

## **TAY Housing Programs in Contra Costa County**

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**Turning Point** is a transitional housing program for 18 homeless young adults (18-25) located at two sites in Berkeley. On-site supportive services include mental health and substance abuse counseling, case management, job search and retention support, life skills coaching, and assistance finding permanent housing. We own and operate the housing. One site has 5 shared bedrooms, a kitchen, and staff offices, and is staffed 24/7; the other has 3 apartments that TAY share, and less intensive staffing. We are also the primary mental health services provider for a transitional housing program for TAY operated by our partner Contra Costa Youth Continuum of Services in West Contra Costa County.

**Coolidge Court Apartments** in Oakland provides 18 studio units of permanent housing with on-site supportive services to young adults (18-24) with a mental health disability. We are the owner and operator, as well as the service provider. We developed this project back in the 1990's, and it has been operating for 13 years now.

**Harmon Gardens:** 15 studio apartments for homeless TAY, with 10 units targeted to those who are MHSA-eligible; we are the primary service provider but not the owner.

**TAP House:** "interim housing" on our Oakland campus for up to 3 homeless TAY with serious mental illness who are entering our Full Service Partnership or between subsidized apartments. Not staffed, but immediately next to our services team and located on our campus which provides 24/7 residential care for high-needs teens.

**Scattered site housing:** multiple master leased units provided in Alameda County in partnership with our housing partner, Abode Services, for our Full Service Partnership participants; we are the service provider and use an ACT model to serve these TAY.

In development (likely to open in early 2013): **E-Village**, 30 studio apartments of single-site transitional housing for current and former foster youth, with an array of on-site services.

Primary funders include HUD (both SHP and Project 811), Section 8, Mental Health Services Act funds, and THP-Plus and/or THP-Plus Foster Care (beginning in 2013).