Catholic Charities Boys’ & Girls’ Homes provide residential treatment, mental health, and community and school-based services to adjudicated youth ages 12-18, most of whom are transitioning from a juvenile hall setting or an out-of-state placement. A combination of therapeutic, educational, rehabilitation, and recreational programs address the multiple and diverse needs of each child. The youth live in two San Francisco residences, which are staffed 24 hours a day.

The Boys’ & Girls’ Homes serve as a diversion program for at risk and in-risk youth of San Francisco encouraging healthy habits and relationships and productive re-entry into society. The program focuses on achieving personal stability for each client and working on restoring a healthy and successful relationship between the client, their family, and the community.

**Services**

- Short-term, community-based program offering a home-living environment
- Activities geared toward increasing self-sufficiency and self-esteem
- Counseling and mentorship programs
- Work/study tutorials and vocational activities
- Family and individual therapy
- Individualized case management

**Impact**

42 Youth between ages 13-18 served

- 90% maintained or improved healthy communication skills
- 94% abstained from gang/turf behavior as a result of the program
- 87% maintained or improved school engagement

These results are based on the self-sufficiency matrix assessment tool completed for the head of household.