



Youth & Family Programs

SERVING BUTTE, COLUSA, GLENN, SHASTA, SISKIYOU, SUTTER, TEHAMA, TRINITY AND YUBA COUNTIES

20th Anniversary

MANY YEARS OF CARING FOR OUR YOUTH

Thank you to all foster parents, staff and supporters who have made it a great 20 years!

🌀 Directors Article

20 years ago a first class postage stamp cost 20 cents, a former actor was President, George Bush was Vice-President, Apple introduced the user-friendly Macintosh computer, and the Red-Legged frog made famous by Mark Twain (*The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County*) was deemed extinct.

🌀 Kids Success Stories



Anderson's Office 1984

20 years ago the foster care system was 5 years into the post-orphanage age of custodial care. Children were placed into county foster or group homes, and there they stayed until age 18. It was not unusual for county workers to have a caseload of 75-80 kids, and was not unheard of for kids to be placed and then "lost" in the system; there were too many kids and too few workers. The remedy was the development of The Foster Family Agency (FFA) system; a layer was created between the counties and the kids.

🌀 Foster Care



Chico's Office 1984

🌀 Group Home

Ralph Ward, Bob Harrington, and Sally McFall opened the doors of one of Northern California's first FFA's, Northern California Youth and Family Programs, in May of 1984 with a caseload of xx foster families and 20 kids.

🌀 Independent Living Program

Today Youth & Family Programs offers a foster care program for 52 families and 135 kids; a group home program of 2 houses and 12 kids; a transitional housing program open to young adults post-foster care; a Shelter Care Program for immediate placement needs, and the Butte County ILP program which offers services to 80-100 young adults in-care and after-care.

🌀 Transitional Housing



Anderson's Office 2004

20 years ago the Youth & Family staff of 3 occupied one 10x13 ft. office and worked with an annual budget of \$180,000. Today Youth & Family has a staff of 49 full and part-time employees, occupies 2 office buildings and 2 group homes totaling 16,000 square feet, and has an annual budget of \$3,500,000.

🌀 Foster Parents

20 years ago Youth & Family wrote a mission statement: To do what is necessary to provide the highest quality care for children, families and staff.

🌀 Thank yous

This mission statement remains the same today. We have changed direction in our treatment of foster

🌀 Transitional

families, integrated birth families into our process, and implemented programs that help children emerge from the foster care system at age 18 into self-sufficiency.

Today a first class postage stamp costs 37 cents, a former actor is Governor of California, George W. Bush is President, you can hold a computer in the palm of your hand, and 3 Red-Legged frogs have been discovered alive and well in Calaveras County. Some things change and some things remain the same.

