



*“While I sat by myself on the Third Street bench I would dream about a life where I was part of society”
18 yr. old homeless youth.*

Youth for Change has a mission to enhance the well being of children, individuals, families and communities.

The Youth for Change Difference

Youth for Change believes that the best place for a child is with his or her family. When a family is in crisis and unable to meet a child’s need for safety and health, Youth for Change makes every effort to provide support, skills and resources to help reunify this family in a healthy and nurturing way.

We strive to provide a supportive, encouraging, family-like environment and are dedicated to supporting all aspects of the child. We believe positive change can happen allowing families to become stronger and self-sufficient.

Purpose

6th Street opened in 2008 as a MHSA funded collaboration between Youth for Change, Butte County Department of Behavioral Health and the Runaway and Homeless Youth Task Force. 6th Street services are for youth ages 14-24 that are homeless, marginally housed or runaways. 6th Street Center provides a safe and supportive environment where young persons experiencing homelessness can acquire the skills they need to regain stability in their lives. We do this by modeling healthy behavior and relationships, encouraging productive activities, and providing access to needed resources. Most importantly, we seek to impart the knowledge to each young person that they are valued and capable of accomplishing their goals.

Homeless Youth in Butte County

Information gathered through county schools and the Butte Countywide Homeless Census indicates there are between 250 and 400 youth experiencing homelessness in Butte County each year. It is likely the true number may be higher as many youth may be too afraid to come in for help, are not easily seen, or do not self-identify as homeless.

Family conflict including domestic violence, alcohol and drug abuse, and physical abuse by caregivers are among the leading causes of homelessness among youth. Additionally, every year hundreds of youth age out of foster care without adequate support and little or no financial resources.



Center Services

6th Street offers both basic and intensive services. Services are voluntary and the unique needs of each youth are considered when developing a plan.

Basic Needs:

- Shower
- Food
- Clothing
- Telephone & Computer Access
- Laundry
- Lockers
- Mail
- Help obtaining birth certificates and ID cards

Intensive needs

6th Street offers counseling and case management to assist youth in accessing community resources and reaching their goals. Trained staff are prepared to help with crisis intervention, educational advocacy, employment readiness, access to health care, housing referral and more.

With the support of community groups and organizations, 6th Street also provides a variety of activities and workshops such as;

- Health Clinics
- Writing Workshop
- School Tutoring
- Cooking Class
- Art Projects
- Budgeting
- Independent Living Skills

Housing and Shelter

6th Street works closely with Butte County Behavioral Health’s HERE Program to locate safe emergency shelter for minors. For homeless transition age youth between 18-24 years of age, there are two options:

6th Street Master Lease is a permanent housing program for transition age youth who still need some support, but are close to obtaining self-sufficiency. Both programs include support services and focus on development of independent living skills needed to maintain safe and stable housing.

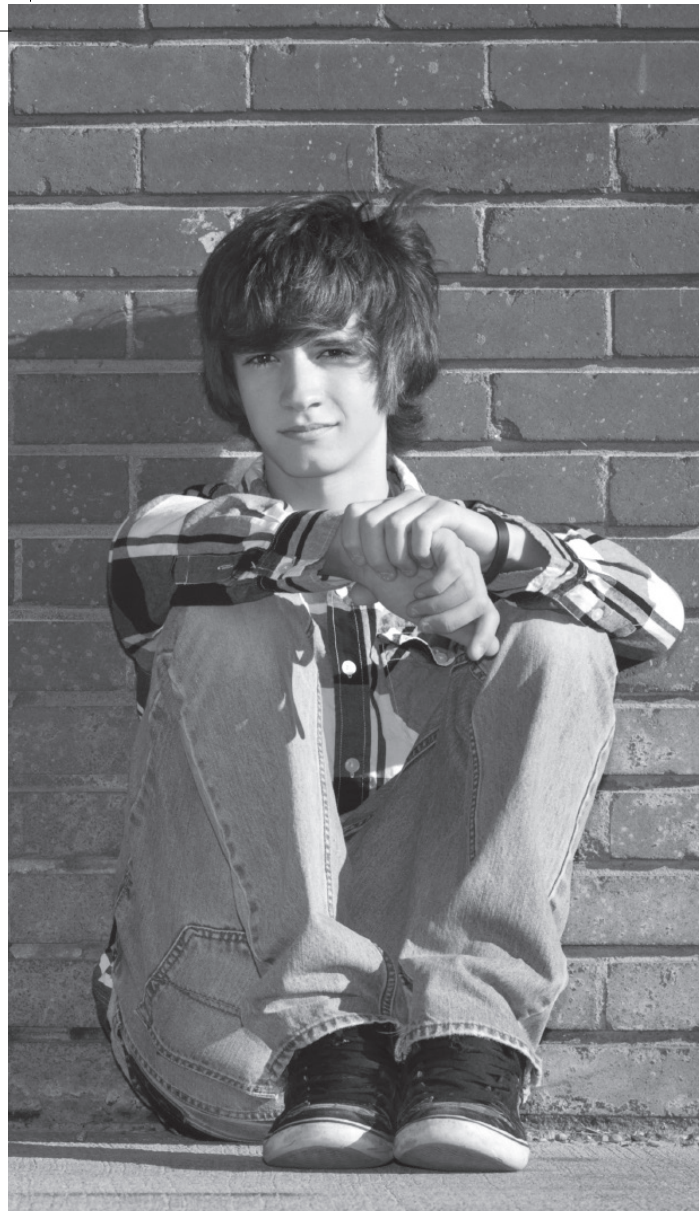


Want to help?

For more information on how to get involved or for a list of current donation needs, contact us at:

530-894-8008

www.6thstreetcenter.org



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Youth for Change (YFC) Sites

6th Street Center for Youth
130 W. 6th Street, Chico, 530-894-8008

Chico

Foster Care Services

2580 Sierra Sunrise Terrace #100, Chico
530-877-6764

Specialty Services

2580 Sierra Sunrise Terrace #100, Chico
530-877-1965

YFC Chico Family Center

578 Rio Lindo Avenue, Suite 1, Chico,
530-894-5933

Behavioral Health In Home

578 Rio Lindo Avenue, Suite 3, Chico
530-894-5933

Oroville

The Family Place - Supervised Visitation

1770 High St, Oroville,
530-552-1411

Strengthening Families, Oroville

2854 Olive Hwy, Ste A Oroville, 530-230-0211

Yuba/Sutter County

1525 Plumas St., Yuba City 530-418-1001
1128 Yuba St., Marysville



*“When I was homeless, I went to my sanctuary called 6th Street. I believe they saved me from death. The 6th Street Team helped me realize things could get better. Life changing encounters happen at this place.”
19 yr. old homeless youth.*

www.6thstreetcenter.org

www.youth4change.org

**Healthy Children.
Thriving Communities.**

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