Contra Costa Youth Continuum of Services mission is to successfully integrate homeless and runaway youth back into the community with the skills, resources, and community network necessary to achieve and maintain a better quality of life.

CCYCS operates with the philosophy that every young person has the ability to make good choices for themselves, when provided with gentle guidance, support, and positive opportunities.

We value the diversity, determination, resiliency, and strength that all youth bring to our doors.

IF YOU NEED HELP CALL 800-610-9400

Free and voluntary services include:

- Emergency Shelter
- Meals, showers, laundry facilities, mail service
- Health Care Services
- Transitional Housing
- Permanent Housing
- Case Management
- Counseling
- Family Reunification
- Employment Assistance
- Peer Support Groups
- Substance Abuse education
- Linkages to substance abuse and mental health treatment
- School Enrollment
- Transportation assistance

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**HY-HOPE**

The Homeless Youth-Health, Outreach, and Peer Education program (HY-HOPE) offers three services - healthcare, outreach, and peer education in order to engage runaway and homeless youth, build trusting relationships, provide healthier alternatives to being on the streets, and assist youth in developing skills needed to support their well-being.

- **HEALTHCARE** is provided through an adolescent health clinic on-site at Calli House. Sponsored by Health Care for the Homeless, a Nurse Practitioner provides health assessments, physical exams, immunizations, STD testing, and family planning services. *No appointment is necessary and all services are provided confidentially and free of charge to homeless youth.*

- **OUTREACH** is conducted weekly to homeless youth living on the streets and youth at-risk of homelessness. The team provides direct access to Calli House youth shelter; critical information and referral to services; health and safety education, crisis intervention and counseling.

- **PEER EDUCATION** is interwoven into all CCYCS services and allows youth to provide support and education to each other. Current and former CCYCS youth have opportunities to lead support groups, life skills education classes, conduct outreach, and participate in community service activities.

**CALLI HOUSE**

Calli House is an interim housing and services program designed to address the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth ages 14-21 in Contra Costa County. Available 24 hours per day, the program is a safe haven off the streets. During the day, food, clothing, showers, crisis intervention, counseling, life skills education, peer-led support groups, and case management is provided. In the evening, shelter is provided for up to 18 homeless youth with six beds for youth ages 14-17 and twelve beds for youth ages 18-21. Access to services may be obtained by calling:

**800-610-9400**

**APPIAN HOUSE**

Appian House is a six-bed transitional living program for youth who are homeless or exiting the foster care system. Youth ages 18 through 21 are eligible for entry into the program and may stay 18 to 24 months. Staffed 24 hours a day, residents are provided guidance and support to develop the life skills necessary secure and maintain employment, address their health needs, and sustain long-term housing.

**BISSELL COTTAGES**

Bissell Cottages is a 24-month transitional living program for homeless youth ages 18-24, including those exiting foster care, who need mental health services and support as they transition into adulthood. Up to 8 residents receive guidance and support from a personal service coordination team that prepares each youth in their movement towards wellness and greater self-sufficiency.

**PERMANENT CONNECTIONS**

Permanent Connections provides subsidized permanent housing linked to services for homeless youth with chronic mental illness, HIV/AIDS, developmental, or physical disabilities. Youth over the age of 18 receive “wrap-around” support services that assist them to not only maintain, but thrive in their housing.