

Executive Summary School Accountability Report Card, 2006-07

Charis Youth Center Non Public School

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This executive summary of the School Accountability Report Card (SARC) is intended to provide parents and community members with a quick snapshot of school accountability. The data presented in this report are reported for the 2006-07 school year. For additional information about the school, parents and community members should review the entire SARC or contact the school principal or the district office.

School Description

Charis Youth Center is a nonpublic, state-certified school program for emotionally disturbed youth. The program serves youth whose problems include non-adaptive behavior, and often, serious mental illness, which is evidenced by failure to successfully function within schools, homes, and communities. Therefore, the total treatment plan can include a residential component and is designed to provide 24-hour service with continuous supervision and monitoring.

The students who attend Charis Youth Center Non Public School have, for the most part, failed less restrictive environments. It is essential that the youth are placed in a highly structured monitoring treatment setting to gain the maximum benefit from placement. The treatment program is designed to remediate the learning and behavioral skill deficits that often accompany emotional and social difficulties. In addition, the parents play are encouraged to participate in the youth's treatment program.

Charis Youth Center Non Public School operates on a 12-month school year (235 days) with 345 minutes of instruction per day. The student-to-staff ratio is 3:1, which allows intensive individualized and small group instruction. This ratio helps staff remediate the differences between the grade levels at which students should be achieving and their current performance levels.

Charis is committed: to partnership with families and their community as a valuable colleague and resource; to expand service to meet the growing and changing needs of youth and their families; to hire, train, and develop the most talented and competent people available.

Enrollment

Charis Youth Center Non Public School serves a maximum of 12 boys and 12 girls in a non-coed setting. Students are served by two fully credentialed teachers and two (2) Teacher Assistants. No set number of enrollments can be determined without choosing a "place in time." Due to the nature of the placements, students who are placed in our non public school may attend up to their graduation date or 18th birthday.

Student Enrollment as of 12/31/07:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
Number of Students	14	8	0
Africana American	14%	9	4
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.7%	10	5
Hispanic or Latino	36%	11	1
White (not Hispanic)	43%	12	4

School Safety Plan

Charis Youth Center Non Public School's safety plan consists of many components to ensure consistent safeguards. Staffs are trained in emergency response, which includes CPR, First Aid, Water Safety, fire, natural disasters, power outages, evacuation, and intruders. Regular fire drills are conducted and facility safety checks are performed using a detailed check list. Any action items are immediately addressed and remediated.

We are a closed campus with support from therapists, Crisis Manager, Program Director, Medical Coordinator, and Executive Director. We work closely with the Grass Valley Police Department for assistance in extreme circumstances.

Curriculum and Instruction

Charis Youth Center Non Public School meets the district's requirements for curriculum and instruction. Many students do not fall under the responsibility of the local district. For those students, we use the required curriculum from the student's responsible district. Our textbooks cover the state adopted content standards according to the course of study reviews and they are kept current. Students are given the required state tests with the assistance of their respective districts.

Our teachers use standardized tests and curriculum assessment for determination of present levels of functioning, development of Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), and instructional planning.

Discipline

The Treatment Team formulates plans for the remediation of behavioral and social/emotional problems. Individual treatment plans are reviewed every 20 days by the school staff. The ultimate goal of the comprehensive, ecological treatment program is to return the student to the educational mainstream in his/her family's community as soon as possible.

Suspensions and Expulsions

It is not the policy of Charis Youth Center Non Public School to suspend or expel students. It may be determined to remove the student from class to employ positive behavior interventions. If those attempts fail and it has been determined that the student's presence in school would constitute a threat to the welfare and safety of students or severely disrupt the educational process of the school, the student's therapist and/or Treatment Team will meet with the student to remedy the behavior.

The IEP Team will determine when a student no longer requires services from Charis Youth Center Non Public School. Factors considered include: the student is no longer benefiting from the program - academically, socially, or emotionally; the student is no longer within the age range being served; the student has met the IEP goals and objectives; or dual or full enrollment in neighborhood school during Individual Transition Plan.