

Inspired Service

Youth Services of Santa Cruz County, CA

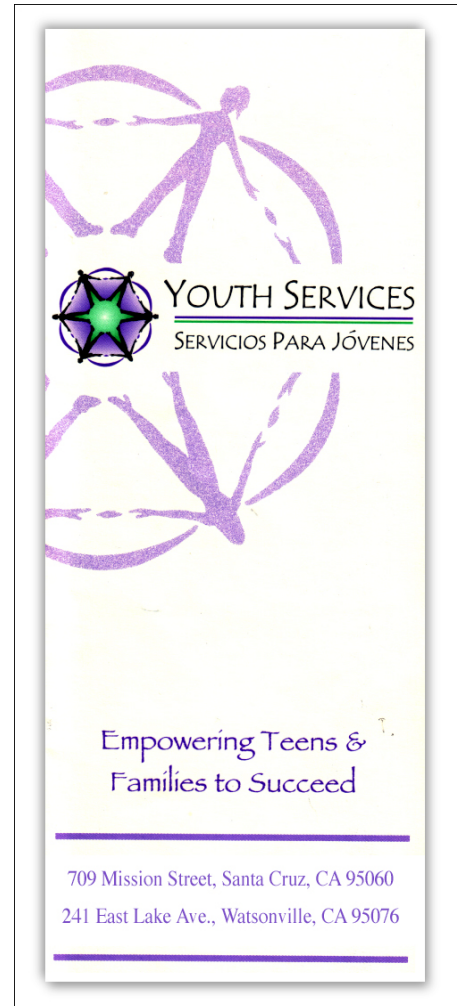
In 1974, after counseling troubled youth for three years in the Santa Cruz Juvenile Hall, David was inspired to assist young people, their families and the community to create an alternative path to the Juvenile Justice System. David founded Youth Services in Santa Cruz and Watsonville, with a staff only eight, a eager group of volunteers, and with a budget of only \$17,000.

Today, Youth Services serves over 1500 adolescents and their families per year, has a staff of 75 people, and an annual budget of \$3,200,000. It serves the entire County of Santa Cruz, California with "a broad range of support services designed to assist at-risk youth 14-18 and their families in overcoming problems related to substance abuse, conflict with parents, physical, sexual and emotional abuse, or who are suffering the effects of other family crises such as divorce, death, or sudden loss of income, or dealing with the consequences of problems with peers, school attendance, truancy, bad grades, inability to get along with teachers and learning disabilities, or gang involvement."

[Santa Cruz Community Counseling Center](#)

From this experience David learned how to take a vision, work creatively with all members of a community, inspire others to become part of the vision, and attract the resources needed to bring that vision into reality. The foundation that was created was of such quality and strength of purpose that this organization will be in service for years to come.

[Current Youth Services Web Site](#)





Substance Abuse Programs

Assessment & Intervention
Clean & Sober High Schools



Crises & Family Reunification Services

Crises 24 Hour Help
Conflict Resolution
Reunification Counseling
Temporary Foster Care
Homeless & Runaway Youth
Outreach

Residential Treatment

Tyler House
Crime Prevention
Youth Development
Diversion
YouthWorks