



County Name

Merced County

Work Plan Title:

Wrap Around, Compassion, Empowerment, Compassion and Needs (WeCan)

Priority population to be served is youth (ages 8 to 15) and transition age youth (ages 16 to 18) who are in foster placement and who are transitioning into a lower level of care. Both wards and dependents of the court are targeted for the program. The focus of WeCan is the unserved and underserved Hispanic population.

Count by age group:

Youth: 32

TAY: 20

Work Plan Description

The WeCan work plan is designed to provide “whatever it takes” to assist youth in the process of integrating back into their communities and/or families. The goal of the program is to reduce out-of-home placements and to provide strength-based, family-driven services that promote wellness, recovery, and community integration.

A majority of the WeCan referrals originated internally from Mental Health or Child Welfare. The younger children came to the attention of authorities and service agencies due to the large groupings of siblings being removed from parental care in traumatic circumstances, while transitional age youth (TAY) are more frequently diverted to the Probation system where they receive case management services by officers and/or are incarcerated. The profile of youth served from 2005-2008 reflected the change in age from the original targeted age group of youth ages 8 to 15.

To adequately serve this older, underserved population, WeCan staff will partner with Probation and will adopt evidenced-based practices specific to youth ages thirteen (13) to eighteen (18). Functional Family Therapy (FFT) and Training Pro-social Skills (TPS) will enhance the treatment options with the continuum of services offered in the WeCan Work Plan and the TAY Wellness Center (see Wellness Center exhibit D).

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

Annual Number of Clients to Be Served

A total of 52 participants

Number of Clients By Funding Category

X Full Service Partnerships

System Development

Outreach & Engagement

PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION

Annual Number to Be Served

Total

Number of Clients By Type of Prevention

Early Intervention

Indicated/Selected

Universal