



MENDOCINO COUNTY YOUTH PROJECT / MENDOCINO FAMILY & YOUTH SERVICES

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YOUTH WORKER

LOCATION: Ukiah, Transitional Living Program

REPORTS TO: TLP Program Director

THE AGENCY: The Youth Project is a multi-program, two-agency consortium consisting of the Mendocino County Youth Project (MCYP) and Mendocino Family and Youth Services. Its mission is to support the development of healthy youth. We offer opportunities for children, adolescents, adults, and their families to acquire the guidance and skills they need to enhance self-esteem, and establish healthy relationships so that they may contribute to and strengthen our diverse community.

The agency has been in existence since 1974, providing services throughout Mendocino and North West Sonoma County. Current services include individual, group and family mental health treatment, crisis intervention, youth advocacy, information and referral services, alcohol and other drug abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment services, peer helping programs, family support services, a transitional living program, and youth crisis services.

THE PROGRAM: MCYP received 5 years of funding to develop and operate a transitional living program (TLP) for non-systems youth ages 18-21 and emancipated minors ages 16 and 17, including pregnant/parenting teens and youth aging out of foster care. Youth are provided shelter in an apartment setting in Ukiah for up to 18 months. The program uses the Youth Development approach to get a high level of involvement from the youth served in learning what is necessary to make a successful transition to adulthood. Youth are provided supportive services either directly or through referral, including: transitional living planning assistance, life skills education, parent education, assistance in preparing for and obtaining employment, group and individual counseling, education and counseling designed towards prevention and treatment of substance abuse, referral to other resources so that they can increase their job and other skills, and follow-up to assure self-sufficiency of youth who have successfully completed the program. In coordination with the MCYP SHARE Youth Crisis Program, services are provided to homeless minors or youth who are not yet self-sufficient, and also at high risk of homelessness, especially pregnant and parenting teens, that enhance their success rate in the TLP, should they enter the program when a vacancy occurs, or that helps them become self-sufficient without going into our TLP.

THE POSITION: TLP Youth Worker. This is a part time, 20 hour a week non-exempt position, mostly evenings and weekends. Most of the work is at the two TLP 3-bedroom duplexes in Ukiah supervising, facilitating living skills groups, and one on one case management, with young adults. The Youth Worker generally is aware of the activities of the youth and takes a positive approach to making sure they maintain their responsibilities as tenants. In addition, the Youth Worker assists with maintenance, paperwork, filing, and participate in group activities that occur at the duplexes. The worker also attends MCYP trainings and supervision; perform MCYP paperwork, transportation and other duties as needed.

REQUIREMENTS:

Minimum: Experience working with children, youth and families in high-risk situations. Ability to organize and be responsible for paperwork responsibilities. A commitment to MCYP values of sharing resources/mentorship, excellence/accountability, passion/self expression, services to others, and promoting positive youth development.

Preferred: Some college; experience working with homeless youth and families; experience dealing with agencies; Spanish speaking.

License: Possession of a valid California driver's license, copy of DMV driving record, proof of auto insurance, and a home telephone.

Other: Must be willing to travel in own car (reimbursed mileage). Must be fingerprinted and pass a criminal background check. Available for flexible work hours, including evenings and weekend hours.

SALARY: Youth Worker Step 5-9 (\$10.31 to \$12.06 per hour)

BENEFITS: Current benefits include 12 paid holidays, 18 days paid vacation, 2 floaters, 12 days sick leave, health insurance for the employee and family (including domestic partner coverage and optional vision and dental), CAL PERS retirement (no Social Security), optional AFLAC insurance

START DATE: To Be Determined

POSTION CLOSES: Open until filled

TO APPLY: Please send a cover letter, and application to the address above, Attention: Cynthia Plattner, Administrative Director

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