



# 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.

