

# BECOMING A THP-PLUS PROVIDER

The THP-Plus program for former foster and probation youth is administered by county social services agencies who certify and contract with nonprofit THP-Plus providers, or in some cases provide the program directly.

## CERTIFICATION PROCESS

To provide services and access THP-Plus funds, THP-Plus providers must be certified by the county on an annual basis. This is an entirely different process than state foster care licensing, and following 2011 Realignment, counties and providers are no longer required to submit THP-Plus plans to the state.

Counties can certify providers in one of two ways:

1) If the county issues a Request for Proposals (RFP) the issuing county can request enough information from each potential provider to fulfill the THP-Plus certification requirements. This process allows counties to select providers and certify them simultaneously.

2) In counties that do not issue an RFP, providers submit documentation to the county that demonstrates compliance with THP-Plus regulations.

The county certifies providers based on documentation of provider policies and procedures that demonstrate compliance in each of five categories:

- ✓ Complying with Welfare & Institutions
- ✓ Code
- ✓ TILP Requirements
- ✓ Tenant Rights
- ✓ Housing Statutes
- ✓ Employee Regulations

For more information on the certification process, including a detailed description of the above components, read *A Guide to Implementing THP-Plus*, page 24.