



1970

Year founded



100+

Community locations in San Diego County



823,000

Youth and their families helped



84

Percent of all funds benefit youth directly



Building futures for over 50 years

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We can help. San Diego Youth Services provides 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. Youth receive services at more than 100 community locations.

Our mission is empowering youth to thrive by meeting their basic needs and providing lifelong skills for self-sufficiency and achieving their life ambitions.

We're all about...

- Ending homelessness
- Breaking the cycle of child abuse and neglect
- Preventing delinquency and school failure
- Promoting mental health and addiction recovery



San Diego Youth Services has improved the lives of more than 823,000 homeless, runaway and other vulnerable youth. Founded in 1970, we now provide services to more than 14,000 youth every year. Join us in building futures.

We are working to...

- Meet the basic needs of youth
- Create positive connections
- Help youth develop life skills
- Promote overall health and well-being



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ADOPTION SUPPORT

Adoption Support Services: provides an array of support services such as support groups, parent coaching and resources to families in San Diego County who have or are in the process of adopting.

ANTI-BULLYING AWARENESS AND SUPPORT

Anti-BIAS (Anti-Bullying, Intervention and Advocacy Supports): provides assessment and services for youth who are victims of bullying in conjunction with the HERE Now program.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

Safe Family Services: provides supportive services for youth ages 18 to 24 who have experienced or are experiencing domestic violence.

FOSTER CARE SERVICES

Independent Living Skills: resources enabling former foster youth to transition into independent, self-sufficient adults.

Resource Family Agency: specializes in recruiting, certifying and supporting foster parents, while helping the youth move toward long-term goals of reunification with their biological family, adoption or emancipation.

HOMELESS HOUSING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Street Outreach: meets and engages runaway and unhoused youth across San Diego County, connecting them with resources and providing help to meet basic needs, such as transportation to shelter, housing referrals, hygiene items, food and blankets.

Youth Emergency Shelter: is the only emergency night shelter program and drop-in center in San Diego for youth experiencing homelessness, runaway and “street” youth, providing a safe home and services to help youth return to their families or find alternative housing.

TAY Academy: serves as a centralized hub for resources and services relating to job-readiness training, case management, education, mental health and housing for Transition Age Youth (ages 14 to 25), including foster youth, former foster youth, out-of-home probation youth, youth experiencing homelessness and runaway youth.

TAY Housing: provides affordable housing, independent living skills training and supportive services to break the cycle of homelessness and create hope and self-sufficiency for youth (ages 16 to 24) transitioning into adulthood.

Youth Homelessness Program: provides housing for youth in emergency housing or at risk for entering emergency housing system.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS, PREVENTION AND SUPPORT

I Care Mental Health Clinic and Drop-in Center: promotes healing for youth up to age 21 who are at risk of or have experienced commercial sexual exploitation to develop their inner strengths, self-esteem and dreams.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION, DIVERSION AND INTERVENTION

Achievement Center: after-school rehabilitative program for youth involved, or at risk for involvement, with the justice system.

Community Assessment Team: provides individualized supportive case management and links youth dealing with behavioral, social or juvenile justice issues and their families with needed resources and services.

Cool Bed: is a voluntary short-term residential placement for youth (ages 12 to 17) that provides temporary shelter and structured yet nurturing supervision from a certified host family, providing youth and their families a two-week, cooling-off period.

Juvenile Diversion/Alternatives to Detention: helps high-risk youth referred by law enforcement, school personnel, community organizations or their families to stay on track and prevent future contact with the juvenile justice system.

CHOICE: helps youth on probation reduce violations, strengthen family relationships and increase their resiliency.

LGBTQ+ SERVICES

Our Safe Place: offers mental health services, support groups, case management, community building and other services for LGBTQ+ youth and their families in a “Safe Zone.”

LGBTQ+ Safe Stay Wellness Center: provides up to 21 non-congregate beds and supportive services to unhoused youth ages 18 to 24 years old. LGBTQ-empowering staff and case managers provide access to resources and referrals, with a focus on helping young people connect with more permanent housing opportunities.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

East County Behavioral Health Clinic: offers a full-service child and adolescent mental health clinic with individual, group and family counseling, treatment, crisis intervention, psychological testing and medication evaluations and oversight.

East County Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Program: prevents serious mental illness and behavioral problems in elementary school-aged children by working with children, their parents, the community and the school to raise awareness and help prevent these challenges.

Sunny Days: offers trauma informed individual and group counseling services, as well as psychiatry services for youth who have experienced homelessness, engagement with child welfare and/or justice systems and are disconnected from school or employment.

SUICIDE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION

HERE Now: a school-based suicide prevention and early intervention program which aids in recognizing the warning signs of depression and suicide and seeking help.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

TAY WORKS!: workforce readiness, peer mentoring and training for youth, ages 15 to 17, to build resiliency and reduce recidivism.

