

Grantee Profile

Shasta County

FOSTER – Foster Outreach to Strengthen Through Empowerment & Resources

The FOSTER program will bring together Shasta County Alcohol & Drug Programs, Social Services, Public Health, Probation, and Office of Education with numerous community services and individuals to partner with a sub-contractor solicited via an RFP process. The sub-contractor will assess developmental assets of up to 500 youths in foster care and probation, age 5 through 17 years, and link at least 150 of them in ongoing services in recreation, sports/youth leagues, art, music, theater, leadership training, Peer Court, etc. An extensive evaluation will be conducted throughout the grant to assess successful growth in youth resiliency.

PROGRAM COMPONENT 1. *Prevent or decrease alcohol & substance abuse.*

Population(s) Served

- Foster and probation youth
- Provide assessment to at least 500 foster and probation youth

PROGRAM COMPONENT 2. *Increase academic success & attendance.*

Population(s) Served

- Foster and probation youth

PROGRAM COMPONENT 3. *Strengthen developmental assets among participants.*

Population(s) Served

- Foster and probation youth
- Link at least 150 youth with positive activities

PROGRAM COMPONENT 4. *Increase agency collaboration.*

Population(s) Served

- Social services, Office of Education, Probation, nonprofit agencies

PROGRAM COMPONENT 5. *Increase leadership & advocacy opportunities for selected foster youth.*

Population(s) Served

- Foster and probation youth

PROGRAM COMPONENT 6. *Evaluate program success.*

Population(s) Served

- Evaluators and partners

PROGRAM COMPONENT 7. *Evaluate program success.*

Population(s) Served

- Foster and probation youth

Program Settings

- Community-based

Science-Based Criteria

- Search Institute 40 Developmental Assets model

Program Strategies

- Assess at least 500 youth and identify risk factors
- Identify interests and activities
- Link at least 150 foster youth with positive activities
- Expand agency network and collaboration
- Provide information referrals
- Select foster youth for development of leadership, advocacy skills

Risk Characteristics of Target Population

- Limited or absent developmental assets
- Lack of opportunities to build assets

Planning and Collaboration

Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP), a division of Health and Human Services will partner with, the Office of Education, Shasta Social Services, the Probation Department and community based agencies. The grant will subcontract with agencies, some might include, Shasta County YMCA, Northern Valley Catholic Social Service, Youth Violence Prevention Council. Foster parents, guardians, caregivers and when appropriate biological parents, will be involved in assessment, program delivery and evaluation.

Evaluation

Case managers, in a variety of programs, will collect data. Data collection instruments will be developed by the subcontractor. The subcontractor will maintain data system. Data will be obtained from a variety of data systems already in use with social services, education, drug and alcohol and probation. Meetings with ADP and the subcontractor will identify modification and program improvements.

Sample Performance Indicators

- Increase and strengthen developmental assets
- Program completion records
- Foster case management records
- Pre and post test and survey data
- Clean law enforcement records

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