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THP-Plus/THP+FC Monthly Call

HANDOUT: Excerpt from Bay Area Youth Center's THP+FC Plan of Operation "Grounds for Termination"

Grounds for Termination

Participants may be asked to leave the program prior to the planned graduation date for the following reasons:

- Loss of eligibility
- Repeated failure to follow the program rules
- Failure to progress or meet goals over a long period of time
- Involvement in illegal activities (e.g. drugs theft, assault, sexual imposition, etc.)
- Proving to be a risk to self or others.
- Eviction by landlord
- Destruction of property
- Violation of visitation policy
- Making threats to staff or other participants
- Possession of a weapon of any kind
- Prolonged AWOL (As determined by RAFA and the authorized representative)
- If safety cannot be maintained for the youth

Termination, except in the case of specifically defined emergencies, shall not happen without first:

- A meeting with the program participant and the interdisciplinary treatment team.
- A contract between the participant stating the specific expectations and the consequence for a specifically defined failure to adhere to these expectations.

All terminations must be approved by the Director of Transitional Housing Services and the Director of Foster Care Programs. In the event a decision to terminate a placement is made, the program participant and the county placement worker will be given a minimum of 7 days notice. RAFA will attempt to be flexible with this timeline and will work with the participant and his/her county worker or probation officer in finding a new place to live.

In the event that the program participant is determined to be an immediate danger to self and/or others and community resources such as the police or the emergency psychiatric team are called upon to remove the youth to safe custody, the Director of Transitional Housing Services and the Director of Foster Care Programs may elect to not allow the youth back into the program. If such a determination is made, the county placement worker will be immediately notified.

BAYC will comply with California landlord/tenant law (Civil Code Section 1940, et seq) and/or the Transitional Housing Misconduct Act (Health and Safety Code Section 50580, et seq.);