



Scope of Service

Strong Starts (SS)

Service Area:	Butte County
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Program Philosophy
Provide community based mental health services that are integrated, collaborative, and strength based in collaboration with Butte County Department of Behavioral Health. In addition, the program seeks to engage children and families in a supportive and therapeutic manner to promote healing, healthy decision making and positive family dynamics.

Program Goal
To enhance the psychological, social, emotional, and behavioral functioning of program participants through comprehensive, strength-based, therapeutic services, with a strong emphasis on client and family involvement.

Program Description	
Service Type:	Individual, group, and family therapy. In addition to these services behavioral support, rehabilitation services, collaborative case management, medication management, Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) are also available.
Service Location:	Services are provided at various sites including Youth for Change offices, community settings, school sites, and/or client's home.
Administrative Location:	260 Cohasset Rd. Suite 120 Chico, CA 95926 (530) 877-1965
Population Served:	We provide a system of care for Specialty Mental Health Services for youth aged 0-21. The services include therapeutic assessment and interventions to beneficiaries of Medi-Cal that meet access criteria, based on a mental health diagnosis and functional impairment criteria.
Hours of Operation:	Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. In case of emergency after hours or on weekends/holidays, contact Butte County Behavioral Health Crisis number at: (530) 891-3277 or 1-800-371-4373.

Service Abstract
The Youth for Change Strong Starts Program is a collaboration between Youth for Change and Butte County Department of Behavioral Health. Strong Starts is primarily focused on early intervention, with therapists providing services to infants, toddlers, young children, and adolescents. The program provides therapeutic services to eligible clients (full scope Medi-Cal). Services include screening, diagnosis, individual, group, and family therapy. All staff complete TCI training as well as training to support the needs of program participants.

Entry and Exit Criteria

Program entrance is based on functional impairment and the determination of access criteria for Specialty Mental Health Services. Exiting the program is based on the reduction of the level of functional impairment and/or the determination that the client could benefit from a lower level of care.

Referral, Transition, and Discharge

All referral, transition, and discharge decisions are the responsibility of the services provider and applicable treatment team(s). Referrals will be made and documented throughout treatment, considering clients' and families' abilities and preferences. Transition planning will occur throughout the course of treatment, be discussed with clients and applicable treatment team(s) and be documented. Transition plan will include review of clients' wellbeing, gains achieved, and client and family strengths. Discharge paperwork and client history reports will be completed and reviewed at the end of treatment with clients and caretaker's as available and appropriate.

Agency Website:

www.youth4change.org