

**Agency Background:**

New Morning Youth & Family Services is an experienced and respected non-profit with a 47-year history of working with public and private agencies to build a strong safety net for El Dorado County's underserved youth. Established in 1970 New Morning has pursued its mission and vision by offering three high-quality services: emergency shelter, Latino Outreach and professional counseling for at-risk children and youth ages birth - 18. New Morning operates the only shelter for runaway and homeless youth in El Dorado County, and is the county's largest providers of mental health services for children.

**Shelter Program Background:**

New Morning first began providing shelter for youth in 1976 utilizing host families who volunteered temporary housing for runaway and homeless teens in their own homes. In 1989, a community assessment identified the need for a permanent facility to house runaway youth. New Morning was requested to develop such a facility. With tremendous community support, including the donation of the house and the land, New Morning's Emergency Youth Shelter opened in 1991. This shelter served the community's needs but as the community grew so did the demand for the shelter. Once again with incredible community support, New Morning opened its new expanded 3,500 square foot, six-bedroom, twelve bed home shelter in October 2011.

New Morning's Emergency Youth Shelter is open 24 hours a day, every day of the year, to ensure that all children who are runaway, homeless, abused or neglected have immediate access to a safe and supportive environment. New Morning's shelter provides a warm, nurturing environment with services that include, but are not limited to, immediate access to safe housing, professional counseling, family reunification services, three meals a day, clothing, medical assistance, hygiene items, laundry facilities, showers, and the support of knowledgeable, caring adults. By participating in the shelter program, young people who run away or are thrown out of their homes are kept safe from violence and exploitation on the street, learn new skills to cope with the difficulties they experience within their families, schools, and community, and return with a renewed commitment and ability to work through the problems they face. Over the last five years, New Morning provided over 9,195 bed-nights, 30,000 meals, and crisis intervention and reunification services for over 450 runaway, homeless and abused children.

Providing a safe place to stay and in-depth counseling for El Dorado County's most vulnerable children can literally be life-saving activities. Youth seeking New Morning's shelter support face a variety of obstacles to their personal development that can, left untreated, result in serious self-destructive behaviors. Clinical data collected over the last five years for children accessing New Morning's shelter demonstrate:

ISSUES	% of SHELTERED YOUTH
Physically abused:	78%
Sexually abused:	36%

Emotionally abused:	58%
Clinical depression:	81%
Family is abusing alcohol or other drugs:	82%
Witnessed domestic violence in the home:	71%
Abandoned by family:	49%
Experienced violence at school or in the community (incl. hate crimes):	51%
Made or is considering a suicide attempt:	52%

### **Counseling Program Background:**

New Morning began providing professional counseling support for children in 1975. We currently have 12 therapists and 2 trainees. In the last 5 years we have provided counseling for over 2,000 individuals.

ISSUES	% of YOUTH
Physically abused:	35%
Sexually abused:	19%
Emotionally abused:	61%
Clinical depression:	56%
Family is abusing alcohol or other drugs:	78%
Witnessed domestic violence in the home:	61%
Abandoned by family:	34%
Experienced violence at school or in the community (incl. hate crimes):	31%
Made or is considering a suicide attempt:	33%

Additionally, we provide alcohol and drug services as well as offer 3 different parenting groups (Parent Project, Loving Solutions and Incredible Years). New Morning also manages a Victim Advocacy Program that provides services to youth and families that have been victims of crime.

### **Latino Outreach Program Background:**

New Morning has been a collaborator of this service since program inception. Since we received the grant in 2014, we have provided outreach services to well over 800 Latino Families. These services include outreach, crisis support, therapy, interpretation/translation, parent education, advocacy and home visitation and referral to other public and private agencies.