

MARIN YOUTH SERVICES GUIDE

SERVICES for INDEPENDENCE in the COMMUNITY

Ambassadors of Hope and Opportunity (AHO) Marin

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Provides a “safety net” of stable housing, guidance and community connections for young adults ages 18 to 25 who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness. Services include matches with a host family up to 6 months, support of a life coach on a weekly basis or as needed who helps in problem solving and navigating community resources, peer mentors who help with emotional support in choosing a healthy lifestyle. Youth are provided a hand up including job support, education, healthcare, financial literacy, clothing for work, counseling, transportation. AHO youth also have opportunities for leadership, advocacy and board membership. AHO produces youth-led forums for community awareness on youth issues and consults with nonprofit agencies working with youth to design bridge programs to better prepare youth for the transition to adulthood.

Catholic Charities CYO (San Francisco, Marin, San Mateo)

180 Howard Street, Suite 100

San Francisco, CA 94105

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Web site: www.cccyo.org

Catholic Charities is a nonprofit organization offering a variety of services on a sliding fee scale, including counseling, meal delivery, HIV services, transitional housing, and assistance with immigration. In Marin County, Catholic Charities operates St. Vincent’s School for Boys, a licensed, residential treatment home for ages 7-17, as well as the Canal Family Support Program at Pickleweed Park Community Center in San Rafael.

Community Action Marin

29 Mary Street, San Rafael, CA 94901

Phone: (415) 485-1489

Fax: (415) 457-9677

E-mail: cam@camarin.org

Web site: www.camarin.org

Community Action Marin assists low-income Marin residents in achieving a life of quality based on self-sufficiency. The agency currently operates 15 programs covering a variety of needs from childcare and AIDS services to energy assistance, family needs and mental health issues.

Discovery Dogs

P.O. Box 6050
San Rafael, CA 94903
Phone: (415) 479-9557
Fax: (415) 472-4431
E-mail: discoverydogs@discoverydogs.org
Web site: www.discoverydogs.org

Discovery Dogs promotes self-determination and greater independence by providing individualized assistance dog training programs for people with disabilities.

Easter Seals Northern California

20 Pimentel Court, Suite A1
Novato, CA 94949
Phone: (415) 382-7450
Web site: www.noca.easterseals.com

Easter Seals provides community-based programs and services that help children and adults with disabilities maximize their independence. Children's services include early intervention, child care training and counseling, educational services, and community integration. Adult services include equipment loans, community activities support services, social recreation and adult day services.

Guide Dogs for the Blind

P.O. Box 151200
San Rafael, CA 94915-1200
Phone: (800) 295-4050
E-mail: information@guidedogs.com
Web site: www.guidedogs.com

Guide Dogs for the Blind offers blind people enhanced mobility through the unique skills of service dogs that are developed, cared for and nurtured by dedicated youth and adult volunteers.

Hearing Dog Program

2500 Sixteenth Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
Phone: (415) 554-3020 voice, (415) 554-3022 TDD
Fax: (415) 552-7041

E-mail: publicrelations@sfspca.org

Web site: www.sfspca.org/hearing_dogs/index.shtml

Hearing Dogs alert their owners to important sounds that need a response. (For example, a doorbell or fire alarm.) The San Francisco SPCA Hearing Dog Program trains previously homeless dogs to assist eligible deaf or hard-of-hearing people who live in California or Nevada.

In-Home Health Services (IHHS)

10 North San Pedro Rd. Suite 1002

San Rafael, CA 94903

Phone: (415) 499-7118

Fax: (415) 499-6465

Web site: www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/HH/Main/ss/adult.cfm#in_home

Pays for some domestic and personal care services for elderly and disabled adults so that they can remain safely in their own homes. IHSS may include housework, shopping, laundry, medical transportation, meal preparation, and assisting with personal needs such as bathing, dressing and transfers. IHSS requires a determination of financial eligibility.

Lifeshouse (formally MARC)

18 Professional Center Parkway

San Rafael, CA 94903

Phone: (415) 472-2373

E-mail: mail@lifeshouseagency.org

Web site: www.lifeshouseagency.org

Lifeshouse is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities and their families in Marin and Sonoma counties. The services at Lifeshouse include independent living skills, recreational programs, client advocacy, and community information.

Marin Center for Independent Living (MCIL)

710 4th Street

San Rafael, CA 94901

Phone: (415) 459-6245

Web site: www.marincil.org

MCIL assists persons with all types of disabling conditions with achieving their maximum level of sustainable independence as contributing, responsible and equal participants in society. The services offered include information and referral, advocacy, benefits counseling for recipients of SSDI and SSI entering or re-entering the workforce,

a personal assistant registry, housing and employment listings, and assistance with assistive technology and access modifications.

Marin Ventures

350 Merrydale Road
San Rafael, CA 94903
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Web site: www.marinventures.org

Marin Ventures' mission is to foster independence, personal growth, and promote the opportunity for community integration based upon individual need. Marin Ventures provides employment, vocational skills training, community integration, occupational therapy, art, and independent living skills training services to adults with developmental disabilities.

Novato Human Needs Center

1907 Novato Blvd.
Novato, CA 94947
Phone: (415) 897-4147
E-mail: info@nhnc.org
Web site: www.nhnc.org/English.htm

Provides comprehensive support services for low-income individuals and families, including emergency food, clothing and housing assistance, information and referral, transportation, and employment services. Novato Human Needs Center offers skill and interest assessment; resume and interviewing assistance; job developing, matching, and coaching, and workplace etiquette training. Also provides local job listings and internet access for employment seekers.

Opportunity for Independence

20 H Street
San Rafael, CA 94901
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Web site: www.ofiinc.org

Opportunity for Independence is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for individuals with developmental and cognitive disabilities. OFI provides individualized day and residential programs designed to teach independent living skills and vocational skills, allowing for paid work at a fair wage.

Pacific Diversified Services

911 R Irwin Street

San Rafael, CA 94901

Phone: (415) 459-6510

E-mail: pdsmarin@earthlink.net

Web site: www.pdsmarin.org

Pacific Diversified Services (PDS) is a non-profit agency dedicated to assisting people with developmental disabilities to become more accepted, contributing members of their community. Clients of PDS are directly hired by businesses and receive at least minimum wage. Clients work in volunteer jobs when paid employment is unavailable. Clients are also supported in everyday activities like taking the bus, budgeting money, and going to the library. Assistance is also given to clients in recreation and leisure activities. Clients are taught domestic skills such as shopping, cooking, and chores. Clients are also taught their rights, and encouraged to speak up for themselves.