

## RBS Start:

December 2010

## Current RBS Census:

83 youth:

51 in residence; 32 in community

# Los Angeles County Open Doors Program Overview

## RBS Services

The Open Doors program utilizes the following array of services and supports:

- Short-term stabilization, treatment and support via a transformed residential milieu and parallel community services;
- Comprehensive care coordination through a Child and Family Team;
- Permanency services including family finding, connection building, engagement, preparation & support;
- Respite and crisis stabilization to promote durable reunification with family/community; and
- Community-based aftercare services following the youth's return to family, or entry into another permanent placement, to assure connection stability.

## RBS Funding Model

Several funding streams support RBS: AFDC-FC, EPSDT, SB 163 Wrap, SB 163 Wrap Trust Fund and IV-E Waiver Trust Fund. The funding model consists of a residential rate (\$10,194; 10 month cap) that will be paid to the provider for the length of time a youth is in the Residential Care component of RBS and a community care rate (\$2,000 placement + \$2,184 wrap) that will be paid for the length of time the youth and family receive Community-Based Family Services.

Providers may claim up to \$2,667 per month for EPSDT eligible services per youth enrolled in Open Doors.

This funding design is linked to provisions of the Title IV-E Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration Capped Allocation Project.

## RBS Objective

The goal of Los Angeles County's Open Doors program is to shorten timeframes to durable permanency for children and youth who face a residential stay in out of home care. By infusing residential care with Wraparound principles (active family voice and choice, facilitated planning process, care coordination) the goal is to transform the residential milieu into a therapeutic community without walls creating a coherent, seamless arc of care.

## RBS Partners

### County Agencies

- Los Angeles County Department of Children & Family Services (DCFS)
- Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH)

### Provider Agencies & Population Served

- Five Acres  
RBS Population: 18 boys, ages 6 – 14, supervised by DCFS
- Hathaway-Sycamores  
RBS Population: 16 boys, ages 10 – 18, supervised by DCFS
- Hillside  
RBS Population: 18 boys & girls, ages 6 – 17, supervised by DCFS

## Target Population

- Youth ages 6-18 under supervision of the county child welfare agency who are residing or at risk of residing in RCL 12-14 group home care
- Youth who need 24 hour care at least 50% of the time
- Youth who have a need for intensive development of connections with family and community
- Youth who need intensive services after residential discharge to maintain permanency
- Youth who meets minimum threshold of therapeutic needs (DMH/CANS) and would benefit from a therapeutic community and peer interaction

## Enrollment Capacity & Length of Stay

The RBS Program will start with 52 slots for RBS enrollment. As youth transition to Community-Based Care, additional youth will be enrolled and placed in the residential component of the program. It is projected that 160 youth will be served throughout the demonstration period.

Open Doors is based on an estimated 10 month average length of stay in the Residential Care component and an estimated 12 month average of services and support in the Community Based Care component of the program for a total of 22 months RBS enrollment. It is expected that actual length of stay will vary for individual youth.

