

RBS Start:

June 28, 2010

Current RBS Census:

25 youth:

12 in residence; 3 in community

San Bernardino County RBS Reform Program Overview

RBS Services

RBS Services are tailored to the strengths and needs of each child enrolled in RBS and their family and include an array of services within the following program components:

- Family finding, support and engagement to prepare for youth reconnection;
- Portable Care Coordination Team that follows youth throughout enrollment;
- Intensive short-term residential stabilization & treatment using a trauma-informed approach;
- Permanency services, including ITFC;
- Parallel community interventions, support, & in-home services; and
- Community-based aftercare with family support for reintegration & crisis management after youth has returned home, including crisis stabilization, if needed.

RBS Funding Model

Primary funding streams for RBS services and supports are AFDC-FC, EPSDT, SB 163 Wraparound and MHSA.

The funding model consists of a residential rate (\$12,732, with an offset of \$3,897 in MHSA funding, for a new rate of \$8,835) that is paid to the provider for the length of time a youth is in the Residential Care component of RBS and two different bridge care rates: (\$4,028) is paid while the youth is placed in Intensive Treatment Foster Care (ITFC) or (\$1,679) is paid while the youth is placed in foster care. (\$3,571) is paid to the provider once the youth is reunified with parents or relatives while the youth and family receive Community-Based Family Services.

RBS Objective

The mission of San Bernardino County's RBS system is, "working together to safely build and sustain positive, successful family connections and children's futures." The goal of RBS is to create a community/family reconnection engine for highly disconnected foster youth with significant mental health challenges. The RBS program will help these youth permanently re-establish safe, nurturing family, educational and community connections and establish a new system of care that will prevent any more youth from reaching this point of disconnection.

RBS Partners

County Agencies

- San Bernardino County Human Services Agency/Children & Family Services Division
- San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health
- San Bernardino County Department of Probation
- Inland Regional Center

Provider Agencies & Population Served

- Victor Treatment Centers/Victor Community Services
RBS Population: 24 male & female youth

Target Population

- Youth ages 13-18 under the supervision of the referring agency who are residing or at risk of residing in RCL 14 group home care;
- Youth who have had multiple placement failures or psychiatric hospitalizations and/or administrative days in psychiatric hospital;
- Youth in an out-of-state placement that is failing;
- Youth highly disconnected from viable permanency options;
- Youth with a history of running away and likely to remain in institutional care until the age of majority absent RBS intervention.

Enrollment Capacity & Length of Stay

The Family Connections Program started with 12 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 30 youth will be served throughout the demonstration period.

While each youth's enrollment pathway will be unique, the model assumes an average of 12 months in residential care followed by 6 months in 'bridge care' (ITFC or FFA) then 6 months in the home of parent or relative with intensive in-home services, follow-up and aftercare support prior to graduation from the program.

