



# THP-Plus:

Providing Affordable Housing & Supportive Services to Youth Formerly in the Foster Care & Juvenile Probation Systems

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# Overview of Presentation

- THP-Plus overview
- Budget update
- County role in THP-Plus
- Q & A



# THP-Plus Statewide Implementation Project

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# What is THP-Plus?

- *THP-Plus is a program for former foster youth that provides **safe, affordable housing** and comprehensive **supportive services**.*
- *THP-Plus allows youth to have the greatest amount of **freedom** possible to prepare them for **self-sufficiency**.*



# Nuts & Bolts of THP-Plus

- **Eligibility:** Emancipated foster & probation youth 18 to 24 years old who meet ILP eligibility criteria
- **Duration:** 24 months
- **Rate:** 70% of average group home rate for 16 to 18 year-olds in the county as of June 30, 2001
- **Funding:** 100% state-funded; county share removed
- **Structure:** Administered by CDSS, managed by county social service agency, operated by private nonprofit provider



# Budget Developments

- FY 06-07: \$4.8 million
- FY 07-08: \$25 million for 07-08 and \$10.5 million for 06-07 costs (Assembly proposal)



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# What is the Role of the County in THP-Plus?

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...and how does it improve the lives of former foster care and probation youth?



# County Role in THP-Plus



## #1: Forecast demand

*Determine the needs profile of former foster care and probation youth in the county*





# County Role in THP-Plus

#2: Submit LOI (October 1) & County Plan (February 1) to CDSS



# County Role in THP-Plus

## #3: Identify central point of contact

### *Responsibilities of THP-Plus Representative:*

- Serve as liaison between THP-Plus provider & contracts representative
- Conduct certification process
- Convene THP-Plus collaboration meetings
- Communicate regularly with CDSS
- Attend THP-Plus Statewide Implementation Project trainings



# County Role in THP-Plus

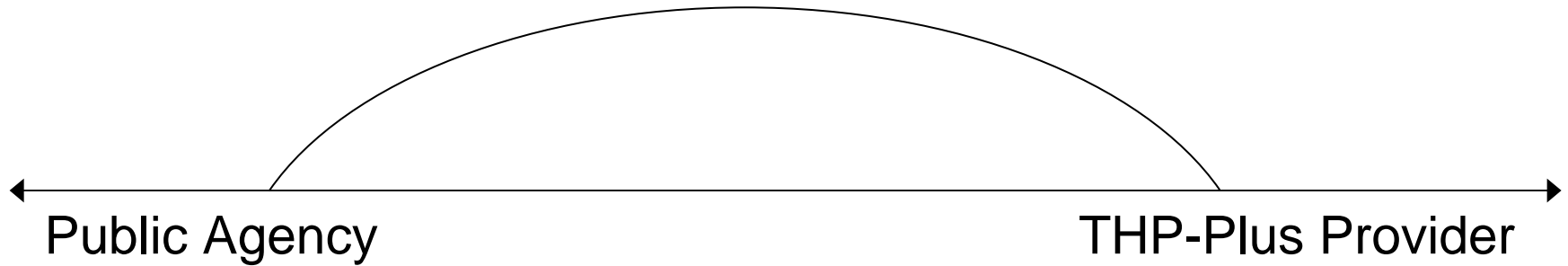
## #4: Select and Certify Provider

- *Welfare and Institutions Code*
- *TILP Requirements*
- *Tenant Rights*
- *Housing Statutes*
- *Employee Regulations*
- *THP-Plus Supportive Services*



# County Role in THP-Plus

## *THP-Plus Supportive Services*



# THP-Plus Supportive Services

1. Case management services
2. System of payment for utilities, telephone and rent
3. Job readiness training
4. Food & necessity allowance
5. Educational advocacy & support
6. Assistance with pursuing post-secondary education
7. Individual and group therapy (or referral)
8. Services to build and support relationships with family and community
9. Coordination with ILP
10. Mentoring
11. Apartment furnishings
12. 24-hour crisis intervention and support
13. Emancipation fund (\$50/month)
14. Post-program housing assistance
15. Alumni services



# County Role in THP-Plus

## #5: Convene THP-Plus Collaboration Meetings

- THP-Plus Provider(s)
- Independent Living Program
- County Social Services Agency
- County Probation Department



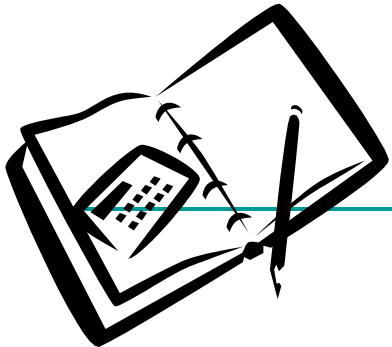
*Frequency: at least quarterly*



# County Role in THP-Plus

## #6: Review invoices and program reports on a monthly basis

- ❑ *Fee for services:* number of youth times actual paid rate
- ❑ *Invoice based on program budget:* actual program expenditures



# County Role in THP-Plus

#7: Submit claims to CDSS

*CA 800 STEP Claim Form*

[www.cdsscounties.ca.gov/AAC/docs/CA800ConsolidationClaim.xls](http://www.cdsscounties.ca.gov/AAC/docs/CA800ConsolidationClaim.xls)

*Remember to communicate with CDSS about any changes in your plan or budget!*





# County Role in THP-Plus

## #8: Collect and review evaluation data

- *Housing*
- *Education*
- *Employment Status & Wages*
- *Permanency*



# County Role in THP-Plus

## #9: Provide management & quality control

- *Rental unit inspection*
- *Participant satisfaction survey*
- *Participant focus groups*
- *Program reports*
- *THP-Plus collaboration meetings*
- *Audit*



# County Role in THP-Plus

## #10: Support statewide efforts to expand and improve THP-Plus

- *Contribute to advocacy efforts around annual budget allocation*
- *Participate in statewide evaluation process*



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# THP-Plus Counties

45 counties plan to implement in 07-08

Alameda	Los Angeles	Sacramento	Siskiyou
Butte	Madera	San Bernardino	Solano
Calaveras	Marin	San Diego	Sonoma
Contra Costa	Mendocino	San Francisco	Stanislaus
Del Norte	Merced	San Joaquin	Sutter
El Dorado	Monterey	San Luis Obispo	Trinity
Fresno	Napa	San Mateo	Tulare
Glenn	Nevada	Santa Barbara	Tuolumne
Inyo	Orange	Santa Clara	Ventura
Humboldt	Placer	Santa Cruz	Yolo
Kern	Plumas	Shasta	
Lassen	Riverside		

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# THP-Plus Statewide Implementation Project

- Training and technical assistance
  - 41 counties
  - 171 community based organizations
- Advocacy
  - County share of cost removed
  - \$20 million budget augmentation (proposed)
- Research and Evaluation
  - Statewide evaluation framework in development



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# Questions?

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