



Basic Criteria for New Agency Consideration

To help meet identified service gaps and to enhance its ability to effect change in its four Impact Priority Areas, the United Way Monterey County board has decided to consider up to three new agencies for certification in June 2008. For any agency to be considered for certification, it must meet the following criteria.

Initial Screening Criteria:

- Is the agency serving a human service need that is not currently being met?
- Does the agency serve an underserved part of the community either geographically, ethnically, age, etc.
- Does this service represent a new service? (not a duplication of an existing service)
- If it appears to be duplicative, is the service being delivered in a different way or in a different location or to a different population?

In addition to passing the Initial Screening Criteria, to be considered for certification in the 2007-2008 cycle agencies must demonstrate the following overarching qualities:

Agency Characteristics:

- Agencies must be collaborative and capacity building.
- Agencies operate in underserved areas such as South County and North County.
- Agencies provide service in accessible and culturally appropriate ways.

Furthermore, UWMC has also identified a high priority target population and types of services.

Target Population:

- Youth and young adults between the ages of 15-25 who are potentially at risk, such as youth aging out of foster care or in the juvenile justice system.

Priority Services*:

- Capacity building for families, for example training people to access and navigate needed services for themselves or individual family members.
- Counseling and psychological services.
- Substance abuse prevention and intervention programs.

* Please note that the need for these services may include but is not limited to the target population described above.