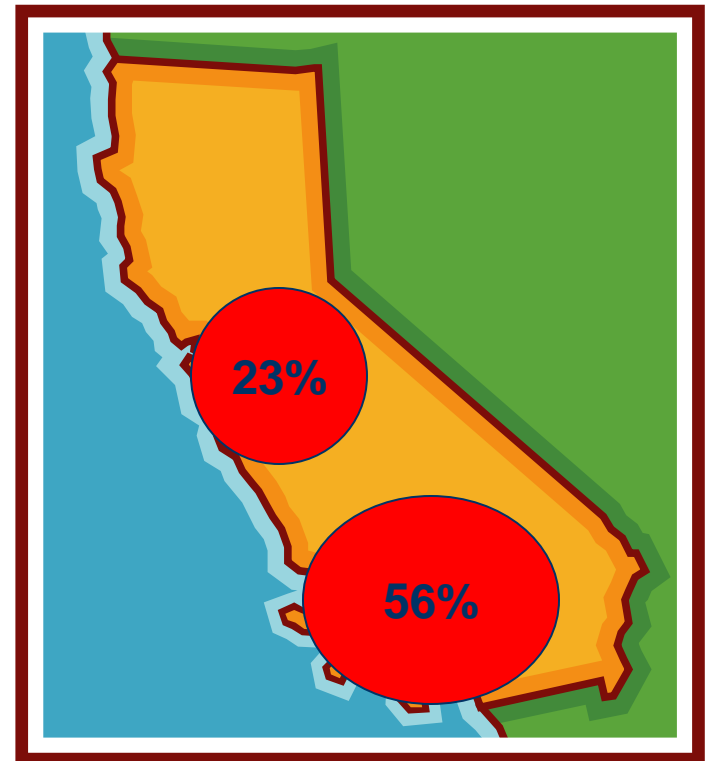
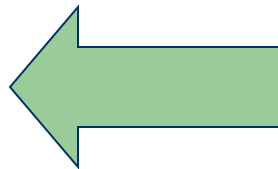


3,076 to 4,249

Where are Emancipated Foster Youth?

1/1/05 to 12/31/05

Los Angeles:	1,358
San Diego:	270
Sacramento:	251
Alameda:	246
San Bernardino:	243
Orange:	215
Riverside:	183
Fresno:	127
San Francisco:	119
Santa Clara:	114
Contra Costa:	108
Kern:	95



A lack of support translates into poor outcomes for former foster youth

Upon emancipation:

- 65% face imminent housing need

Within 12 to 18 months:

- 40% will be unemployed
- 20% will have been incarcerated
- 40% will have experienced homelessness

Over time:

- Less than 5% will complete college



What is THP-Plus?

- *THP-Plus is a program for former foster youth that provides **safe, affordable housing** and comprehensive **supportive services**.*
- *THP-Plus allows youth to have the greatest amount of **freedom** possible to prepare them for **self-sufficiency**.*



Principles of THP-Plus

- Age appropriate
- Distinct from foster care
- Greatest amount of freedom possible
- Strong emphasis on supportive services







Nuts & Bolts of THP-Plus

- **Eligibility:** Emancipated foster & probation youth 18 to 24 years old who meet ILP eligibility criteria
- **Duration:** 24 months
- **Rate:** 70% of average group home rate for 16 to 18 year-olds in the county as of June 30, 2001
- **Funding:** 100% state-funded; county share removed
- **Structure:** Administered by CDSS, managed by county social service agency, operated by private nonprofit provider



Foster Care vs. THP-Plus

	Foster Care	THP-Plus
Licensed		
Entitlement Program		
State and Federal Fair Housing Laws		
VOLUNTARY		

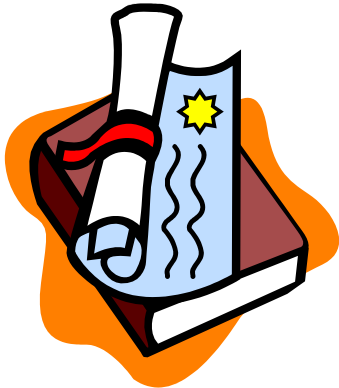
Required Supportive Services of THP-Plus Programs: Housing Services



1. Monthly rental subsidy
2. Apartment furnishing provided directly or through a stipend
3. System for payment of utilities, rent, food and other necessities
4. Emancipation fund into which \$50 is deposited monthly
5. If the housing model selected is transitional, assistance in locating housing at the completion of the program that costs no more than 30% of the youth's gross income



Required Supportive Services: Education & Employment



6. Educational advocacy and support, including linkages to Foster Youth Services
7. Assistance to pursue college or other post-high school training
8. Job readiness training and support, including linkages to WIA and one-stop centers



Required Supportive Services: Community & Support Services



9. 24-hour crisis intervention and support
10. Case management services
11. Individual and group therapy provided either or through referral
12. Mentoring
13. Services to build and support relationships with family and community
14. Aftercare services including support groups and referrals to community resources
15. Coordination with ILP to meet goals outlined in the Transitional Independent Living Plan



THP-Plus Housing Models



Scattered-Site



Host Family



Single-site

THP-Plus Programs can provide permanent or transitional housing

THE BIG FIVE:

Items to Be Submitted to CDSS Prior to Claiming

Letter of Intent (due 12/1)

County THP-Plus Plan (due 2/1)

Provider Implementation Plan

Proof of certification

Contract with provider



Provider Identification Number!



Start Claiming for THP-Plus!

THP-Plus Finances

- FY 06-07 Budget: \$6.9 million
 - THPP (\$2.1 million)
 - THP-Plus (\$4.8 million)
- FY 06-07 Mid-Year Augmentation
- Proposed FY 07-08 Budget: \$15.5 million



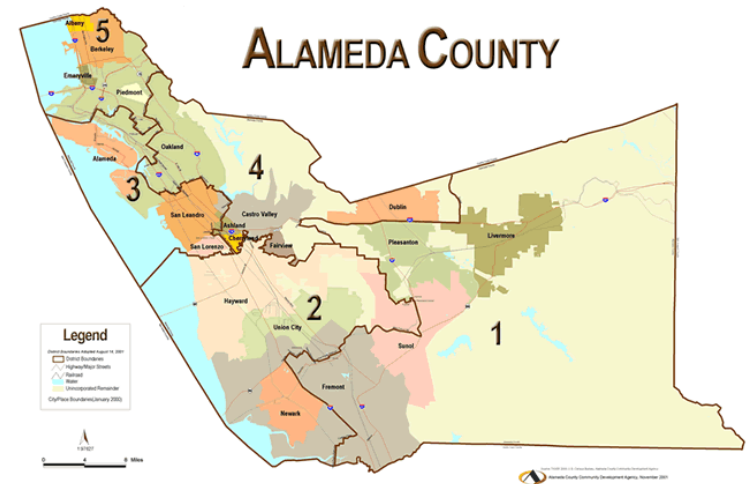
How to Participate in THP-Plus

- New counties must submit letter of intent to CDSS by 12/1/07.
- New providers should connect with county THP-Plus representative to determine provider selection process.



Alameda County Case Study

- Demand in Alameda County
- Housing models
- Services provided
- Outcome data
- Development of 3-year plan



How can the THP-Plus Statewide Implementation Project help?

*Prop 1C
Training
March 7*

Training and Technical Assistance

*Web
Seminar
April 4*

Research & Evaluation

Advocacy

*THP-Plus
Institute
July 18*



Questions?



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