



# The Host Family Model in THP-Plus

Web Seminar

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# THP-Plus Statewide Implementation Project

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# Purpose of Web Seminar

- Review principles of THP-Plus
- Discuss key elements of implementing a host family model in your community
- Hear “lessons learned” from experienced practitioners
- Learn from a host family in Stanislaus County

*Most importantly: answer your questions!*





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# What is THP-Plus?

- THP-Plus is a program for former foster and probation 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**.



# Principles of THP-Plus

- Age appropriate
- Distinct from foster care
- Greatest amount of freedom possible
- Strong emphasis on supportive services



# Host Family in THP-Plus

- Participant lives with caring permanent connection
- Participant receives comprehensive supportive services
- Adult receives a monthly THP-Plus subsidy for 24 months
- Adult is screened and certified by THP-Plus service provider



# Principles & Rationale

- Supports permanency, a permanent lifelong connection with a caring adult
- Consistent with experience of youth from intact families
- Youth live in family setting







# County-Administered Program

Stanislaus County, California



# Identifying host families & youth participants

- Youth applies for host family program and identifies lifelong connection
- Lifelong connection applies to be host family

County-administered program



# Screening potential host families

- Stanislaus County:
  - Reviews host family application & interviews family to gauge level of commitment to youth
  - Conducts home inspection
  - Completes background checks
  - Certifies host families

County-administered program



# Training host families and youth participants

- Youth and adult meet with aftercare social worker to establish expectations
- Youth and adult complete Connected for Life and Shared Housing Agreements
- Youth and adult create a budget sheet outlining use of funds

County-administered program





# Shared Housing Agreement Essential Elements

- Privacy
- Household cleanliness
- Visitors & overnight guests
- House rules (television, pets, household curfew)

County-administered program





# Rental Subsidy

<b>Program Month</b>	<b>THP-Plus Participant Contribution</b>
Months 1-6	No contribution
Months 7-12	\$100/month
Months 13-18	\$200/month
Months 19-20	\$300/month
Months 21-23	\$400/month
Month 24	\$500

County-administered program

# Lessons Learned

- Youth participant needs as much or more case management and support as the program progresses
- Host family needs continued support to maintain a healthy relationship with the youth participant
- High quality case management and sufficient staffing are essential for program success
- Youth participants continue to seek out case management after exiting the program

County-administered program





# Nonprofit-Provider Administered Program

First Place for Youth  
Alameda County, California







# Screening potential host families

First Place for Youth:

- Performs initial assessment with potential host family
- Completes second assessment & physical inspection at home of prospective host family
- Conducts background checks of household
- Certifies host family

Non-profit provider administered program



# Training host families and youth participants

- Youth connects with case manager
- Youth participates in economic literacy
- Host family participates in Foster Care 101
- Youth and adult complete training & connect with case manager
- First Place organizes a series of house meetings with case manager, host family, and youth participant

Non-profit provider administered program



# THP-Plus Supportive Services

Supportive Services	Service Provider	Host Family
Rental subsidy	X	
Case management	X	
Mental health services	X	
Educational advocacy & support	X	
Job readiness training	X	

Non-profit provider administered program



# THP-Plus Supportive Services

Supportive Services	Service Provider	Host Family
Mentoring	X	
Furniture	X	X
Aftercare services	X	
\$50 monthly emancipation fund	X	
Coordination with ILP	X	

Non-profit provider administered program



# Agreements

- Transitional Housing Misconduct Act
- Youth agreement
- Adult agreement
- Operating agreement

Non-profit provider administered program





# Host Family Perspective



# THP-Plus Status Update

- 46 counties submitted THP-Plus plans to CDSS for FY 07-08
- FY 07-08 Budget (proposed): \$15.5 million
- Planning allocation: May



# THP-Plus Counties (Plans for 07-08)

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





# Questions?

- To submit a question for the panelists, click on the “Question and Answer” arrow on your screen, type your question, and click “Send.”



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