

# Youth Success



Anna, 17, has been involved with our Youth Emergency Shelter program five times during the past three years. She and her family have struggled with homelessness since she was 10 years old, living on the streets of San Diego, in numerous family shelters and “couch surfing” between friends. At one point, Anna was suspected of being involved in sex trafficking. During her final stay at the shelter, she worked with her case manager and social worker to pursue more permanent solutions and started therapy with our Counseling Cove program. The program provides intensive outpatient behavioral health services and case management. Anna was awarded her dependency by the court system and is currently living with a foster family. Anna graduated from high school, has part time employment and plans to begin community college.

## Join Us in Building Futures

Give, volunteer and learn other ways you can help at [sdyouthservices.org](http://sdyouthservices.org).

 Youth Emergency Shelter is a safe zone for LGBTQ+ youth.



**San Diego Youth Services (SDYS)** has improved the lives of more than 720,000 homeless, runaway and other vulnerable youth since 1970. We provide safe places to live and long-term solutions through shelter, foster homes, community centers and housing. Through prevention, early intervention and treatment, we also help youth before they need higher levels of care or become homeless. SDYS serves youth at more than 100 community locations.

**Our mission** is to empower youth to reach their highest potential.

[sdyouthservices.org](http://sdyouthservices.org)

For more information or to schedule a presentation about our programs contact:

**24-hour Crisis Hotline:  
(866) PLACE-2-STAY**

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# Youth Emergency Shelter

Building futures for 50 years



Emergency Shelter for Homeless, Runaway and Exploited Youth

Confidential Location  
(619) 325-3527  
24 hours daily

# San Diego Youth Services Youth Emergency Shelter

The Youth Emergency Shelter, formally known as Storefront, provides shelter and other vital services for youth ages 12 to 17 in San Diego who have no safe living arrangement or are victims of physical or sexual abuse, neglect, child abuse or exploitation.

More than 1,500 youth are among the homeless in San Diego. In 2018, the shelter provided a safe place to stay for 141 homeless, runaway and street youth and outreach services to 1,083 youth.



The 17-bed shelter also includes a drop-in day center. It's a voluntary program designed to prevent the victimization and sexual exploitation of homeless and runaway youth. The program helps youth return to their families or find safe, alternative housing.

The shelter offers safe housing, showers, laundry facilities and breakfast and dinner served family style by community volunteers. Evenings in the night shelter are structured and include at least one group activity, such as independent living skills education, art therapy and recreation.

The drop-in center provides computers for schoolwork and employment searches and offers daytime recreational activities and a variety of skill-building groups.

## Our Services

- 24-hour Crisis Hotline
- Night Shelter
- Drop-in Day Center
- Case Management
- Independent Living Skills
- HIV/STI Health Education
- Facilitated Referrals
- Expressive Arts Therapy



*"Storefront helped me find a place to live, find the treatment I needed and provided counseling. I will forever be grateful for everything they did for me and helped me do for myself."*  
**-Samantha Benner,  
former homeless youth**

## Eligibility for Services

Youth is the alleged victim of physical or sexual abuse, neglect, child abuse or exploitation

**OR**

Youth has no safe living arrangement and is between the ages of 12 and 17

***Telephone screening is required before acceptance into the shelter.***

## Contact

**24-hour Crisis Hotline  
and Eligibility Screening:**

**(866) 752-2327**

**OR**

**(866) PLACE-2-STAY**

