# TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR FORMER FOSTER YOUTH:

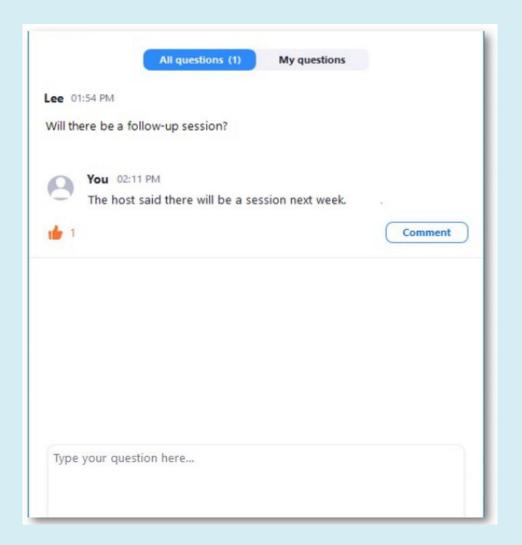
**Expansion & Recent Policy Changes** 

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## AGENDA

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- 2 Brief History of Transitional Housing for Former Foster Youth
- 3 What Prompted These Changes?
- 4 In-Depth Discussion of Policy Changes & Expansion
- 5 Process for Accepting Funding
- 6 Next Steps for Counties & Providers
- 7 Q&A

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#### **OVERVIEW: INCREASE IN PROGRAM LENGTH & FUNDING**



The Transitional Housing
Program-Plus (THP-Plus) has
changed from a 24-month
program to a 36-month program.



Youth can now access THP-Plus up until they turn 25 instead of 24.

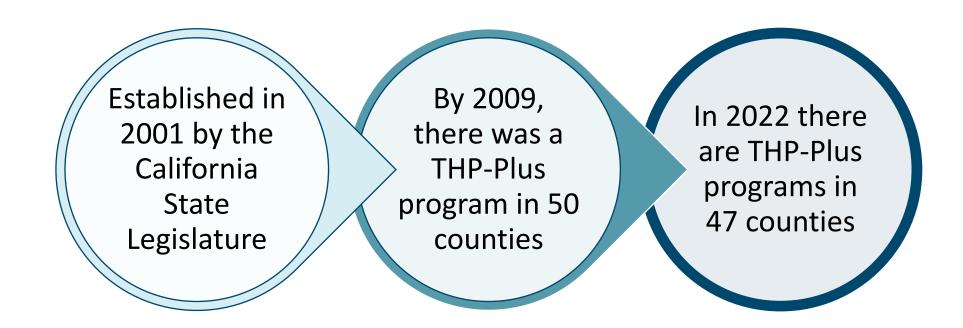


The budget for the Transitional Housing Program has increased from \$8 million to \$33.3 million annually.

This was achieved through a budget proposal championed by Assemblymember Phil Ting.

## **BRIEF HISTORY**OF TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR FORMER FOSTER YOUTH

## THP-PLUS IS THE OLDEST HOUSING PROGRAM ASSISTING FORMER FOSTER YOUTH



## OVERVIEW OF TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM-PLUS (THP-PLUS)

EligiblePopulation

- What the Program Provides
- Program is
  Funded &
  Administered

- Ages 18 up to 24, inclusive (have not yet turned 25)
- Was in foster care or out-of-home probation placement on or after 18<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Working toward goals in Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP)
- Affordable housing and supportive services for up to 36 months
- Formerly state funded
- Included in Governor Brown's 2011 Realignment of Child Welfare Services—has been county-funded since 2011
- Each county receives a specified annual allocation from the statewide \$34.9 million
   THP-Plus budget
- Most counties administer THP-Plus by contracting with nonprofit organizations; few smaller counties operate THP-Plus directly

### TWO STATE-LEVEL FUNDING SOURCES FOR THP-PLUS WERE ESTABLISHED, POST-REALIGNMENT

#### **Transitional Housing Program**

Established in 2019

For nearly all counties (56 out of 58 counties)

Now \$33.3 million annually (was previously \$8 million annually)

Flexible funding; majority is utilized for THP-Plus

#### **THP-Plus Housing Supplement Program**

Established in 2021

For counties with the highest rental costs (6 out of 58 counties)

\$9 million annually

Specifically supplements THP-Plus

Both programs are administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development to county child welfare agencies

## NEED WHAT PROMPTED THESE CHANGES?

## LIMITED ACCESS TO THE THP-PLUS THIRD YEAR EXTENSION WAS A CATALYST FOR POLICY CHANGE

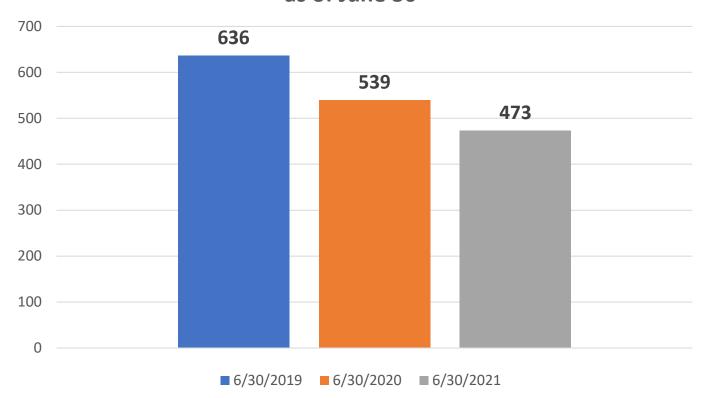
- In 2014, a law passed establishing an optional third year of THP-Plus exclusively for youth in school:
  - 27 counties opted into the THP-Plus extension for students.
  - County administrators and providers reported that <u>for youth</u> <u>who accessed the extension</u>, it was effective across several outcomes.
  - Inconsistent implementation and limited access were also reported.

- JBAY analyzed data from 2016 to 2019 and found that:
  - Very few youth accessed the extension—340 out of 2,314 youth.
  - Youth who did not access the extension experienced significantly poorer outcomes than those who accessed the extension:

Outcomes	Whether Or Not Youth Accessed THP-Plus Extension			
	NO	YES		
Received substance abuse services at exit	29%	4%		
Exited program to emergency shelter, homelessness or other unstable housing (street, car, couch-surfing)	6%	1%		
Dropped out of high school	10%	2%		
Exited program involuntarily	31%	12%		
Incarcerated for adult offense while in program	11%	6%		

## LONG WAITING LISTS SPURRED INCREASED BUDGET INVESTMENT TO GROW CAPACITY

### Number of Youth on a Waiting List for THP-Plus as of June 30<sup>th</sup>

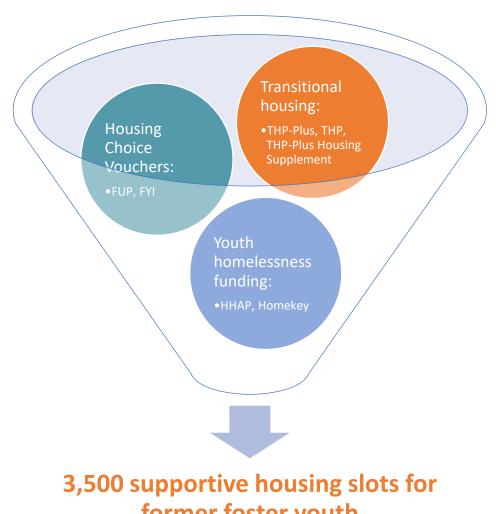


- Providers in Kern, Santa Clara, and Alameda Counties reported longest waiting lists in most recent fiscal year (21-22).
- Estimated 18% of youth
   experience homelessness, reside
   in a shelter or other unstable
   housing (street, car, couch surfing) while they wait.

### JBAY'S GOAL IS TO ESTABLISH ENOUGH SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR 3,500 FORMER FOSTER YOUTH

- "Project 3,500" is based on last year's data from counties and providers.
- As of 6/30/21, there were **1,309** THP-Plus housing slots and 870 FUP/FYI vouchers = 2,179 youth.
- Counties and providers estimated needing an add'l 1,249 housing slots.

Project supported by Walter S. Johnson Foundation, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, Tipping Point Community, & Carrie Estelle Doheny Foundation.



former foster youth

## IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION OF POLICY CHANGES & EXPANSION

## THP-PLUS IS NOW A THREE-YEAR PROGRAM FOR YOUTH WHO HAVE NOT YET REACHED AGE 25

Change	Prior to 7/1/22	Effective 7/1/22
Age range	Age 18 through 23, inclusive (up until turning 24)	Age 18 through 24, inclusive (up until turning 25)
Program duration	Up to 24 months	Up to 36 months



This policy change took place July 1, 2022 because it was included in a budget trailer bill.

#### THIS POLICY CHANGE APPLIES UNIVERSALLY

### Youth who exited THP-Plus can return.

- This policy is inclusive of youth who previously participated in the full 24 months and/or turned 24 and have exited the program.
- For those counties without impacted programs, consider outreach to youth who recently exited to alert them of the increased time they can access.

There are no additional requirements to access the third year.

• Effective July 1, 2022, the optional THP-Plus extension for youth in school was eliminated. Now all youth can access THP-Plus for up to three years until they turn 25 regardless of the county in which they reside and whether or not they are a student.

## THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM BUDGET HAS QUADRUPLED FROM \$8M TO \$33.3M

- The 2022-23 state budget included an annual \$25.3 million for the Transitional Housing Program, bringing the program's budget from \$8 million to \$33.3 million.
- The intention of this funding is to increase the number of youth served in supportive transitional housing to cover the cost of the additional year of THP-Plus and to address THP-Plus waiting lists.

Funding Purpose	Funding Amount	Approx. Increase in Housing Capacity
Increase in program length & upper age limit	\$10.3 million	327 youth
Expansion to address waiting lists	\$15 million	473 youth
Total	\$25.3 million	800 youth

#### MORE INFORMATION

The policy changes were included in Senate Bill 187 (human services trailer bill)

• CA Department of Social Services will release All County Letter later this year.

The funding increase was included in Senate Bills 154 and 179 (budget bills).

• CA Department of Housing & Community Development will release increased Transitional Housing Program allocations in the coming weeks.

For more information, view this implementation fact sheet: https://jbay.org/resources/2022-fact-sheet-thp-thpplus/

## PROCESS FOR ACCEPTING THP FUNDING CA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



### WHAT WE'LL COVER IN THIS SECTION

- Department Overview
- Program Update
- What to expect
- Process for accepting awards



## CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- **Mission**: Provides leadership, policies, and programs to preserve and expand safe and affordable housing opportunities and promote strong communities for all Californians.
  - Grants and funding
  - Mobile home registration
  - Building standards
  - Planning and community development
  - Policy and research



- Administrative agency for California's Building Code. Regulatory body for Housing Elements and State Housing Policy Lead.
- Lead State Agency for Housing Recovery Support function under California Disaster Recovery Framework.



## TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM (THP)

Grant allocation to assist young adults, ages 18 to 24 inclusive

To secure and maintain housing

With a priority given to young adults formerly in the foster care or probation systems

Flexible funding



• Is there a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for these programs?



• Email Invitation is sent out to eligible counties to accept an allocation for current round of funding.

• Email includes Acceptance Form, GovTIN Form and Draft resolution sample.

 Email sent out to current Authorized representatives and program county contacts.



- Acceptance Form
- GovTIN
- Board Resolution
- Returning these documents by established due date confirms a counties interest in accepting funding award



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### **BOARD RESOLUTION SAMPLE**

#### Sample Transitional Housing Program Allocation Acceptance Resolution for Counties

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF [Insert Name of County], STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE MATTER OF: TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM RESOLUTION NUMBER: [Insert Resolution Number]
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE COUNTY ALLOCATION AWARD UNDER THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM
WHEREAS, the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development ("Department") issued an allocation acceptance form, dated under the Transitional Housing Program ("THP" or "Program") for \$8 million authorized by item 2240-102-0001 of section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2021 (Chapter 69 of the Statutes of 2021) and Chapter 11.7 (commencing with Section 50807) of part 2 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code (the "Allocation Acceptance Form").
WHEREAS, the Allocation Acceptance Form relates to the availability of the funds under the Program; and
WHEREAS, the County of [Insert Name Of County] was listed as an eligible applicant in the Allocation Acceptance Form, dated
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the County of [Insert Name of County] ("County") does determine and declare as follows:
SECTION 1. That County is hereby authorized and directed to apply for and accept County's allocation award, as detailed in the Allocation Acceptance Form (the "THP Allocation Award"), up to the amount authorized the Allocation Acceptance Form and applicable state law.
SECTION 2. That if funds remain available for allocation after the deadline for submitting a signed Allocation Acceptance Form, and if the Department advises County that County is eligible for an additional allocation from these remaining funds, County is hereby authorized and directed to accept this additional allocation of funds ("Additional THP Allocation") up to the amount authorized by Department.
SECTION 3. That [Insert Title Of Authorized County Official In Conformity With The Instruction Below] or his or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to act



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### **ANTICIPATED 2022-23 TIMELINE**

- October County Invitation to Accept funding allocation
- November Acceptance form, GovTIN and resolution anticipated due date
- January Award announcements and Standard agreement processing



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## NEXT STEPS FOR COUNTIES & PROVIDERS



# THP-PLUS POLICY CHANGES: NEXT STEPS

## INCREASE YOUR THP-PLUS PROGRAM'S LENGTH TO 36 MONTHS FOR YOUTH UP UNTIL THEY TURN 25



1. May require contract amendment.



2. Amend any program materials (youth materials, communications).



3. Communicate changes to key stakeholders (i.e. current youth participants, ILP, social workers, probation officers, dependency attorneys, CBOs serving population).

#### ACCEPT FUNDING FROM HCD



BUDGET INCREASE: NEXT STEPS



1. For county child welfare agency staff, if you are not your county's point-of-contact for HCD, make sure you know who is.



2. Promote timely completion of county responsibilities for accepting funding from HCD.



## BUDGET INCREASE: NEXT STEPS

## ADDRESS ANY OBSTACLES TO EXPANSION



3. What do local provider(s) need to increase capacity?

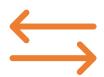
Increase in monthly rate paid per youth to ensure adequate purchasing power to secure more units on the private market?

Higher rate for serving custodial parents to ensure larger housing accommodations can be provided?

Pursue single site housing off private market? (Could identify Homekey projects to partner with and secure single site housing with lower rent).



## CONSIDER OTHER OPPORTUNITIES



4. Consider whether to establish any "flex slots" for youth who exited care prior to turning 18, using this increased funding which is more flexible than THP-Plus funding.

Previous research indicates that over the course of a year, providers in nearly half (47%) of California's counties had denied youth entrance into THP-Plus because they exited care prior to turning 18.

#### INCREASE HOUSING CAPACITY







- 5. With these considerations, identify how many additional youth you can serve with the increased annual funding.
- 6. Amend contract(s).



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## QUESTION & ANSWER SUBMIT QUESTIONS VIA THE QUESTIONS BOX

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