FOSTER CARE AFTER 18

Youth who turn 18 while in foster care are entitled to continue to receive benefits until the age of 21.

TO QUALIFY YOU MUST:

- Have been in foster care in an out-of-home placement on or after your 18th birthday any time after January 1, 2012.
- Be willing to sign an agreement, meet with a social worker once a month and work on Transitional Independent Living Skills.
- Live in a qualified placement setting.

Youth who were under the supervision of juvenile probation in an out-of-home placement when they turn 18 may also qualify.

You can continue to live with a foster parent, non-related extended family member or relative. There are also two new housing options:

- Transitional housing where you can live in your own apartment with help from a case manager.
- Supervised Independent Living Placement (SILP) such as renting an apartment on your own, living with roommates or living in a college dorm. In some cases you may be able to receive the foster care payment directly.

IN ORDER TO QUALIFY, YOU MUST DO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Enroll in high school or pursue a GED.
- Enroll in college/vocational school at least half time.
- Participate in a program/activity that removes barriers to employment (such as applying for college, job search activities, life skills classes, volunteering, substance abuse treatment)
- Work at least 80 hours a month.
- Be unable to do any of the above because of a verified medical or mental health condition.

Youth are able to re-enter after they have left the foster care system if they meet eligibility requirements. You don’t need to be enrolled in school or working at the time of re-entry as long as you are willing to engage in one of the activities above once you’ve re-entered.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR RE-ENTRY:

MADERA
24 Hour Hotline
800-801-3999
SHANEL MOORE, Supervisor
TEL: 559-662-8333
EMAIL: shanel.moore@co.madera.ca.us

NICK CHA, Supervisor
TEL: 559-662-8306
EMAIL: nick.cha@co.madera.ca.us

MERCED
RAQUEL VELAZQUEZ, MSW
Supervising Social Worker, ILP Coordinator
TEL: 209-385-7590, EXT 5075
EMAIL: rvelaz@cws.co.merced.ca.us

STANISLAUS
DWIGHT SIMPSON, Social Worker IV
TEL: 209-558-1076
EMAIL: SimpsDb@stancounty.com

SALVADOR PEREZ, Social Worker IV
TEL: 209-558-2991
EMAIL: PerezSi@stancounty.com

AMIE PRUTCH, Social Worker IV
TEL: 209-558-2254
EMAIL: PrutcA@stancounty.com

You must re-enter through the county that had jurisdiction over your case when you left; however, if you’re living in a different county, the county where you are now living can help you with the process.

A list of all county contacts for re-entry can be found at cwda.org/tools/cws.php.
THE CALIFORNIA YOUTH CONNECTION

The California Youth Connection (CYC) is guided, focused and driven by current and former foster youth ages 14 to 24, with the assistance of other committed community members.

CYC promotes the participation of foster youth in policy development and legislative change to improve the foster care system, and strives to improve social work practice and child welfare policy.

CYC is a great way to find out about the new changes in foster care programs that affect you. By getting involved with CYC, you can develop leadership and public speaking skills while helping make the foster care system better.

CYC has chapters in counties throughout the state to identify local issues and use grassroots and community organizing to create change.

FIND OUT MORE BY VISITING CALYOUTHCONN.ORG OR BY CONTACTING A LOCAL CHAPTER:

MADERA
HECTOR CERDA
herctor@calyouthconn.org
TEL: 916-340-5746

MERCED
HOLLY KARIM, Adult Supporter
1577 West Main Street | Merced, CA 95340
TEL: 209-385-7590, Ext. 5074
EMAIL: hkarim@hsa.co.merced.ca.us

STANISLAUS
CHRISTI KETCHUM
Tel: 404-840-823
EMAIL: Christi@calyouthconn.org

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Even if your grades were bad, you did not graduate from high school, or you received your GED, you can still go to a community college and transfer to a university.

Community colleges provide financial aid and other support that makes it possible for foster youth and emancipated youth to attend college, almost free of charge. You can earn your associate degree or Certificate in less than two years of full-time classes. Community college, vocational training programs include nursing, computer programming, mechanics, and electronics.

For more information, call the Community College Foundation Independent Living Program at 1-800-400-5881, or visit cccco.edu.

FUNDING YOUR EDUCATION

Federal Pell Grant – A federal grant that does not have to be repaid. It is available almost exclusively to undergraduates up to $5,645 for the 2013-2014 school year.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) – A federal grant that does not have to be repaid. It is available to undergraduates with exceptional financial need. Amount varies by school from $100 to $4,000 per year.

Federal Work Study – Money earned while attending school that does not have to be repaid. Jobs can be on and off campus and are paid at least the federal minimum wage.

Student Loans – Money borrowed must be repaid with interest. Loan terms and interest rates vary. See your financial aid advisor for more information.

Cal Grant A, B, C – A state grant that does not have to be repaid. It is available to California residents attending a California college.

Chafee Grant – A state grant that does not have to be repaid. It is available to current or former foster youth under the age 22 up to $5,000 per year.

Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOG) – A state-funded tuition waiver available at community colleges for low income students. The fee waiver does not have to be repaid.

Scholarships – Awards from different sources that you must find and apply for. Scholarships do not have to be repaid. See your financial aid office for a list of available scholarships at your school.

There may be additional grants through your school. Be sure to check with the financial aid office for all available financial aid.
COMMUNITY COLLEGE RESOURCES

HELPFUL WEBSITES
- FEDERAL STUDENT AID
  studentaid.ed.gov
- FAFSA ON THE WEB
  fafsa.gov
- PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
  pin.ed.gov
- FINAID!
  finaid.org
- I CAN AFFORD COLLEGE
  icanfundcollege.com
- U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
  ed.gov
- CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION
  csac.ca.gov
- CAL GRANTS
  calgrants.org
- FOSTER YOUTH
  chafee.csac.ca.gov
  fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov
  fc2success.org
- DREAM ACT STUDENTS
  caldreamact.org
  uscis.gov
  e4fc.org
  weownthedream.org
- SCHOLARSHIPS
  collegeboard.com/pay
  fastweb.com
  collegenet.com/mach25
  scholarships.com
- LATINO SCHOLARSHIPS
  hsf.net
  hispanicfund.org
  maldef.org
  latinocollegedollars.org
- AFRICAN-AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIPS
  uncf.org
- NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIPS
  bia.edu
  collegefund.org
- FOSTER YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS
  orphan.org
- GATES MILLENIUM SCHOLARSHIPS
  gmsp.org

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU)
- Fullerton Guardian Scholars
- Cal Poly Pomona Renaissance Scholars
- Sacramento State Guardian Scholars
- CSU Bernardino Guardian Scholars
- San Diego State Guardian Scholars
- San Francisco State Guardian Scholars
- San Jose State Connect, Motivate, and Educate Society
- CSU San Marcos

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
- UC Berkeley Independent Scholars Network
- UC Irvine
- UC Los Angeles
- UC Merced
- UC Santa Cruz Renaissance Scholars
- UC Santa Cruz Smith Scholaristic Society

COMMUNITY COLLEGES
- City College of San Francisco Guardian Scholars
- Cypress College Guardian Scholars
- Fullerton College
- Madera College
- Merced College
- Orange Coast College
- Santa Ana College

PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES
- Chapman University Guardian Scholars
- Concordia University
- Hope International University
- Loyola Marymount University
- University of Southern California
- Ball State University Guardian Scholars

VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS
- American Career College
- Taller San Jose
The entry point to counseling and financial aid services. Will assist with fee payments and registration issues.

BOOKSTORE
WHERE: Multi-purpose Building – TM 31
TEL: 559-675-4872
HOURS: Mon. – Thurs. 7:45 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Fri. 7:45 a.m. – noon
JOHN GRASMICK
Carries student textbooks, supplies, and other articles of interest to the community college.

CAA – CAREERS ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY MAINTENANCE MECHANICS/WELDING PROGRAMS
WHERE: AV1 101
TEL: 559-675-4829
HOURS: Mon. – Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
KATHERINE MEDINA-GROSS
Career Technical Education in Manufacturing – Maintenance Mechanic and Welding/AWS Certification career pathways.

CAFETERIA
WHERE: Multi-purpose Building – TM 31
TEL: 559-675-4850
HOURS: Mon. – Thurs. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Fri. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Provides meals, drinks, and snacks.

CALWORKS PROGRAM
WHERE: R2A
TEL: 559-675-4861
HOURS: Mon. – Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
GLORIA DE LA CRUZ-PULIDO
Provides academic counseling to students who are receiving cash aid and eligible for vocational training.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
WHERE: R6C
TEL: 559-675-4807
HOURS: Mon. – Thurs. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Fri. 8 a.m. to noon
MARCY DAVIDSON
A lab preschool is available for children three to five years old. It is available for children of students, staff, and members of the community. (Space is limited)

COUNSELING CENTER
WHERE: Student Services, AM-161
TEL: 559-675-4800
HOURS: Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Provides comprehensive counseling services to assist students toward a successful college experience.

CARE provides benefits to qualifying EOPS students who receive CalWORKs/TANF benefits and are single head of households with dependent children.

FINANCIAL AID
WHERE: Student Services, AM – 161
TEL: 559-675-4800
HOURS: Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
CLAUDIA HERNANDEZ, CHERYL LOCK
Provides financial assistance to students through scholarships, grants, loans and job opportunities.

GUARDIAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM – FORMER FOSTER YOUTH
WHERE: R2A
TEL: 559-675-4849
HOURS: Mon., Tues., Thurs. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
DONNA FUJIOKA-HATFIELD
Provides academic counseling and supportive services to students who were former foster youth.

HEALTH SERVICES
WHERE: R6B
TEL: 559-675-4800, Ext. 4759
HOURS: Mon., Tues., Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
SHERRI SCOTT-HUNTER
Provides nursing assessment for ill or injured students. The tuberculin skin test is available.

HONORS PROGRAM
WHERE: Student Services, AM-168, 170
TEL: 559-675-4800
HOURS: Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
GRICELDA SPEAR, EVIE CONTRERAS
Offering an enhanced educational experience designed to challenge students with a specially selected curriculum.

LIBRARY – COMPUTER LAB
WHERE: AM 185
TEL: 559-675-4800, Ext. 4835
HOURS: Mon. – Thurs. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Fri. 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
JOHN HIRSTEIN
Computers available for research activity, word processing, presentation software, and course specific software programs. Offers books, magazines, journals, newspapers, DVDs, e-books and databases.
LVN/LVN TO RN PROGRAMS
WHERE: Student Services, AM 174
TEL: 559-675-4800
HOURS: Mon. – Thurs. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
VICTORIA MARTINEZ
Provides academic counseling for students who are interested in the LVN and/or LVN to RN Programs.

MCCaP - MADERA CENTER COLLEGE ADVANTAGE PROGRAM
WHERE: Student Services, AM 172
TEL: 559-675-4804
HOURS: Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
MARIA ENSMINGER
Provides an opportunity for high school students to have a “college experience” while still attending “regular” high school class and activities.

META - MAKING EVERY TRANSFER ATTAINABLE
WHERE: Student Services, AM 172
TEL: 559-675-4804
HOURS: Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
MARIA ENSMINGER
The main goals of the META Program are to increase the number of Madera Center students who transfer to a four year college or university.

PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT SERVICES
WHERE: AM 160
TEL: 559-675-4800
HOURS: Wed., Fri. 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
SUSAN LOWE
Offers short-term therapy and assistance with time management and test anxiety.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFICE
WHERE: TM 31
TEL: 559-675-4865
HOURS: Mon. – Wed. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thurs. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
CEILIA ZAMORA
Coordinates student campus and club activities. Issues student IDs for $10.

SSS - STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM
STEM - SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS PROGRAM
WHERE: Student Services, AM 170
TEL: 559-675-4816
HOURS: Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
EVIE CONTRERAS
SSS and STEM are free federal TRIO Programs that serve first generation, low income and disabled students providing academic support, UC and CSU campus tours, career planning, workshops and transfer admissions.

UPWARD BOUND
WHERE: R2A
TEL: 559-675-4800, Ext. 4721
HOURS: Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
GUADALUPE GARCIA
College readiness program designed to assist low income, first-generation college bound high school students.

VETERANS PROGRAM
WHERE: Madera Center, AM 168
TEL: 559-675-4800
HOURS: Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.
WHERE: Oakhurst Center, Room 1
TEL: 559-683-3940
HOURS: Tues.
GRICELDA SPEAR
Assist with information and application for Veterans Educational Benefits for Vets and dependents.

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Washington, DC 20525
TEL: 202-606-5000
TTY: 202-606-3472
EMAIL: questions@americorps.gov
WEB: americorps.gov

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CCC Headquarters
WHERE: 1719 24th Street
Sacramento, CA 95816
TEL: 916-341-3100

WHERE: Fresno Office
2976 North Argyle, Suite 101
Fresno, CA 93727
TEL: 559-292-0854
ADMISSIONS
Maintains students’ academic records including grades, provides admissions and veterans services, registers students, and sends and receives official transcripts.
WHERE: MC Lesher Student Services, Second Floor
TEL: 209-384-6187
HOURS: Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

BOOKSTORE
Sells new and used textbooks, paperbacks, study aids, art materials, nursing supplies, stationery, collegiate apparel and other supplies. Purchase textbooks online mercedcollegebookstore.com.
WHERE: Student Union Building
TEL: 209-384-6280
HOURS: Mon. – Fri. 7:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Mon. – Thurs. 5:45 – 7:15 p.m.

CAMPUS POLICE
Offers 24-hour protection. Campus police officers are also available upon request to escort students to their cars.
WHERE: Service Building
TEL: 209-384-6054 or 769-4281
Emergency: 911 from any phone on campus

CALWORKS PROGRAM
State funded welfare-to-work program designed to help students who receive public assistance.
WHERE: Lesher Student Services, Room 304
TEL: 209-381-6515
HOURS: Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CAREER/TRANSFER CENTER
Provides services to assist individuals in making occupational and educational decisions.
WHERE: Lesher Student Services, Third Floor
HOURS: Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Career Services: 209-384-6243
Transfer Services: 209-384-6239

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
Provides on-campus educational childcare services for students with children ages 3 months to 5 years of age.
WHERE: Child Development Center
TEL: 209-384-6245
HOURS: Mon. – Fri. 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

COMPUTER LAB
Provides computer individualized instruction in study skills and study habits. Instructors are always on duty to assist students with class-related assignments.
WHERE: Communication Building, Room 2
TEL: 209-384-6058
HOURS: Mon. – Thurs. 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Fri. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE
Staffed by professional counselors with training and expertise in areas of personal, educational and vocational/career development. Appointment or walk-in basis.
WHERE: Lesher Student Services
TEL: 209-381-6478
HOURS: M-F 8 a.m. to 4:30 pm

DISABLED STUDENT SERVICES (DSS)
Provides support services and educational accommodations to students with disabilities.
WHERE: MC Lesher Student Services, Second Floor
TEL: 209-384-6155
HOURS: Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

EXTENDED OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES (EOPS) AND CARE PROGRAMS
Provides academic, transfer and career counseling, CSU/UC application fee waivers, textbook assistance, EOPS/CARE grants assistance, CARE Program: meal vouchers, transportation assistance, textbook loans, priority registration and EOPS College Orientation.
WHERE: MC Lesher Student Services, Second Floor
TEL: 209-381-6596
HOURS: Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

FINANCIAL AID
Assistance to full-time and part-time students by providing grants, fee waivers, scholarships and work-study jobs.
WHERE: MC Lesher Student Services, Third Floor
TEL: 209-384-6031
HOURS: Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. to 4:30 pm

JOBS OPPORTUNITY SERVICES
Offers employment referral assistance for part-time, temporary and full-time jobs for students attending Merced College.
WHERE: MC Lesher Student Services, Third Floor
TEL: 209-384-6238
HOURS: Mon. – Fri. 1 – 4 p.m.

LIBRARY
Provides access to books, periodicals, DVDs, videos, books on tape, online databases, research help, computer labs, group study areas.
WHERE: MC Learning Resource Center
TEL: 209-384-6081
HOURS: M-Th 8:45 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m. to noon
HOURS: Los Banos
Mon. – Thurs. 8:45 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Fri. 8:45 a.m. to noon
TEL: 209-826-3495
MATH LAB
The lab provides faculty support and computer tutorials for all math students. Math instructors assist students individually with questions from basic to advanced math.
WHERE: Science Building, Room 201
TEL: 209-384-6293
HOURS: Mon. – Thurs. 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Fri. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

STUDENT HELP DESK
Provides technical assistance to enrolled students.
WHERE: Lesher Building, Room 110
(Office 101A)
TEL: 209-381-6565
EMAIL: myhelp@mccd.edu
HOURS: Mon. – Thurs. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES
Services include over-the-counter medication samples, health and wellness information, blood pressure checks, pregnancy testing, personal counseling, TB testing, assistance with locating community resources and personal counseling.
WHERE: SMC Student Union Building
TEL: 209-384-6045
HOURS: Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Fri.
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,
Weds. 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
WHERE: Los Banos Student Services,
Building A
TEL: 209-826-3495 x6423
HOURS: Mon. – Thurs. 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Fri. 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed
noon to 1 p.m.

STUDY CENTRAL
Study Central is a place where students can receive assistance from highly trained peer guides and faculty who specialize in a variety of academic fields. Study Central also offers free, drop-in academic workshops that cover a variety of topics supporting student success.
WHERE: Student Union Building
TEL: 209-384-6177
HOURS: Mon. – Fri. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

TUTORIAL CENTER
The Tutorial Center provides tutoring at no cost to students who are currently enrolled in the course for which the student is seeking tutoring.
WHERE: MC Communication Building,
Room 1
TEL: 209-384-6529
HOURS: Mon. – Thurs. 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Weds. – Thurs. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Fri. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
WHERE: Los Banos Building A, Room 120
TEL: 209-826-3495 x6416
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WHERE: CCC HEADQUARTERS 1
719 24th Street
Sacramento, CA 95816
TEL: 916-341-3100
FRESNO OFFICE
WHERE: 2976 North Argyle, Suite 101
Fresno, CA 93727 559-292-0854

JOB CORPS
Job Corps is a program for youth ages 16 to 24. It provides a place to live, medical care, vocational training, and a GED. Students live on the Job Corps campus while they receive vocational training for a job. The program is free. There are only select locations in California:

WHERE: INLAND EMPIRE
3173 Kerry Street
P.O. Box 9550 S
San Bernardino, CA 92427-9550
TEL: 909-887-887-6305
FAX: 909-473-1511
WEB: inlandempire.jobcorps.gov

WHERE: LONG BEACH
1903 Santa Fe Ave
Long Beach, CA 90810-4050
TEL: 562-983-1777
FAX: 562-983-6393
WEB: longbeach.jobcorps.gov

WHERE: LOS ANGELES
1106 South Broadway
Los Angeles, CA 90015
TEL: 213-748-0135
FAX: 213-741-5359
WEB: losangeles.jobcorps.gov

WHERE: SACRAMENTO
3100 Meadowview Road
Sacramento, CA 95832
TEL: 916-394-0770
FAX: 916-429-4997

WHERE: SAN DIEGO
1325 Iris Avenue, Building 60
Imperial Beach, CA 91932-3751
TEL: 619-429-8500
FAX: 619-429-4909
WEB: sandiego.jobcorps.gov

WHERE: SAN JOSE
3485 East Hills Drive
San Jose, CA 95127-2970
TEL: 408-254-5627
FAX: 408-254-5663
WEB: sanjose.jobcorps.gov

WHERE: TREASURE ISLAND
351 H Avenue, Building 442
Treasure Island
San Francisco, CA 94130-5027
TEL: 415-277-2400
FAX: 415-705-1776
WEB: treasureisland.jobcorps.gov

WELFARE-TO-WORK
Former foster youth ages 18 to 25 are eligible for Welfare-to-Work funding for employment training, placement, and services

Contact the local county welfare department listed under the County Government section of the telephone book to find the nearest Welfare-to-Work office.

For more information on any of these opportunities for current and former foster youth, call the Office of the Foster Care Ombudsman at 877-846-1602.
WorkNet is an employment resource center that provides assistance in the following areas:

- Job applications, resumes, cover letters and interviews.
- Job referrals, latest job listings, and resource directory.
- Exploring different career options.
- Plato lab, various organization representatives are available most days of the week.

**Madera**
WHERE: 441 East Yosemite Ave.
Madera, CA 93638
TEL: 559-662-4500
WEB: maderawac.org

**Chowchilla Center**
WHERE: 405 Trinity Ave.
Chowchilla, CA 93610
TEL: 559-683-6263

**Oakhurst Center**
WHERE: 41969 Highway 41
Oakhurst, CA 93644
TEL: 559-683-6263

**Merced**
WHERE: 1880 Wardrobe Ave.
Merced, CA 95341
TEL: 209-724-2100
WEB: mercedworknet.com

**Stanislaus**
ALLIANCE WORKNET
WHERE: 251 E. Hackett Road C-2
Modesto, CA 95358
TEL: 209-538-2100
WEB: allianceworknet.com

**Youth Employment Opportunity Program (YEOP)**
The YEOP is intended to provide services to youth age 15 to 21, to assist them in achieving their educational and vocational goals.

The program provides:
1. Peer advising and mentoring
2. Referrals to supportive services
3. Job referral and placement assistance
4. YEOP workshops
5. Referrals to training
6. Other job resources

**Helpful Websites:**
- California Department of Employment Development
  WEB: edd.ca.gov
- Career Builder
  WEB: careerbuilder.com
- Simply Hired
  WEB: simplyhired.com
- Snag a Job
  WEB: snagajob.com
- Merced Mall
  WEB: mercedmall.com/careers
- Merced Sun Star
  WEB: mercedsunstar.com/adperfect
- County of Merced
  WEB: co.merced.ca.us
- City of Merced
  WEB: cityofmerced.org
- Vintage Faire Mall
  WEB: shopvintagefairemall.com/jobs
- Modesto Bee
  WEB: modbee.com/jobs
- County of Madera
  WEB: madera-county.com
- City of Madera
  WEB: cityofmadera.org
- County of Stanislaus
  WEB: stanjobs.org
- CalJOBS
  WEB: caljobs.ca.gov
The Foster Youth Services Program (FYS) is designed to assist students who are placed in state licensed group homes and foster homes. Foster Youth Services assists Merced County foster children in working with social workers, school staff, probation officers and community service agencies to influence their day-to-day routine both during and after school.

The intention is to stabilize foster care placement and educational placements by assisting in the improvement of academic achievement and reducing disciplinary problems, juvenile delinquency, truancy and student dropout rates.

The services provided directly or in cooperation with collaborative partner are as follows:

- Tutoring, counseling and mentoring
- Transitional services (vocational training, emancipation and independent living services)
- AB 490 advocacy and advocacy trainings
- Ensure appropriate school placement and minimize changing schools
- Facilitate prompt transfer of educational records
- Facilitate communication between foster care provider, social workers, probation officers, school staff or other education service providers
- Case management

**MADERA**
Madera County Office of Education
Youth Development Program Coordinator
ELIZABETH RODRIGUEZ
TEL: 559-662-3842
WHERE: 1105 S. Madera Ave. | Madera CA 93637

**MERCED**
Merced County Office of Education
Educational Liaison
SANDRA STEVENS
TEL: 209-381-4519
WHERE: 1850 Wardrobe Ave., Bldg. B, Room 17
Merced, CA  95341

**STANISLAUS**
Stanislaus County Office of Education
Foster Youth Services Liaison
VICTOR SERRATO
TEL: 209-238-1506
WHERE: 1100 H St. | Modesto, CA  95354
FOOD BANKS

Please call each location for more info on services provided, hours of operation and any requirements.

**ATWATER**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH – ATWATER**
WHERE: 1683 Fifth St.
Atwater, CA 95301
TEL: 209-358-3545

**FIRST CHURCH OF GOD**
WHERE: 2100 Fruitland Ave.
Atwater, CA 95301
TEL: 209-777-9197
Emergency food boxes as needed

**HANDS OF LOVE**
WHERE: 103 Cindy Dr.
Atwater, CA 95301
TEL: 209-996-7423
HOURS: Feed on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon Emergency food boxes as needed

**MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**
WHERE: 1311 Maple St.
Atwater, CA 95301
TEL: 209-358-3936

**SERENITY YOUTH RANCH**
WHERE: 1119 Plymouth Ave.
Atwater, CA 95301
TEL: 209-356-0212

**CERES**

**FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH**
WHERE: 2813 E. Don Pedro Rd.
Ceres, CA 95307
TEL: 209-538-0833

**S.D.A. – CERES C.S.C**
WHERE: 1639 N. Central Ave.
Ceres, CA 95307
TEL: 209-537-5800

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**
WHERE: 3824 Mitchell Rd.
Ceres, CA 95307
TEL: 209-537-0516

**VALLEY VIEW NAZARENE OF CERES**
WHERE: 3901 E. Whitmore Ave.
Ceres, CA 95307
TEL: 209-537-3831

**CHOWCHILLA**

**SHEPHERDS TEMPLE**
WHERE: 16283 Ave. 24
Chowchilla, CA 93610
TEL: 559-665-1076
HOURS: First Friday 9 – 11 a.m.

**DELHI**

**FOOD CLOSET OF DELHI COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
WHERE: 15917 El Captain Way
Delhi, CA 95315
TEL: 209-667-8746

**DENAIR**

**FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE OF DENAIR**
WHERE: 3200 E. Monte Vista Ave.
Denair, CA 95316
TEL: 209-668-4080

**WORSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICES CHURCH**
(Gateway Community Church)
WHERE: 3350 Lester Rd.
Denair, CA 95316
TEL: 209-667-0168

**DOS PALOS**

**EMMANUEL SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH**
WHERE: 1701 Leonard St.
Dos Palos, CA 93620
TEL: 209-829-3536
Emergency food boxes
HOURS: Mon. – Fri. 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**SAN JOSE GOSPEL ASSEMBLY**
WHERE: 16394 Azusa Rd.
Dos Palos, CA 93620
TEL: 209-617-4662

**GREENLY HILL**

**COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**
WHERE: 10241 Holtzel Rd.
Greenly Hill, CA 95311
TEL: 209-878-0751
Emergency food boxes

**HUGHSON**

**HUGHSON FOOD BANK**
WHERE: 2413 3rd St. | Hughson, CA
TEL: 209-883-9121

**LIVINGSTON**

**LIVINGSTON MEDICAL GROUP**
WHERE: 1140 Main St.
Livingston, CA 95334
TEL: 209-334-7913, Ext. 1347

**LIVINGSTON SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**
WHERE: 703 4th St.
Livingston, CA 95334
TEL: 209-358-3899

**LOS BANOS**

**BETHEL CHURCH RESCUE MISSION**
WHERE: 415 1st St.
Los Banos, CA 93635
TEL: 209-769-2779

**LOS BANOS SALVATION ARMY**
WHERE: 1231 4th St.
Los Banos, CA 93635
TEL: 209-827-4945
Emergency food boxes

**MADERA**

**MADERA COALITION FOR JUSTICE**
WHERE: 1125 N. Lake St.
Madera, CA 93638
TEL: 559-661-1879
HOURS: Friday 3:30 – 7 p.m.

**MADERA COUNTY FOOD BANK**
WHERE: 225 S. Pine Street #101
Madera, CA 93637
TEL: 559-674-1482

**VALLEY WEST CHRISTIAN CENTER**
WHERE: 101 W. Adell
Madera, CA 93638
TEL: 559-674-8922
HOURS: Wed. 4 – 6 p.m.

**YOSEMITE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**
WHERE: 1201 E. Yosemite Ave.
Madera, CA 93638
TEL: 559-673-1731
HOURS: Last Wed. 10 a.m. to noon

**MARIPOSA**

**NEW BEGINNINGS CHURCH**
WHERE: 4603 Highway 49
Mariposa, CA 95338
TEL: 209-966-4550
NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN – CELEBRATE RECOVERY  
WHERE: 5089 Cole Rd. 
Mariposa, CA 95338  
TEL: 209-261-5112

MERCED  
ALLIANCE CHURCH OF MERCED COUNTY FOOD BANK  
WHERE: 3575 Santa Monica Ct. 
Merced, CA 95348  
TEL: 209-777-7061

APOTOLIC TABERNACLE CHURCH  
WHERE: 2745 E. Hwy 140 
Merced, CA 95340  
TEL: 209-723-0545

Emergency food boxes:  
HOURS: Mon. – Fri. 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CALVARY TEMPLE FOOD MINISTRY  
WHERE: 2740 N. Hwy 59 
Merced, CA 95348  
TEL: 209-383-2494

Emergency food boxes:  
HOURS: Weds. and Thurs. 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF MERCED  
WHERE: 336 W. Main St. 
Merced, CA 95340  
TEL: 209-723-2395

Emergency food boxes:  
HOURS: Mon. – Fri. Food giveaway on the third and fourth Thurs. of the month

REVIVAL CENTER'S DAILY BREAD DISTRIBUTION  
WHERE: 2525 N. Beachwood Dr. 
Merced, CA 95348  
TEL: 209-388-9551

SALVATION ARMY OF MERCED  
WHERE: 1440 W. 12th St. 
Merced, CA 95340  
TEL: 209-383-4225, Ext. 1

Emergency food boxes:  
HOURS: First and second Thurs. and every Tues. 9 – 11:30 a.m.

VALLEY HARVEST CHURCH  
WHERE: 3022 N. Parson Ave. 
Merced, CA 95340  
TEL: 209-756-6777

MODESTO  
AMERICAN RED CROSS  
WHERE: 1230 6th St. | Modesto, CA  
TEL: 209-523-6451

BIG VALLEY GRACE  
WHERE: 4040 B Tully Rd. 
Modesto, CA 95356  
TEL: 209-577-1604

EASTRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH  
WHERE: 2300 E. Briggsmore Ave. 
Modesto, CA 95355  
TEL: 209-521-9672

HARVEST OF HOPE  
WHERE: 727 Sutter Ave. | Modesto, CA  
TEL: 209-521-7183

INTERFAITH MINISTRIES  
WHERE: 1320 L St. | Modesto, CA 95354  
TEL: 209-324-0357

INTERFAITH MINISTRIES OF MODESTO  
WHERE: 120 Kerr Ave. | Modesto, CA  
TEL: 209-572-3117

MANNAFEST  
WHERE: 1535 Eureka St. 
Modesto, CA 95358  
TEL: 209-529-7548

MODESTO CENTRAL SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH  
WHERE: 1614 “H” St. | Modesto, CA  
TEL: 209-521-6460

MODESTO UNION GOSPEL MISSION  
WHERE: 1400 Yosemite Blvd. 
Modesto, CA  
TEL: 209-529-8259

NINEVEH OUTREACH  
WHERE: 1601 Coffee Rd. 
Modesto, CA 95357  
TEL: 209-529-7346

ORANGEBURG AVE. BAPTIST CHURCH  
WHERE: 313 E. Orangeburg Ave. 
Modesto, CA  
TEL: 209-577-2575

OUR LADY OF FATIMA  
WHERE: 505 W. Granger Ave. 
Modesto, CA 95350  
TEL: 209-524-7421

SALVATION ARMY  
WHERE: 625 1 St. | Modesto, CA  
TEL: 209-523-7577

SALVATION ARMY  
WHERE: 1649 Las Vegas St. 
Modesto, CA  
TEL: 209-538-7111

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH  
WHERE: 529 B California Ave. 
Modesto, CA 95351  
TEL: 209-529-5493

SOUl HARVEST WORSHIP CENTER  
WHERE: 4718 Greenleaf Ct. 
Modesto, CA 95356  
TEL: 209-521-5157

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – ST. JOSEPH’S  
WHERE: 1813 Oakdale Rd. 
Modesto, CA 95354  
TEL: 209-551-4973

THE FATHER'S HOUSE  
WHERE: 346 Burney | Modesto, CA 95354  
TEL: 209-214-1575

THE MODESTO LOVE CENTER  
WHERE: 617 Winmoore, Suite F 
Modesto, CA 95350  
TEL: 209-538-9700

VICTORY IN PRaise  
WHERE: 3124 McHenry Ave. 
Modesto, CA 95355  
TEL: 209-522-1888

VICTORY LIFE CENTER  
WHERE: 2118 Woodland Ave. 
Modesto, CA 95358  
TEL: 209-527-7995

WELL COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP  
WHERE: 2361 Scenic Dr. 
Modesto, CA 95355  
TEL: 209-312-0639

WHITMORE CAROL LANE CHURCH OF CHRIST  
WHERE: 416 W. Whitmore Ave. 
Modesto, CA 95358  
TEL: 209-537-3205
OAKDALE
C.F.H.S. OAKDALE FAMILY RESOURCES CENTER
WHERE:  631 W “F” St.
        Oakdale, CA  95361
TEL:    209-847-0420

FAITH TABERNACLE OF OAKDALE
WHERE:  120 West Ave.
        Oakdale, CA  95361
TEL:    209-847-6859

FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH OF OAKDALE
WHERE:  74 N. Lee
        Oakdale, CA  95361
TEL:    209-847-2464

LIVING HOPE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
WHERE:  10055 Valley Home Rd.
        Oakdale, CA  95361
TEL:    209-848-9117

OAKDALE COMMUNITY SHARING C.C.
WHERE:  579 Center St.
        Oakdale, CA  95361
TEL:    209-847-3401

OAKDALE FAMILY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
WHERE:  1700 W “F” St.
        Oakdale, CA  95361
TEL:    209-847-4215

PATTERSON
OUR SAVIOR’S LUTHERAN CHURCH
WHERE:  650 W. Las Palmas
        Patterson, CA  95363
TEL:    209-892-5361

WESTSIDE FOOD PANTRY
WHERE:  20 S. 5th St.
        Patterson, CA  95363
TEL:    209-892-8455

RIVERBANK
ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
WHERE:  3126 Stanislaus St.
        Riverbank, CA
TEL:    209-869-2496

CHRIST THE KING
WHERE:  6443 Estelle | Riverbank, CA
TEL:    209-869-1075

RIVERBANK CHRISTIAN FOOD SHARE
WHERE:  3017 High St. | Riverbank, CA
TEL:    209-869-3710

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
WHERE:  2827 Topeka Ave.
        Riverbank, CA
TEL:    209-869-5813

SALIDA
ACTS
WHERE:  5670 Pirrone Rd. | Salida, CA
TEL:    209-545-2448

SNELLING
FAITH BIBLE CHURCH
WHERE:  7463 Turlock Rd.
        Snelling, CA  95369
TEL:    209-230-7458

TURLOCK
BERKLEY AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
WHERE:  2813 N Berkley Ave. | Turlock, CA  95380
TEL:    209-632-4159

ENCLAVE COMMUNITY CHURCH
WHERE:  581 E. Canal Dr.
        Turlock, CA  95380
TEL:    209-667-5996

HARVEST CHRISTIAN CENTER
WHERE:  1000 E. Monte Vista
        Turlock, CA  95380
TEL:    209-667-5683

HOLY GROUND
WHERE:  305 Canal St.
        Turlock, CA  95381
TEL:    209-656-6682

SALVATION ARMY
WHERE:  490 Starr Ave.
        Turlock, CA  95380
TEL:    209-667-6091

SALVATION ARMY TURLOCK CORPS COMMUNITY CENTER
WHERE:  893 Lander Ave.
        Turlock, CA  95380
TEL:    209-669-5366

TYTHING PLACE EMERGENCY FOOD BANK
WHERE:  800 Wayside Dr.
        Turlock, CA  95380
TEL:    209-634-9941

UNITED SAMARITANS DAILY BREAD
WHERE:  220 S. Broadway
        Turlock, CA  95380
TEL:    209-668-4853

WATERFORD
COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
WHERE:  317 D St. | Waterford, CA
TEL:    209-874-2532

FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
WHERE:  132 E St. | Waterford, CA
TEL:    209-402-0228

THE LIGHTHOUSE – OPEN DOOR MINISTRIES
WHERE:  218 “F” St. | Waterford, CA
TEL:    209-874-9637

WINTON
EL SAMARITANO
WHERE:  7165 Winton Way
        Winton, CA  95388
TEL:    209-358-7011
Emergency food boxes
HOURS:  Sun. 10 – 11 a.m.

LIFELINE
WHERE:  7081 Winton Way
        Winton, CA  95388
TEL:    209-201-2905
Emergency food boxes as needed
By referral only
HEALTH RESOURCES

COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
The county health department provides vaccinations and HIV testing, family planning, STD screening and treatment and education.

MADERA
WHERE: 14215 Road 28 | Madera, CA 93638
TEL: 559-675-7893 or 800-427-6897

MERCED
WHERE: 260 E. 15th St. | Merced, CA 95341
TEL: 209-381-1200

MERCED COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
WHERE: 480 E. 13th St. | Merced, CA 95341
TEL: 209-381-6800

STANISLAUS
WHERE: 830 Scenic Dr. | Modesto, CA 95353
TEL: 209-558-7000

CUBE
The CUBE center has been especially designed for youth, by youth. It is designed for youth with mental and/or emotional problems who may be emancipating from foster care.

The CUBE is a drop-in center. They provide a safe environment for youth to set goals and succeed in life. They welcome youth needing assistance in becoming independent, and dedicated to help improve the quality of life for TAY in Merced County.

MERCE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH
WHERE: 209 E. 7th St. | Madera, CA 93639
TEL: 559-673-3508

MERCED COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH
WHERE: 480 E. 13th St. | Merced, CA 95341
TEL: 209-381-6800

WHERE: 40 G St., Suite C | Los Banos, CA 93635
TEL: 209-827-2185

WHERE: 1471 B St. | Livingston, CA 95334
TEL: 209-394-4032

CENTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES
WHERE: 1700 McHenry Village, Suite 11 | Modesto, CA
TEL: 209-526-1440

TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUNG ADULT SERVICE
WHERE: 1208 9th St. | Modesto, CA
TEL: 209-558-4464

PLANNED PARENTHOOD
Planned Parenthood provides health education classes, teen mother support groups, street outreach, support groups and one-on-one counseling. Birth control, emergency contraceptives, STD and HIV testing and pregnancy testing are also available.

MADERA
WHERE: 500 E. Almond Ave. #1 | Madera, CA 93637
TEL: 559-675-1133

MERCE
WHERE: 3166 Collins Dr. | Merced, CA 95348
TEL: 209-723-7751

STANISLAUS
WHERE: 1431 McHenry Ave. #100 | Modesto, CA 95350
TEL: 209-579-2300

TEENAGE HEALTH RESOURCE LINE
The nurses at the Teenage Health Resource Line answers confidential health questions. The hours are 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., seven days a week. Health questions can also be emailed to teenhealth@lpch.stanford.edu 1-888-711-TEEN

CALIFORNIA YOUTH CRISIS LINE
Provides 24-hour counseling service, information and referrals for all areas of California regarding medical services, shelters, crisis centers, AIDS testing and transportation information.
1-800-843-5200

NINELINE
Provides 24-hours information, referrals and assistance to any youth in crisis.
1-800-999-9999

NATIONAL RUNAWAY SWITCHBOARD
Provides 24-hour assistance, information, and referrals to youth who have run away or other youth in crisis.
1-800-621-4000

*If you need help with a health-related issue, or want more information about keeping your Medi-Cal until age 21, call the Office of the Foster Care Ombudsman at 1-877-846-1602.
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM-PLUS (THP+)

THP+ provides participants who are young adults between 18 to 24 years old, who emancipated from the foster/probation system with housing opportunities.

The goal of the program is to provide a safe and supportive living environment for these youth while helping them achieve self-sufficiency and learn skills to live as adults after emancipation.

Merced County AspiraNet THP+ provides participating youth with an apartment living situation in which he/she will share a two-bedroom apartment with a roommate. Also, the youth will receive the following supportive services:

- Comprehensive case management
- System of payment for utilities
- Subsidized rent
- Job readiness training and support
- Food and necessity allowance
- Educational advocacy and support
- Aid in pursuing college or other post high school training
- Counseling
- Apartment furnishing
- 24-hour crisis intervention and support
- Emancipation fund

The goal of the program is to remove any barrier and provide the necessary tools and life skills that will lead to success in every area, particularly in the areas of employment and education, which are critical for future success and the prevention of homelessness.

ELIGIBILITY AND REFERRAL PROCESS

THP+ eligible youth are young adults who have emancipated from foster or probation care and are 18 to 24 years old. Each county has various eligibility requirements for past enrollment in ILP while in care. Lastly, the youth must be pursuing goals in the areas of education, vocational training, or employment.

The maximum time for THP+ participation is 24 cumulative months. Referrals can come from your county social workers/probation officers, ILP staff, or yourself.

Referrals will be reviewed by Aspiranet THP+ staff, who will then contact you to set up an interview to complete the application process. Once approved, you are notified right away with a time line for enrollment into the program, subject to availability.

For more information on the program, contact 800-439-1905 or visit aspiranet.org/thp

STANISLAUS

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

WHERE: 1701 Robertson Rd.  Modesto, CA  95351
TEL: 209-557-2000
WEB: stancoha.org

EMERGENCY SHELTERS

Emergency shelters can provide a temporary place to help you get back on your feet and provide a place to live temporarily.

Call the county social services, your ILP coordinator, or the Office of the Foster Care Ombudsman to locate a shelter in your area.

MADERA

MADERA RESCUE MISSION

Men and women singles shelter, family shelter, transitional housing
WHERE: 332 Elm St. | Madera, CA  93638
TEL: 559-675-8321

Shunammite Place Permanent Supportive Housing Program Housing for chronically homeless women with disabilities
WHERE: 510 S. G St. #102
Merced, CA  95340
TEL: 559-664-8212

YOSEMEITE MANOR MADERA HOUSING

WHERE: 108 S. P St. | Madera, CA  93637
TEL: 559-673-0001

MERCED

Valley Crisis Center Emergency Shelter and Transportation, victims of domestic violence or sexual assault.
TEL: 209-722-4357

Catholic Charities Motel vouchers for single parents and children, food, referrals and immigration assistance.

WHERE: 336 W. Main St., Suite 1
Merced, CA  95340
TEL: 209-383-2494
MERCED COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY  
Emergency shelter – maximum of 150 days a year. Transitional housing and housing assistance.  
WHERE: 317 E. 15th St.  
Merced, CA 95340  
TEL: 209-725-8188

MERCED COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY  
Motel vouchers, CalFresh, referrals for other assistance.  
WHERE: 2115 W. Wardrobe Ave.  
Merced, CA  
TEL: 209-385-3000

MERCED COUNTY RESCUE MISSION MEN'S SHELTER  
WHERE: 1921 Canal Street  
Merced, CA  
TEL: 209-722-9269

COMMUNITY SOCIAL MODEL ADVOCATES  
Transitional housing and services for individuals who have substance abuse.

HOBIE HOUSE (MEN)  
WHERE: 2331 Yosemite Parkway  
Merced, CA  
TEL: 209-722-6335

TRANQUILITY VILLAGE  
(Women/Children OK)  
WHERE: 559 Mendocino Ct.  
Atwater, CA  
TEL: 209-537-5200

CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING  
Assistance for individuals with disabilities – housing, job development, benefits, etc.  
WHERE: 710 W. 18th St. #11  
Merced, CA  
TEL: 209-383-1683

STANISLAUS  
CHILDREN'S CRISIS CENTER INFORMATION:  
209-577-0138  
FAMILY LINE: 209-577-4413  
SCHEDULING: 209-577-4110

COMMUNITY HOUSING AND SHELTER SERVICES  
Provides a variety of housing and shelter services to individuals and families in need.  
WHERE: 3224 McHenry Ave., Suite C  
Modesto, CA 95350  
TEL: 209-574-1149

COMMUNITY HOUSING AND SHELTER SERVICES  
WHERE: 936 McHenry Ave. #131  
Modesto, CA 95354  
TEL: 209-527-0444 or 209-572-2095

DISABILITY RESOURCES  
Agency for Independent Living Non-profit that provides housing assistance  
WHERE: 221 McHenry Ave.  
Modesto, CA 95354  
TEL: 209-521-7260

HAVEN WOMEN'S CENTER  
Shelter for women and their children from domestic violence; sexual abuse interventions  
TEL: 209-577-5980 or 1-800-834-1990

HOMELESS PROGRAM  
Shelter for CalWORKS eligible families only; this program is provided through the Community Services Agency.  
WHERE: 251 Hackett Rd.  
Modesto, CA 95358  
TEL: 209-558-2500 or 209-558-2777

HUTTON HOUSE  
Shelter for runaways and youth; this program is provided through the Center for Human Services.  
WHERE: 201 Jennie St.  
Modesto, CA  
TEL: 209-526-5544

MODESTO UNION GOSPEL MISSION  
Provides meals and shelter for men, women and children  
WHERE: 1400 E. Yosemite Blvd.  
Modesto, CA 95354  
TEL: 209-529-8259

SALVATION ARMY  
Homeless Day Services Provides a variety of housing and shelter services to individuals and families in need.  
WHERE: 320 9th St.  
Modesto, CA 96353  
TEL: 209-525-8954

STANISLAUS COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROJECT  
WHERE: 605 15th St.  
Modesto, CA 95354  
TEL: 209-572-2437
INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM

The Independent Living programs goal is to support youth in becoming successful, independent adults. They provide assistance to youth 15 1/2 through 21 who were in Foster Care, Guardianship, or in Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program (Kin-GAP) at least one day after their 16th birthday. Every county offers the Independent Living Program, but not every county services are the same, please call for more information.

MADERA
MADERA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
WHERE: 29 E. Yosemite Ave. Madera, CA 93638
MEE WANG
TEL: 559-662-8324
EMAIL: Mee.wang@co.madera.ca.us

MERCEDE
MAIN STREET YOUTH CENTER
WHERE: 1577 W. Main St. Merced, CA 95341
HOLLY KARIM, ILP Social Worker
TEL: 209-385-7590, Ext. 5074
EMAIL: hkarim@hsa.co.merced.ca.us
RAQUEL VEIZQUEZ, MSW, Supervising Social Worker, ILP Coordinator
TEL: 209-385-7590, Ext. 5075
EMAIL: rvelaz@cws.co.merced.ca.us

STANISLAUS
STANISLAUS COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY
WHERE: P.O. Box 42 | Modesto, CA 95353
AMY PRUTCH, ILP Coordinator
TEL: 209-558-2254
EMAIL: PrutchA@stancounty.com

LGBT RESOURCES

NATIONAL CENTER FOR LESBIAN RIGHTS
The National Center for Lesbian Rights is a national legal organization committed to advancing the civil and human rights of LGBTQ individuals and their families through litigation, public policy advocacy, and public education.
TEL | FAX: 415-392-6257, Ext. 331
FAX: 415-392-8442
WEB: nclr.org

GLBT NATIONAL HELP CENTER
The GLBT National Help Center provides free and confidential telephone and email peer-counseling, information, and local resources for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community.

The organization also works to strengthen local GLBT hotlines and organizations in their mission of service to the community.

For telephone and email peer-counseling on these issues, go to youthtalkline.org or call the toll free hotline at 1-888-843-4564.

To participate in the GLBT National Youth Talk line, click on the Help Center site or call the toll-free hotline at 1-800-246-PRIDE (800-246-7743).

GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE NETWORK
The goal of the Gay-Straight Alliance Network is to empower youth activists to fight homophobia and transphobia in schools.

For more information, call 415-552-4229 or visit gsanetwork.org

TREVOR YOUTH SUICIDE HELP LINE 1-866-4UTREVOR (1-866-488-7386)
A national 24-hour suicide prevention help line for gay and questioning youth to see what youth activists are doing to fight homophobia and transphobia in schools.

HOTLINES | HELPLINES

ALCOHOL AND DRUG HELP LINE
TEL: 800-821-4357

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