

RBS Start:

March 7, 2011

Current RBS Census:

20 youth:

9 in residence; 8 in community

San Francisco County Family Connections Program Overview

RBS Services

RBS Services are tailored to the strengths and needs of each youth enrolled in RBS and their family and include:

- Residential interventions to help address and stabilize a youth's challenging behaviors;
- Intensive treatment interventions that facilitate safe and stable reunification with the family and community;
- Parallel family and community services while the youth is in the residential component to prepare for reunification; and
- Follow-up services after the youth returns to family, or enters another permanent placement, to assure connection stability while the gains made during the intensive services phase are generalized to everyday life.

RBS Funding Model

The two primary funding streams for RBS services and supports are AFDC-FC and EPSDT funding.

The funding model consists of a residential rate (\$11,000) that is paid to the provider for the length of time a youth is in the Residential Care component of RBS and two different community care rates: (\$4,028) is paid while the youth is placed in Intensive Treatment Foster Care (ITFC) and (\$3,500) paid while the youth and family receive Community-Based Family Services.

A payment reconciliation process after 24 months requires providers to repay the County for claims exceeding an average total of \$122,500 per child.

RBS Objective

The mission of the Family Connections Program is to ensure that all children and youth who receive services are ultimately able to connect or reconnect with family, school and community following placement. The traditional barriers between residential treatment and intensive in-home services have been broken down and replaced with an integrated, family-based intervention that delivers continuity of care in whatever environment a child or youth might temporarily be living.

RBS Partners

County Agencies

- San Francisco County Human Services Agency/Family & Children Services Division
- San Francisco County Department of Public Health/Community Behavioral Health Services Division

Provider Agencies & Population Served

- Edgewood Center for Children & Families
RBS Population: 6 male & female youth supervised by HSA
- St. Vincent's School for Boys & San Francisco Boys' & Girls' Home
RBS Population: 6 male youth supervised by HSA
- Seneca Center
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Target Population

- Youth ages 6-16 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 have a combination of family disruption, abuse or dangerous behavior that at present cannot be managed in the community using wraparound or other intensive community-based services
- Youth who have a family member that can provide a permanent home and is willing to participate in RBS
- Youth who are unlikely to achieve permanency within 6 months in traditional group care

Enrollment Capacity & Length of Stay

The Family Connections Program started with 18 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 42 youth will be served throughout the demonstration period.

While each youth's enrollment pathway will be unique, the goal is to have most youth living in their permanency homes within 6 months of enrollment so that the remaining 18 months of care can include intensive in-home services and supports as well as follow-up and aftercare support prior to graduation from the program.

