



# **2009-10 THP-Plus Annual Report & Recent Amendments to AB 12**

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# Outline of Presentation



- Major findings from 2009-10 THP-Plus Annual Report
  - Youth served by THP-Plus
  - Housing models being utilized
  - Demographic information
  - Findings from outcome study
- Latest budget information about THP-Plus
- August 20<sup>th</sup> AB 12 Amendments

# Today's Presenters



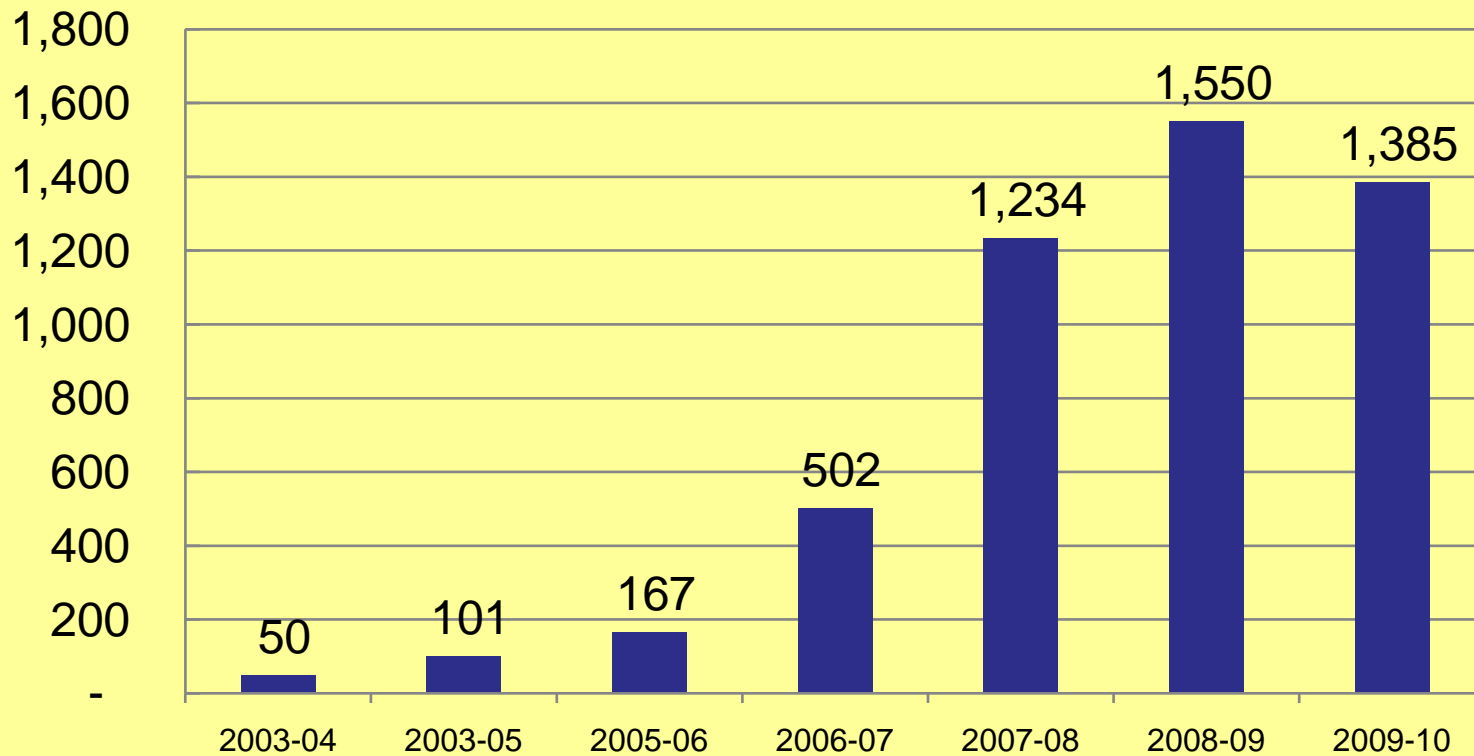
- Amy Lemley, John Burton Foundation
- Sara Kimberlin, UC Berkeley doctoral candidate
- Nick Honey, Chair of CWDA THP-Plus Committee
- Sonya St. Mary, CDSS

# THP-Plus at a Glance

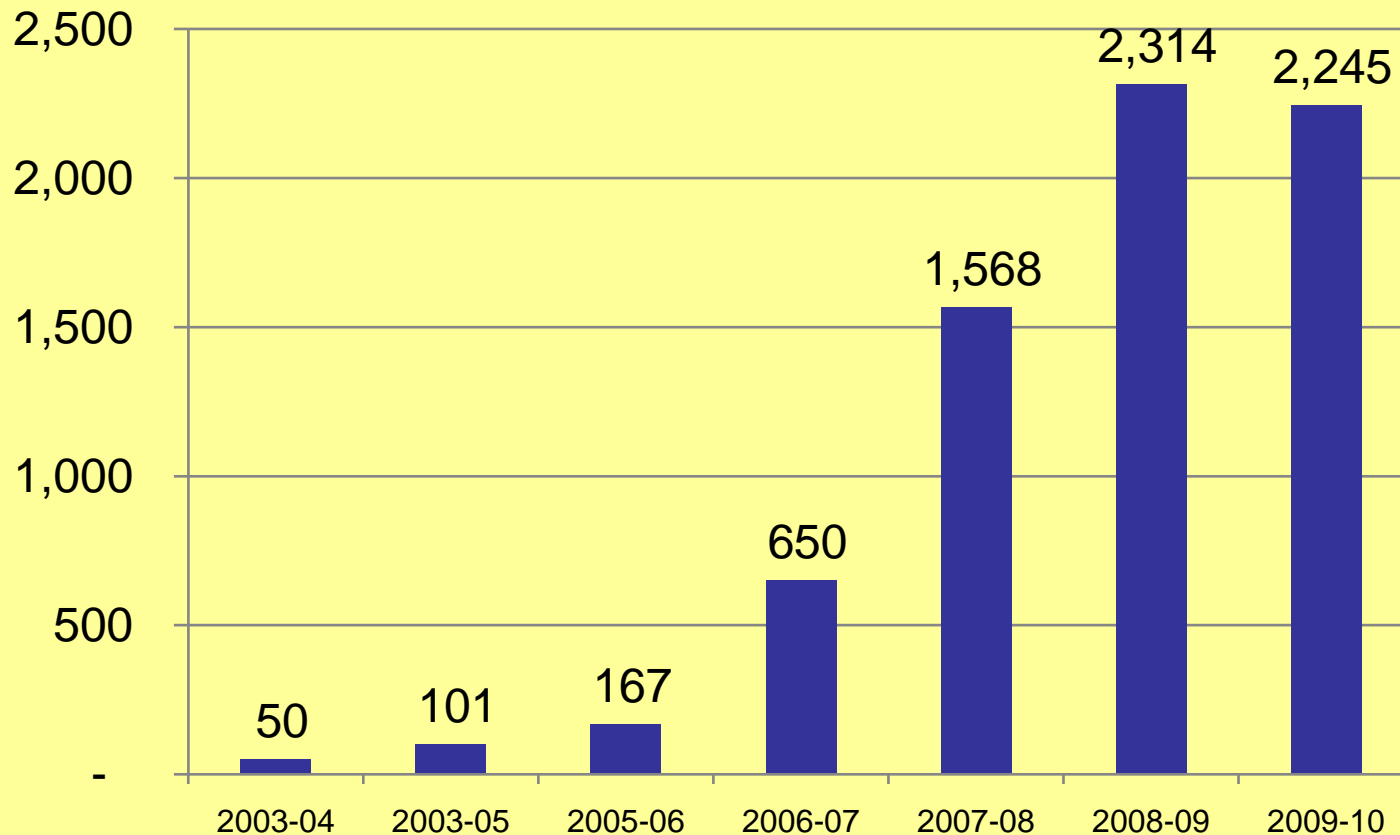


- Established by CA Legislature in 2001; first implemented in 2003
- Provides affordable housing and supportive services for a 24 month period to youth, age 18 to 24, who “age out” of foster care
- Fourth Annual Report now available at [www.thpplus.org](http://www.thpplus.org), under “What’s New”

# 11% Decrease in THP-Plus Capacity

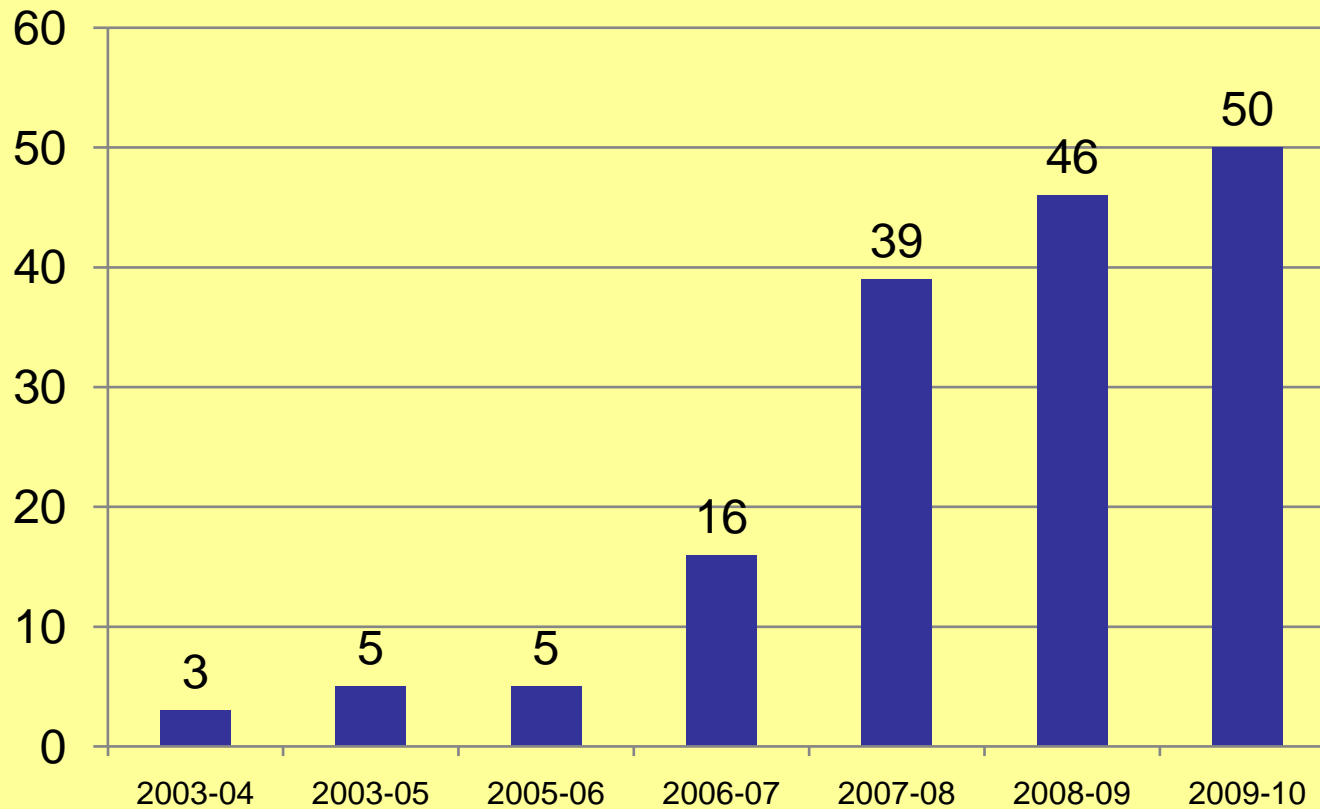


# 5% Decrease in Number of Youth Served in Fiscal Year



*2,245 youth were served by THP-Plus in FY 2009-10*

# Number of Counties Implementing THP-Plus



*There were 67 THP-Plus providers in FY 2009-10*

# THP-Plus Housing Models

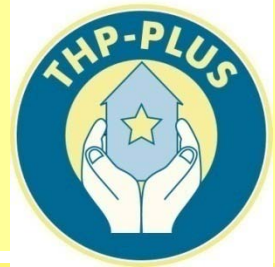


**Single-Site (23%):** All THP-Plus participants live in a single apartment building or complex owned or leased by the THP-Plus provider.

**Scattered Site (63%):** Apartments in various locations throughout the community, often in small clusters.

**Host Family (14%):** Participants live with a caring adult with whom they have a permanent connection.

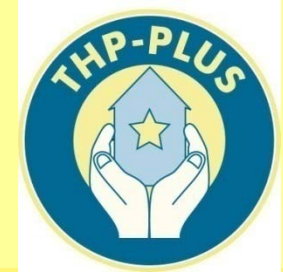
# Demographic Summary of THP-Plus Participants



	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Female	68%	65%	61%
Male	32%	35%	39%
Age 18 to 20	75%	82%	82%
Age 21 to 24	25%	18%	18%
Black	N/A	42%	41%
White non-Hispanic	N/A	23%	21%
Hispanic	N/A	20%	18%
Native American, Asian, Pacific Islander, Multi- racial, or Other	N/A	15%	18%

*07-08: point in time data; 08-09 & 09-10: data taken at program entrance*

# Housing Immediately Prior to THP-Plus



	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Foster care placement	30%	30%	33%
Living with relative or others with free rent	30%	23%	23%
Homeless, emergency shelter, or other unstable housing	13%	19%	16%
Renting own or shared housing	13%	15%	16%
Supportive housing program	N/A	9%	5%
Other housing	14%	4%	8%

*2008: point in time data; 2009 & 2010: data taken at program entrance*



# Challenges at Entrance

Former foster youth entered THP-Plus with major challenges to self-sufficiency

- 1 in 6 are homeless
- 29% zero income
- 33% had not completed high school

Many THP-Plus participants are parents

- 15% at entrance

THP-Plus met an immediate and urgent housing need for many participants

- 50% entered directly from foster care or homelessness

# Positive Progress from Entrance to Exit



## Housing Stability

- Increase in those with stable housing: 50% to 97%

## Income

- Decrease in those with zero income: 29% to 18%
- Increase in monthly income: \$727 to \$948
- Increase in hourly wage: \$9.11 to \$9.74
- Increase in access to public benefits: 25% to 36%

# Positive Progress from Entrance to Exit



## Educational Achievement

- Increase in % whose highest educational achievement was a high school diploma: 57% to 63%
- Increase in % that had completed a vocational training program: 4% to 8%
- Increase in % that had enrolled in a two-year college, from 20% to 23%

# Challenges During Program Participation



- No significant increase in the proportion of individuals working
- Enrolled in college, but dropped out before program exit
- Relatively short program stays
- Involuntarily exits

Please visit [www.thplusplus.org](http://www.thplusplus.org) for the complete study findings



# Challenges at THP-Plus Exit

- Exited THP-Plus with extremely low incomes.
- Exited THP-Plus with low levels of educational achievement.
- Exited into housing that was not self-sufficient or was not sustainably affordable.

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# THP-Plus Budget: FY 10-11



- THP-Plus budgeted at same level as FY 09-10: \$35.8 million
- Issue of \$80 million reduction to CWS will not be resolved until budget is signed
  - If reduction is included in signed budget, THP-Plus may be reduced
  - If reduction is not included, THP-Plus will remain at \$35.8 million
- If passed, AB 12 would not be implemented until January 1, 2012 and therefore have no effect on THP-Plus



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# August 20<sup>th</sup> AB 12 Amendments

## **Last cohort implementation subject to appropriation by the Legislature**

Final year implementation in 2014 for 20 year-olds subject to an budget act appropriation by the Legislature.

## **County share of cost**

Provides that counties will pay regular share of cost, up to the level of savings each counties realizes from the Kin-GAP refinancing.

## **Group home placements**

Prohibit the placement of youth in group homes once the youth finished high school or reaches age 19, with an exception for disabled youth. Under the exception the placement would be short-term with a transition to the appropriate system of care.

# August 20<sup>th</sup> AB 12 Amendments: New THP-Plus Rate (p. 180)

## New Rate Structure:

- *“...the department...shall convene a workgroup to establish a new rate structure for the Title IV-E funded THP-Plus Foster Care placement option.”*
- *“In developing the new rate structure pursuant to this subdivision, the department shall consider the average rates in effect and being paid by counties to current transitional housing placement programs.”*

# August 20<sup>th</sup> AB 12 Amendments: THP-Plus Budget (p. 181)

- *“...the department shall allocate 70 percent of the amount payable to placements of nonminor dependents under the THP-Plus-Foster Care program.*
- *The remaining 30 percent of the amount payable shall be available for THP-Plus placement for both those former emancipated foster youth who have attained 21 years of age, but are under 24 years of age, and for former emancipated foster youth who have attained 18 years of age but who are under 21 years of age, whose dependency or delinquency jurisdiction has been terminated by the court, and for whom reentry into foster care...is not an appropriate or viable option.”*

# August 20<sup>th</sup> AB 12 Amendments: County Plan (p. 181)

*Each county shall submit to the department a plan that sets forth...*

- 1. How the county will provide for the THP-Plus-Foster Care population*
- 2. Assurances that up to 30 percent of the placements will be set aside for the THP-Plus population*
- 3. Contingency for how THP-Plus placements will be reallocated in the event that there is not sufficient demand in either the THP-Plus-Foster Care Program or the THP-Plus programs to fill the beds allocated for these populations*

# How You Can Help

- 1. Write a letter to the Governor:** I often get asked whether letters really make a difference. Well, they do! They are the main way we can let Governor Schwarzenegger know how many people statewide know and care about this issue
- 2. Ask 5 people to write a letter:** We have many people on the AB 12 listserv. But even if every person sends one, that will not be a strong enough message. Take a moment and think of 5 friends or colleagues who would be interested in improving the lives of California's foster youth by sending a letter to the Governor and forward this email to them.
- 3. Distribute this request on your listserv:** Many of you work for organizations that maintain a subscriber listserv. Please let your subscribers know how your organization is involved in AB 12 and ask them to write a letter of support to the Governor.
- 4. Engage youth:** Many of you also work directly with current and former foster youth. **No one** is more persuasive on this issue than current or former foster youth! Ask your youth participants to share their opinions about better supporting foster youth in a letter to the Governor. Let's help him understand how his one signature can help make a better future for thousands of youth in foster care.

Sample letter can be downloaded at [www.cafosteringconnections.org](http://www.cafosteringconnections.org)



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