

PEND OREILLE COUNTY  
STATE OF WASHINGTON

CONTRACT NO. 2015-4

CONTRACT BETWEEN PEND OREILLE COUNTY AND YOUTH EMERGENCY SERVICES (YES) OF PEND OREILLE COUNTY TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY EMERGENCY SHELTER AND CARE TO RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH AGES TWELVE TO EIGHTEEN

This contract is retroactive to and effective from January 1, 2015 and shall continue from month-to-month until December 31, 2015.

PURPOSE OF THIS CONTRACT

Pend Oreille County had determined that a need exists to provide emergency services to County youth between the ages of twelve and eighteen. The services will be provided to runaway-homeless and youth at risk of being homeless or displaced and will include shelter care, individual, group and family counseling, 24-hour crisis line, advocacy, medical and connection with community resources and programs.

1. PROGRAM AND ADMINISTRATION:

It is anticipated by both parties that Judi Lee, MSW and a Washington State Registered Social Worker, will administer and manage the YES program. The Statement of the Program and the services to be provided are set forth in Exhibit One which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

2. PAYMENT:

Because the YES Program supports the goals of House Bill 2163, Pend Oreille County will utilize HB 2163 funds to support this program. Pend Oreille County will pay a maximum of Sixty Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$60,000.00) during this twelve month period in response to monthly billings in support of the YES program.

The YES Program will provide quarterly reports to the Board of County Commissioners, providing sufficient details of the YES program activities to enable the Commissioners to evaluate the effectiveness of the various programs.

3. MODIFICATIONS:

This Contract may be modified in writing with the mutual consent of the parties.

4. TERMINATION:

This Contract may be terminated by either party upon ninety (90) days written notice to the other party.

COPY

5. NON-DISCRIMINATION:

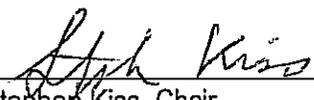
The YES Program shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for contracted employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status, or the presence of any physical, sensory or mental disability. The YES Program shall make decisions with regard to selection and retention of sub-contractors, procurement of materials and equipment and similar actions related to the Contract without regard to race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status, or the presence of any physical, sensory, or mental disability. Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and RCW 49.60, Law against Discrimination, and other related laws and statutes is required

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed below this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

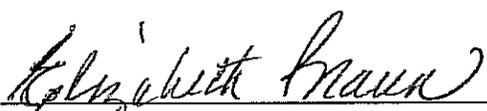
YOUTH EMERGENCY SERVICES

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

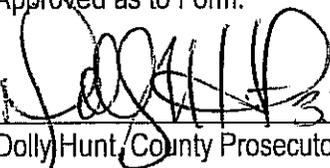
  
Sue Scobey, Chairperson

  
Stephen Kiss, Chair

Attest:

  
Elizabeth Braun, Clerk of the Board

Approved as to Form:

  
Dolly Hunt, County Prosecutor

**Pend Oreille County  
Youth Emergency Services**

**POC/YES**

---

**Statement of Program**

**1) Intent of Services**

The purpose of this proposal is to establish a community based program and to strengthen existing community based services that provide temporary emergency shelter and care to Runaway and Homeless youth ages 12-18.

YES (Youth Emergency Services) shall provide shelter and support services that assist youth in crisis reunite youth with their families (as appropriate), strengthen family relationships, and help youth transition safe and appropriate alternative living arrangements where the youth can become independent, self-reliant and a contributing member of society.

Included but not limited to:

- 24-hour intake, crisis counseling for youth and families.
- Host Home Shelter Care or Alternative Safe House Placement
- Individual, group and family crisis counseling.
- Long-term individual group and family counseling.
- Referral services and liaison work with other agencies and organizations.

**2) Eligibility Criteria for 'Youth Emergency Services' (YES)**

a. Youth are eligible IF:

1. 12-18 years old.
2. Runaway- Homeless and at Risk of being Homeless/Displaced.
3. Non-System Youth

b. NOT eligible for Youth Emergency Services:

1. Youth is A **Dependent Child**, of Washington State, or under the care and custody of another State's jurisdiction.
2. Youth is adjudicated in Washington State or another State. (i.e. Currently under the courts jurisdiction; probation/parole).
3. Under the age of 12, or over the age of 18.

**3) Intake and Assessments for Eligibility**

- a. Intake: Provides face to face contact/interaction with the youth following initial referral/contact.
- b. Assessment: Comprehensive assessment of the youth's current situation, goals, ability and willingness to participate in services to develop his/her potential strength and utilize local resources in gaining stability for the individual and/or family.

**4) Case Manager Services**

a. Case Manager:

1. CM shall assist and engage participant in services.
2. CM shall assist the participant with developing their own goals, objectives, and action plan with focus on safe/stable living environment and self reliance.
3. CM shall maintain contact with participant as frequently as deemed appropriate to stabilize and maintain the participants involvement in the program.
4. CM shall develop linkages with service providers, local resources, (both private and public agencies) to ensure participants stability and safety.
5. CM shall advocate for the youth participant in accessing Juvenile/Family Court System, Education and medical institutions.
6. CM shall submit comprehensive case records and reports for reviews.
7. CM shall be prepared to present orally and in writing reports as requested by the *Governing Board*.
8. CM shall provide aftercare services to the participant to ensure stability of the participant and his/her family.

b. Education:

1. CM shall identify and arrange assistance for the participant to secure and/or continue his/her education, including assistance with enrollment into a public/private learning institution or vocational school.
2. CM shall coordinate with other agencies to secure funding for the participants educational support (i.e.; school supplies, clothing, personal incidentals, ASB fee's, extra curricular school activities, driver's education etc.)

c. Housing/Shelter:

1. Assess shelter placement needs; temporary or on-going.
2. Placement of youth in Host Home Shelter, or other appropriate safe place for the youth.
3. CM will maintain daily contact with the Host Home Parent and youth during their shelter care placement to ensure intensive involvement with the youth and family (when appropriate) for reunification/ permanency in their living situation.

**5) Out Come Measures**

- 85% of eligible youth participants will enroll in a recognized educational program, GED or Job Corps (in lieu of high school diploma).
- Increased the level of services for runaway and homeless youth and their families in Pend Oreille County
- Reduce the occurrences of future runaway and homeless youth incidents in Pend Oreille through improving local family support services and educating the community on prevention alternatives.
- Family and youth intervention will reduce the need for Juvenile Court actions and involvement, resulting in a savings to the county Juvenile Justice Dept. budget for Martin Hall bed space, transportation, supervision of the youth and court cost.

- Reducing substance (alcohol & drugs) abuse and usage in Runaway and Homeless youth through education and alternative life style choices.
- YES will provide seamless service in returning *out of area* youth to their state of residency (as appropriate), in a timely manner.
- Host Home programs provide a more cost effective means of providing shelter for Runaway and Homeless youth, in place of State Foster Care, out of area care (i.e.; Crisis Residential Center or Cross Walks, both 70 miles away in Spokane.)
- 24/7 on call Crisis Case Manager to respond to the needs of the youth and their families.
- Removing barriers to services in Pend Oreille County and out lining areas for Runaway and Homeless Youth and Families.

## Definitions

*AFTERCARE SERVICE* – The provision of service to runaway or otherwise homeless youth and their families following the youth's return home or youth's placement in a Host Home or alternative living arrangement, which assist in alleviating the problems that contributed to his/her running away or being homeless.

*COORDINATED NETWORKS OF AGENCIES* – Association of two or more private or public agencies, whose purpose is to develop or strengthen services to runaway or otherwise homeless youth and their families.

*COUNSELING SERVICES* – The provision of guidance, support, and advice to runaway homeless youth and their families that are designed to alleviate the problem(s) that contributed to the youth running away or being homeless, resolve intra family problems/issues to reunite such youth with their families when ever appropriate and to help all parties involved decide upon a future course of action based on the case plans and goals of the youth and family.

*DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION AND PREVENTION SERVICES* – Services to Runaway and Homeless youth to prevent or reduce the illicit use of drugs by such youth; and may include, family, group counseling, drop-in services, assistance to runaway and homeless youth in rural areas; information and training related to the illicit use of drugs by homeless and runaway youth; and activities to improve the availability of local drug abuse prevention services to runaway and homeless youth.

*HOME BASED SERVICES* – Services provided to the youth and their family for the purpose of preventing such youth from running away or otherwise becoming separated from their families/home; and includes services that are provided in the residences of the families including intensive individual and family counseling; and training related to life skills and parenting.

*HOMELESS YOUTH* – An individual who is not more than 18 years of age who is seeking shelter in a Host Home; for whom it is not possible to live in a safe environment with a relative, and who has no other options for a safe living environment.

*HOST HOME* – A private community resident who's person(s) and home have been approved and licensed under the direction and supervision of Washington State Dept. of Social and Health Services; Dept. of Licensing; Region 1. Under the guidelines and

in accordance with RCW/WAC a Host Home provides temporary shelter (up to 15 days), care and supervision of the youth, combined with additional support services to the youth in crisis's.

*JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM* – Agencies such as, but not limited to; juvenile court(s), law enforcement, probation, parole, correctional institutions and detention facilities.

*LAW ENFORCEMENT STRUCTURE* – Any police activity or agency with the legal responsibility for enforcing a criminal code including police departments, and sheriff's office.

*RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH PROJECT* – A locally controlled human services program outside law enforcement structure and the juvenile justice system that provides temporary shelter, counseling, and aftercare services to runaway or otherwise homeless youth between the ages of 12-18.

*RUNAWAY YOUTH* – A person under 18 years of age who absents him/her self's from home or a place of legal residence without the permission of his/her legal parent(s) or guardian(s).

*STREET BASED SERVICES* – Services provided to runaway and homeless youth, and street youth in areas they congregate. These services are designed to assist such youth in making healthy personal choices regarding; where they live, how they behave, and may include identification of a runaway/homeless youth, street youth, crisis intervention and counseling; information and referral for safe housing, transitional living and health care, as well as advocacy, education, and prevention services related to alcohol and drug abuse; sexual exploitation; sexually transmitted diseases.

*STREET YOUTH* – An individual youth (12-18) who is a runaway or indefinitely or intermittently a homeless youth; and spends a significant amount of time on the streets or in other areas that increase the risk to such youth of sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, prostitution, or drug and alcohol abuse.

*YOUTH AT RISK* – An individual who is less than 18 years of age; who has a history of running away from the family of such individuals whose parent, guardian, or custodian is not willing to provide for the basic needs of such individual; or who is at risk of entering the *Child Welfare System* or the *Juvenile Justice System* as a result of the lack of services available to the family to meet such needs.