

# Beloved Village



# We've always known that housing is the missing piece to breaking cycles of incarceration.

For 30 years, the Young Women's Freedom Center has provided wrap around services to young people in San Francisco and the Bay Area coming out of foster care, juvenile detention, and surviving off the street economy.

We're faced with a real problem today – a focus on homeless sweeps rather than sustainable community solutions and prevention.



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# The Problems We Address

**California pays \$300-500K per year per child to incarcerate young people**

**In the Bay Area, homelessness continues to rise and cities are criminalizing poverty.**

This overwhelming hurts Black, Brown, and LGBTQ youth.

**Stabilizing housing for a parent is incredibly successful in diverting a young person from the system.**

It costs far less. And families need support to advocate for their children with schools, healthcare, as well as cover rent, food, and basic needs.

**There are many young people in the Bay Area that are under supervision yet lack financial resources to sustain**

We deal with youth that are impacted by multiple systems not served by other organizations.

Beloved is a pilot that grew out of hundreds of interviews and 30 years of community work to give girls, young women, and trans youth what they need to build thriving futures.





# OUR INNOVATIVE SOLUTION

*With California's housing crisis and a broken child welfare system, we are stepping up as the solution.*

- We focus on stabilizing families by providing individualized supports and services as well as interim safe and stable housing. **Our goal is to keep youth with their families, whenever possible.**
- **Keeping youth in their communities is crucial.** We know that young people want to be with family and will run away from group homes or foster care placements that are far from their people.
- Youth and families trust and connect best with people who have walked in their shoes. **The majority of our Beloved staff are from the communities we serve, have been systems impacted, and are people of color/LGBTQ+ identified.**



## “Core Services”

- We harness interconnectedness, family unity and village cultivating. Services are supported by access to Beloved Family Resource Funds.
- The young person and caregivers direct the plan for youth to reside with their caregivers or other youth-identified natural supports, with a goal toward stability. We call this “Village Cultivating.”
- In collaboration with youth and Family, we provide Step Down and Re-Entry Support through Comprehensive Re-Entry Planning
- Parent/Caregiver support groups with an emphasis on resources identification, skill building, networking and support development, education as well as therapeutic workshops that focus on restoring parent/adolescent relationships

# Why Beloved Works - Our Core Services



## Collaboration is key:

In addition to the youth and family, our team partners with child welfare workers, probation officers, our network of providers and community members to provide a holistic and coordinated approach. We know It takes a village!

## All participants have access to:

- Workforce development-partnership with YWFC.
- In-depth support and individualized planning to the ENTIRE FAMILY UNIT.
- Financial resources through Beloved Youth and Family Resource Fund.
- Long term support for up to 3 years for youth AND caregivers.
- Court based and systems advocacy and support.



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