

# LaMorada Transitional Youth Center

**Board of Supervisors  
Presentation  
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# Post-Foster Care

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**What happens to our youth after Foster Care?**

- ❖ **43 youth emancipate (age out) annually**
- ❖ **Some emancipate without:**
  - a place to live
  - a job
  - a high school diploma
  - consistent support of a caring adult



# **The Transitional Housing Placement-Plus (THP-Plus)**

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- ❖ **Established by CA Legislature in 2001**
- ❖ **State and Federal funding, no county funds**
- ❖ **4 Key Principles:**
  - **Age**
  - **Distinct Rules**
  - **Amount of Freedom**
  - **Supportive Services**

# The Goals of THP-Plus

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**To provide a safe living environment while foster kids transition from Foster Care to Independence.**



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- ❖ **County-owned facility in SB**
- ❖ **The plan:**
  - **Center for services**
  - **Single site transitional housing**



**LaMorada before landscaping**



# Some Specifics

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- ❖ **Age: 18-24**
- ❖ **Room for up to 10**
- ❖ **24-month maximum**
- ❖ **\$200 a month Emancipation Fund**
- ❖ **Family Care Network**



# **Our Partners**

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**Assistance League**

**California Department of Social Services (CDSS)**

**Community Action Commission**

**Family Care Network**

**Food Bank of Santa Barbara County**

**General Services**

**Probation Department**

**Santa Barbara City College**

**Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department**

**Santa Barbara Museum of Art**

**United Way**



# Comments/Questions

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- ❖ **In conclusion, DSS is:**
  - **Excited!**
  - **Appreciative!**
  - **Optimistic!**
- ❖ **Questions...**