



Each year, Community Human Services helps over 3000 people in Monterey County address mental health, substance abuse and homelessness.

Our programs are designed to serve low and moderate income families who are uninsured or otherwise unable to afford care. Our funding comes from Medi-Cal, government contracts, private grants and donations and client fees. Please visit us at [www.chservices.org](http://www.chservices.org).

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### Safe Passage

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# RUNAWAY HOMELESS YOUTH SERVICES

OUTREACH, COUNSELING,  
SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

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## Comprehensive solutions

CHS' programs for runaway and homeless youth offer street outreach, survival aid, temporary shelter, counseling and transitional housing. We work to reunify kids with their families or find other safe living arrangements where they can safely prepare for independent adulthood.

## Transitioning to adulthood

The problem of homeless youth in our community is real. The 2015 Homeless Census indicated there were 270 unaccompanied homeless youth in Monterey County, most of which were unsheltered.

Some have run away from abusive homes or been pushed out by their parents or guardians. Some have aged out of foster care only to become homeless. Most of them have few job and life skills, and no educational opportunities. The sad truth is, without access to shelter and guidance, most of them will continue to be homeless and dependent on social services as adults.

## Counseling

Safe Place's mental health counselors' first priority is to work with troubled youth and their families to try to resolve the issues that caused them to run away or be pushed out of their home. When youth are homeless, counselors help them address issues that are keeping them homeless, such as mental illness and substance abuse.

## Street Outreach

Safe Place's street outreach counselors canvass areas on the greater Monterey Peninsula frequented by runaway and homeless youth and interact with them on the streets. They offer survival aid such as brown-bag meals, food vouchers, shoes and clothing, hygiene products and condoms. They also offer shelter, rides home, phone calls, education about sex and drugs and access to emergency medical services, as well as information and referral to community resources.

## Shelter

Safe Place's warming shelter provides youth ages 18-24 with a place to spend the night when it is 45 degrees or colder or rain is expected. Dinner and breakfast are provided, along with social activities like movies and games. For youth under the age of 18, two crisis resolution homes offer a place to stay for up to 21 days while counselors provide family counseling to try and reunite the family or make alternate living arrangements.

## Drop-in

Once a week, youth enjoy a drop-in dinner provided by local restaurants at the Monterey Youth Center. Additional drop-in hours are available at Safe Place throughout the week for informal counseling, food, clothing and socks.

## Transitional Housing

Safe Passage is co-ed, drug and alcohol free affordable housing located in downtown Monterey.

Safe Passage provides the Monterey Peninsula's only affordable transitional housing and supportive services for older homeless youth ages 18-21. The remodeled bungalow houses 6 young adults and provides each one with an individual assessment and learning plan, life skills education, case management, mental health counseling and information and referral to community resources. Residents of Safe Passage are assisted in achieving their educational goals, getting a job and obtaining permanent housing. Rent is calculated at 30% of adjusted gross income, and 10% of the collected rent is returned to residents when they leave to help with moving costs. The length of stay is 18-24 months.

Eligible applicants are encouraged to apply for residency at Safe Passage by contacting the Program Coordinator at 831.717.4126.

