



Featured Agency of the Month! The Human Response Network of Trinity County- January 2017

The [Human Response Network](#) is a private, non-profit agency, serving all residents of Trinity County. The organization began in 1980 as a volunteer effort of 3 women who provided assistance to pregnant women and their children escaping violent environments. The group incorporated in 1984, and today manages an annual budget of \$2.2 million, employing 28 full time equivalent positions. Because the agency serves the entire county regardless of gender, income, ethnicity, or age -- the "menu of services" is large. The Human Response Network has consistently recognized community needs, responded to community defined situations, and built on local resources.

The agency's mission statement is:

Recognizing the special vulnerability of children, the mission is to better the lives of all people in Trinity County through advocacy, education, and programs that promote personal empowerment, peaceful co-existence, mutual respect, and access to needed services.

Primary service components include:

- * Children & Family Services: Child care resource & referral, alternative payment programs, respite care, CalWorks childcare services, lending library, children's school shoes, summer school age program, and two community based state preschools, bike safety helmet and car seat programs; The State Department of Education is the primary supporting agency of these programs.
- * Prevention Services: Violence prevention programs; child abuse prevention services; youth centers and youth activity programs; in-home parenting program; school based services; supervised visits; new baby home visits; outreach programs; transitional and emergency homeless assistance; utility, dry goods, food, and transportation assistance. These programs are funded largely by the California Department of Public Health, Prop 10 Commission, Community Service Block Grants, and Emergency Housing Assistance Programs.
- * Empowerment Services: Victim assistance (domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual assault); consisting of crisis intervention, advocacy, protective order and family law legal assistance, clinical counseling, safe emergency and transitional housing, and substance abuse in-patient treatment; rape prevention education. Funding comes from California Office of Emergency Services.
- * In addition to these programs, the Human Response Network also provides many other programs under several local government contracts and private foundation funding.

The agency works closely with many state, local government and private agencies, as well as community based collaborative efforts. The staff sits on numerous multi-disciplinary treatment panels, advisory boards, and collaborative memberships.

Visit The Human Response Network's website to learn more at: <http://www.humanresponsenetwork.org/>