

Do You Know About The CARC ? (Huckleberry Community Assessment & Resource Center)



The Huckleberry Community Assessment & Resource Center (CARC) is a San Francisco program for youth, ages 11-17, who are arrested for misdemeanors or certain felonies. With a focus on positive youth development, CARC helps youth avoid detention and further involvement in the juvenile justice system. **Thirty percent of all arrested youth in San Francisco are served by CARC.** SF Police General Orders state that CARC must be contacted for all juvenile arrest cases.



Members of the Huckleberry Community Assessment & Resource Center (CARC) Staff

Program Components Include:

- Assessment of all areas of youth's life, including strengths, needs, and interests
- Intervention Case Plan with linkages to community resources
- Support of youth and family through the juvenile justice system and any other systems affecting the family
- Individual and family counseling
- Youth Mentoring Program

Case Management

Youth are brought to CARC in police custody at the time of their arrest. At CARC, youth meet with a Probation Officer and a Case Manager for an assessment. The assessment focuses on what is happening in the youth's life: their strengths and interests; what's happening (or not happening) at home and at school; substance abuse issues; and how they spend their time.

Once a case plan is developed with parent input, youth are released home with a new sense of support, opportunity, and hope. We get our youth back in school, arrange for special educational services, help obtain mental health services, facilitate completion of community service and probation requirements, and engage youth in social, arts, and athletic strengths-building programming.



CARC Case Manager Kisai Henriquez (second from right), recently won Huckleberry's Danny Keenan Award for her exemplary work with clients. CARC staff also pictured from left: Case Manager Andres Rios, Therapist Meghan Kearney, and Jeff Lin, Night Lead Case Manager.

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Mentoring Program

The Huckleberry CARC Mentoring Program is designed to provide mentoring for clients, ages 11-17, who have been arrested in San Francisco and sent to Huckleberry CARC.

Currently, mentors are recruited throughout San Francisco. This collaborative was designed using evidence-based research on the effectiveness of mentoring in reducing recidivism among youth. Contact Huckleberry CARC at 415.437.2500 if you are interested in becoming a mentor.

Pictured at left: CARC Case Manager Harvey Lozada



Making A Difference: Raul & George

Raul and George* were brought to CARC by the SF Police Department for graffiti vandalism. CARC Case Manager Harvey Lozada noticed how well the young men were progressing, and encouraged them to team up and pursue their passion for art. Harvey guided them through a proposal to an organization that funds youth art projects. Raul and George wrote the proposal and were awarded a \$7,000 grant to complete four mural projects throughout San Francisco.

**Names have been changed to protect client confidentiality.*



A public/private partnership involving the following organizations:

Private:

- Huckleberry Youth Programs (lead agency)
- Community Youth Center
- Edgewood Center for Children and Families
- Instituto Familiar de la Raza

Public:

- SF Department of Children, Youth, and their Families
- SF Juvenile Probation Department
- SF Sheriff's Department
- SF Police Department

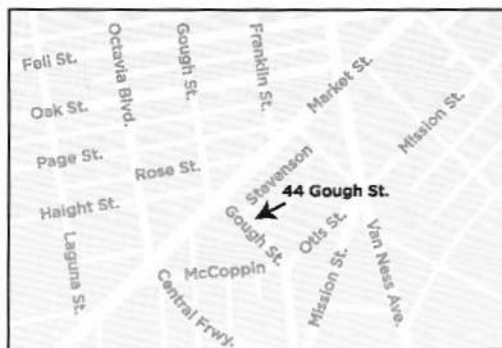
Huckleberry Community Assessment & Resource Center (CARC)

Hours of Operation:
Monday through Friday
9 am to Midnight

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Huckleberry Director of Juvenile Justice, Denise Coleman (center) was honored as a Local Hero by KQED and Union Bank. Also pictured Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom (left) and Huckleberry Executive Director Bruce Fisher.



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