

ETTIE LEE YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES



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Ettie Lee Youth & Family Services expands programming to include former foster youth

April 2015 - BALDWIN PARK – Ettie Lee Youth & Family Services has been formally awarded a contract from the Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services to provide services for former foster/probation youth. The program – Transitional Housing Program – Plus – (THP-Plus) will serve former foster/probation youth, ages 18-24.

THP-Plus supports each youth with a fully-furnished apartment, weekly case-management, monthly food and necessity stipends, life skills workshops, educational and employment assistance and financial planning.

Terri Varnum, President and CEO of Ettie Lee Youth & Family Services said, “THP-Plus was a natural program choice for Ettie Lee. It provides youth an opportunity to make a successful transition to adulthood by establishing a solid foundation toward independent living – just what these former foster/probation youth need.”

For more than 65 years Ettie Lee Youth & Family Services has served the complex needs of at-risk youth with emotional and behavioral problems and their families in Southern California. When Miss Ettie Lee opened the first group home in 1950 she introduced the model of providing a family atmosphere. Although Ettie Lee has grown significantly since 1950, providing a family atmosphere has been so successful that we still follow that model in all of our six group homes and 40 foster homes. In 2014 Ettie Lee served 499 unduplicated boys and girls and their families: 67% were Hispanic, 19% African-American, 7% Caucasian, .4% Mixed, 2% Other and 1% Native American. More than 97% were from low-income and/or disadvantaged families.

Ettie Lee’s residential group homes expertise is in serving older children, ages 13-18+. All of group homes are located in residential areas and provide family-style residential treatment that focuses on the importance of being active in the community to develop the skills for success in life.

Ettie Lee’s therapeutic Foster Family Adoption Agency serves children ages 0 – 18+. Located in Covina the boys and girls are placed in the loving homes of foster parents who are trained and licensed. Recently Ettie Lee was certified to provide another level of foster care services -- Intensive Treatment Foster Care (ITFC) services.

Ettie Lee Youth & Family Services is a nonprofit child welfare agency who is “Doing Whatever It Takes” to support at-risk youth who have been abused, neglected or abandoned. Our mission is to assist troubled youth who are in need of guidance and support to develop values and skills that will facilitate their success in life. Ettie Lee complies with the highest standards of Community Care Licensing and Los Angeles County Department of Children & Family Services. Ettie Lee is accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA), and is a member of the California Alliance for Children & Families. To learn more about Ettie Lee, visit www.ettielee.org.