

Key Facts

"Larkin Street helps youth learn that you can be successful no matter what your background. They help us see that there is still hope."

Who We Are

- Larkin Street Youth Services was founded in 1984 as a neighborhood effort to help San Francisco's most vulnerable youth — those who are homeless and runaway, ages 12–24 — in the Tenderloin and Polk Gulch areas of San Francisco.
- **Larkin Street has served over 75,000 youth since we opened.**
- Larkin Street's programs address the immediate needs youth have for housing, food, and safety, while also encouraging their participation in essential support services that offer the skills and resources needed to help them reach their full potential and keep them off the streets for good.
- **Today**, Larkin Street continues to expand an innovative and award-winning model of housing, education, employment, and health services spanning across San Francisco.



How We Help Youth

- Larkin Street's Assisted Care program was the nation's first licensed residential care center for HIV positive youth between the ages of 18–25.
- The Lark-Inn for Youth is the only emergency shelter in San Francisco for youth ages 18–24.
- Larkin Street is the leading service provider of comprehensive housing and supportive services to former foster care youth in San Francisco through the LEASE program.
- The Castro Youth Housing Initiative is one of the first housing programs in the nation for LGBTQ youth.
- Routz is an innovative housing and intensive support program for youth with severe mental health issues.

Current Outlook: Youth on the Streets

- It is estimated that each year 1.8 – 2.1 million youth are homeless in the United States.
- **In San Francisco, 1,900 youth are homeless and don't have a safe place to sleep on any given night.**
- Of Larkin Street's clients:
 - Many have been physically, sexually, or emotionally abused.
 - Nearly half cannot return home.
 - Many suffer from poor health, mental health issues, and substance use issues.

Our Results in FY 2013/14: Keeping Youth off the Street

- **Larkin Street engaged over 3,000 homeless and runaway youth in services, and Larkin Street's housing programs kept youth off the streets for over 75,000 nights.**
- 139 clients found jobs at an average hourly wage of \$11.68 and 26 were placed in internships.
- 620 youth served by our health clinic.
- Larkin Street helped 133 formerly homeless youth enroll in post-secondary education including San Francisco State University, City College of San Francisco, Golden Gate University, Los Angeles City College, Portland State University, and Heald College.
- **Three out of four youth who complete Larkin Street's comprehensive programs exit street life.**
- **Our efficient model enables over 80% of funds raised to go to our programs.**
- **For every youth that exits street life, society saves more than five times the cost in long-term interventions.**

