

Marin Youth Home (MY Home)

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Shelby Howard, Seneca

- ▶ Probation youth served in dedicated foster home for up to 6 months
- ▶ Established August 2015, 8 youth served to date
- ▶ Support team is equivalent to wraparound
- ▶ Funding: AFDC, EPSDT, FPRRS, YOBG
- ▶ Financial support: housing stipend, empty bed stipend, 2 weeks vacation

Sandra Mancilla, Probation

MY Home supports our Department's interests:

- ▶ generated before CCR
- ▶ local placement option
- ▶ alternative to group home for youth who do not need that level of intervention, and/or would not do well with that population, but home life is not an option

Yuliana Valenzuela, Probation

Benefits:

- ▶ Having this as an option for transition,
- ▶ Youth and families are close and can engage in much needed services before going home
- ▶ Travel time reduced significantly
- ▶ Services available in county

Challenges:

- ▶ The amount of unsupervised time
- ▶ The youth's adjustment to being in an unstructured environment
- ▶ Response time when traveling for other youth
- ▶ You become an additional resource parent in difficult situations

Deborah Betz, Seneca

- ▶ Providing support for youth in MY Home
- ▶ Providing support for MY home parents
- ▶ Collaborating with biological families
- ▶ Managing mental health and substance abuse issues

Rachel Smith, Resource Parent

Why did you decide you wanted to do this?

- Worked as a professional parent
- Feel strongly that youth in foster care should have the opportunity to make mistakes without fear of not having a home
- Supporting youth and families is a core value of mine.

What about this model works for you?

- I appreciate being a part of a team working to change the futures of one of the most at-risk populations we have in California. The direct involvement of the probation department and the Seneca team offers a supportive balance to both the youth and the parents.

What about this model poses the most challenge?

- The same challenges that other models present, such as, transition plans, biological family involvement and school district integration.