



# HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION

*Healthy People Living in Healthy Communities throughout El Dorado County*

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Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children and Families  
Family Youth & Services Bureau  
Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is written in support of the New Morning Youth and Family Services grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families for Basic Center funding for New Morning Youth and Family Services' Emergency Youth Shelter.

The Health Services Department has a longstanding and successful relationship with New Morning Youth and Family Services, working closely together to provide the highest quality care to our community. We maintain multiple agreements for counseling services provided by New Morning Youth and Family Services.

New Morning Youth and Family Services has provided temporary shelter, professional counseling and services to nearly 3,000 runaway and homeless youth, and for the past twelve years has provided these services to at-risk youth with the support of the Basic Center Grant funding.

The Health Services Department lends its support for New Morning Youth and Family Services' application for this Basic Center three-year grant, and appreciates the dedication of New Morning Youth and Family Services to providing the youth in our community a safe and positive environment during times of need.

Sincerely,

Neda West, Director  
Health Services Department

Cc: David Ashby, Executive Director, New Morning Youth and Family Services