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For Children And Families In Family-Like Settings



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Ettie Lee's FIRESIDE

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ETTIE LEE YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES provides the following services for abused, abandoned and neglected children:

- Nurturing, loving environments for boys, 8-18+, in 6 group homes
- Foster Family/Adoption Agency
- A network of more than 35 loving foster families
- On-site, fully-contained school
- Permanent placement for boys and girls of all ages
- Fully accredited substance abuse treatment
- Outpatient after-school mental health programs
- Evidence-based treatment programs
- After-Care services

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Manny* has learned a lot in his 16 years This is Manny's story in his own words

"Although my Mom was always a very strong influence on my schoolwork and how I performed, school was very hard for me. I was easily bored and chose to follow negative influences. In the beginning of my freshman and sophomore school years my GPA was 1.5. At 14 I was arrested for assault and battery and smoking marijuana and placed at Ettie Lee. I always had an interest in graduating early from High School though.



Manny delivered the commencement address to his graduating class at the Pasadena Civic Center in June.

While at Ettie Lee I put in a lot of effort and I was able to stay more on task and accomplished the assignments, homework and projects as assigned by my teachers. This is what led me into the right place to improve my skills academically, and to stay away from the Juvenile Justice System.

During my time at Ettie Lee I learned how to stay more focused on my academic goals. I also learned how to stay positive, instead of being influenced by the negative, I have become positively influenced by those around me.

Through hard work, dedication and being motivated in my schoolwork, I was able to graduate high school with a better than 3.0 GPA at the age of 16. I have already enrolled in summer classes at a local college. My plan is to major in Social Work and Child Development and earn a Masters Degree. Since I was a troubled kid I want to help others in similar situations. I look forward to the challenge.

After my career is in place I would like to start a family. Once I have children I plan on encouraging my kids to avoid the detours I experienced, and to guide them to live their dreams."

*Manny's story is real. His name has been changed to protect his privacy

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