



T A H O E
YOUTH & FAMILY
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A SAFETY NET OF SERVICES FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES

The mission of Tahoe Youth & Family Services (TYFS) is, *“To promote the healthy development of children, youth and families of our community through counseling, education and support programs.”* TYFS is the only non-profit provider of youth and family focused alcohol and drug prevention, education, counseling and support services in the Lake Tahoe region. TYFS has been providing youth and family centered services in South Lake Tahoe for more than 38 years. Despite changes in funding sources and government priorities, TYFS has remained steadfast in developing innovative strategies in pursuit of our mission.

TYFS serves more than 450 youth and families in our current substance abuse counseling programs alone (both CA and NV). Just this 2008-2009 fiscal year, the Street Outreach Program provided crisis services and information through our 24-hour crisis line to over one thousand callers. TYFS has successfully “wrapped” more than 300 families in counseling, parent education, case management and resources. Almost 4000 youth have accessed services on a drop-in basis through our youth resource center; creating flexible, readily adaptable options for youth to access treatment and prevention services. TYFS believes that no matter how a family or youth presents for services, we have the capability to provide a full assessment of their needs, encourage their input in the process, respond to their unique cultural needs and ensure the resources and coordinated services are easily accessible and available.