

Redwood Community Action Agency's Youth Services Bureau

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<p><b>Goal 1:</b> According to the Humboldt County Homeless Task Force, on any given day there are as many as 600-800 runaway and homeless youth ages 10-24 in Humboldt County. Not the responsibility of any branch of government, they fall through the cracks of the existing human services system. To help these youth gain access to appropriate health services in the community, an AmeriCorps*VISTA member will implement an outreach program to increase connections of runaway and homeless youth to community services. 100 runaway and homeless youth will gain knowledge of and access to community health services in year one, 150 in year two, and 200 in year three.</p>		
<p><b>Activities:</b></p> <p>The AmeriCorps*VISTA member will participate in the following activities to develop an outreach program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify existing and potential outreach targets.</li> <li>2. Design and test health outreach materials with the assistance of Peer Youth Educators.</li> <li>3. Train Peer Youth Educators to serve as outreach presenters.</li> <li>4. Conduct an outreach campaign in target locations with the assistance of Peer Youth Educators.</li> <li>5. Assist youth in making connections to health-related community services.</li> <li>6. Create evaluation tools to measure program outcomes.</li> </ol>		
<p><b>Output:</b> Four Peer Youth Educators will be recruited and trained to serve as outreach presenters.</p> <p><b>Output:</b> 1,000 youth in Humboldt County will hear a community outreach presentation.</p> <p><b>Output: (PERFORMANCE MEASURE):</b> Youth will become clients of the Youth Service Bureau (YSB).</p> <p><b>Indicator:</b> Number of youth who become YSB clients.</p> <p><b>Target:</b> 100 youth will become YSB clients.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Q1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Q2-Q4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Q2-Q4</p>	



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<p><b>Goal 2:</b> In the last several years, funding on the local, state, and federal levels has been substantially cut for youth services. This has resulted in a significant reduction of services to runaway and homeless youth in Humboldt County. The AmeriCorps*VISTA member will implement a fund development strategy to restore and increase services designed to connect runaway and homeless youth with appropriate community resources to address their needs. The AmeriCorps*VISTA will leverage \$50,000 in funding in year one, \$60,000 in year two, and \$70,000 in year three.</p>		
<p><b>Activities:</b></p> <p>The AmeriCorps*VISTA member will participate in the following activities to increase funding:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Research and write funding applications for the Youth Service Bureau (YSB).</li> <li>2. Provide support for the YSB Advisory Board.</li> <li>3. Create and implement a fundraising strategy in collaboration with the Advisory Board Fundraising Committee.</li> <li>4. Provide support for the Advisory Board Community Relations Committee.</li> <li>5. Maintain YSB's donor database</li> </ol>		
<p><b>Output:</b> AmeriCorps*VISTA member will research and prepare 10 applications for funding.</p> <p><b>Output: (PERFORMANCE MEASURE):</b> AmeriCorps*VISTA member will leverage grant funds.</p> <p><b>Indicator:</b> Dollars leveraged through grant funding.</p> <p><b>Target:</b> AmeriCorps*VISTA member will raise \$60,000 through grant funding.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Q1-Q4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Q2-Q4</p>	

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<p><b>Instrument:</b> Spreadsheet of funder responses to grant proposals.</p> <p><b>Intermediate Outcome: (PERFORMANCE MEASURE):</b> YSB Advisory Board will operate at full capacity of 12 members.</p> <p><b>Indicator:</b> Number of members on the Advisory Board.</p> <p><b>Target:</b> All vacant Advisory Board positions will be filled so that there are 12 members.</p> <p><b>Instrument:</b> The Advisory Board roster will show full membership.</p> <p><b>End Outcome: (PERFORMANCE MEASURE):</b> Increase in the number of youth served as a result of increased funding.</p> <p><b>Indicator:</b> Percent increase in number of youth served.</p> <p><b>Target:</b> The number of youth served by YSB services will be increased by 10%.</p> <p><b>Instrument:</b> The central database that tracks all client information will reflect an increase in clients served.</p>	<p>Q1-Q3</p> <p>Q4</p>	