

StarVista's programs help children, young people, adults, and families write their own success stories.

Counseling Programs

Through individual, family and group counseling, StarVista helps people to identify and work through personal issues that get in the way of healthy growth and development. We also offer special programs for clients who are dealing with trauma or multiple mental health and substance abuse issues.

Prevention

We help children of alcoholics learn about and break the cycle of addiction, and give people of all ages the knowledge, skills and resources they need to avoid risky behaviors and provide a safe and stable living situation for their families.

Early Intervention

Early Childhood Services help parents provide a nurturing home, and address psychological issues in very young children so they can succeed in school. Other StarVista programs recognize that a first-time criminal offense may be the sign of a family problem or the result of lack of knowledge. We help first offenders learn about the causes and consequences of their actions, to give them a second chance.

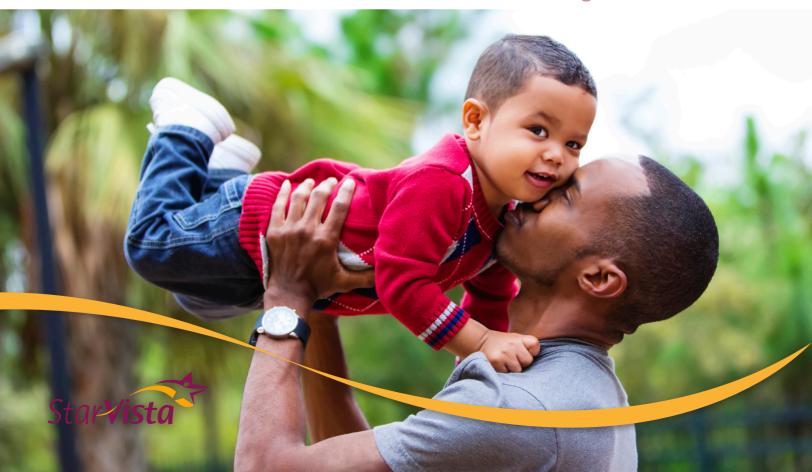
Education

Our education programs teach parents, teachers, law enforcement and other community members about available resources and methods of encouraging healthy behaviors.

Residential Programs

These programs provide a temporary home for young people who are unable to live with their families due to family crisis, alcohol and/or drug use, domestic violence, or homelessness. For children in foster care and young people who cannot return to their homes, StarVista offers several programs that teach independent living skills and provide housing assistance.

Learn more at: www.star-vista.org



Letter from the Chief Executive Officer

I am honored and grateful for the privilege to be a part of StarVista, and to lead such a talented team of committed Board, staff, volunteers, and interns. We remain a mission-focused organization that is passionate about delivering high impact services through counseling, skill development, and crisis prevention to over 35,000 children, youth, adults, and families each year.



Sara Larios Mitchell, PhDChief Executive Officer

I am inspired daily by the incredible outcomes

that our team achieves in partnership with our clients. Our clients experience profound healing in their work with our staff. Former homeless youth or former foster youth discover not only safety and a place to call "home," but also the real opportunity to imagine a future where their dreams can be realized. Individuals, who are in crisis, find allies who can help them find resources and support. I am moved beyond words by what our teams do in partnership with our clients.

As an organization, we are also dedicated to our strong partnership with our community allies, donors, and supporters, and recognize that our work would not be possible without this critical support. Thank you for your confidence and investment in StarVista. I am proud to share our annual report with you.

Letter from the Board Chair

As the Board Chair, I've had the distinct honor and privilege of working closely with an extraordinary StarVista team, including our passionate and dedicated CEO, executive leadership, Board of Directors, and an equally passionate staff. Their collective efforts translate into quality community partnerships and effective intervention and support for our courageous clients who strive to better the health and quality of life for themselves and their families. The story of our Insights



Michelle Blakely Chair, Board of Directors

program, in this report, is just one example of how StarVista transforms lives, both young and old.

Over my years as a member of the Board of Directors, I've seen how StarVista consistently stays true to our mission. We are constantly learning, evolving, and growing as we anticipate and respond to the changing needs within our community.

None of the impactful work done by our staff would be possible without the wonderful support from our generous donors and funders. Financial stability and fiscal responsibility are bases for the trust that our supporters have placed on StarVista to fulfill our mission. Bearing witness to the power of the collective efforts of people who care about the health of our community has truly been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.

Our Mission

We deliver high impact services through counseling, skill development, and crisis prevention to children, youth, adults and families.

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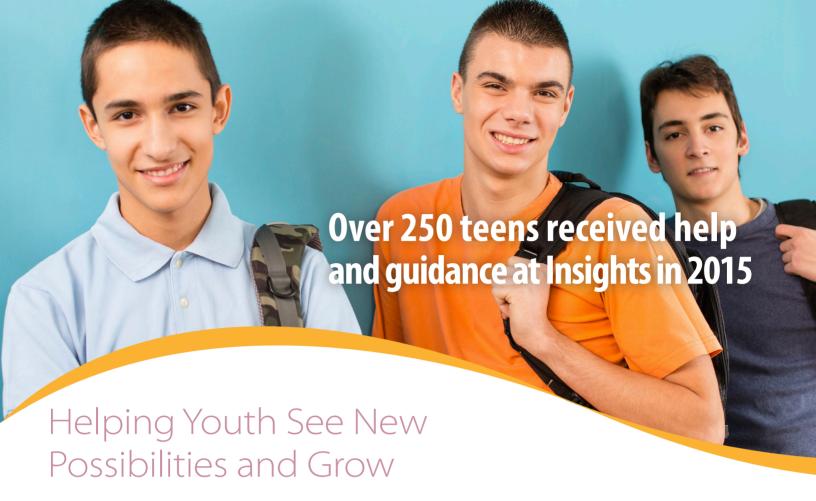
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Like most others who are first referred to StarVista's Insights youth substance abuse counseling program, Sam* was not happy to be asked to share in front of a group of other teens he'd never met before. He sat glumly, giving brief, one-word responses to the facilitator.

Sam was emotional as he said goodbye, sharing heartfelt appreciation to the staff and to the group members for helping to create the safe, open and supportive space to allow him to grow.

Youth are referred to the Insights program by the juvenile courts; family members; school administrators; and other community providers. Many have had difficulties with poor academic performance, truancy, and aggressive behavior. Many live in chronic poverty in neighborhoods with violence, crime, and gang influence.

At Insights, the youth receive family focused individual counseling and education about the effects of drugs and alcohol and learn ways to manage triggers, make healthy choices, and practice coping skills. Many of the youth have struggled with self-esteem issues and have difficulty in not only identifying their own strengths, but also supporting others.

Because participation in the program is mandated for so many, it can often be difficult to engage those like Sam, who may perceive the counselors as part of the "system." Accordingly, Insights staff strive to create a warm, safe, and inviting environment for their clients and their families.

In a recent group activity focused on identifying their strengths, each of the boys was asked to write affirmations and hopes for each other. As the boys, who often present a tough exterior, spent time carefully reading through the comments that their peers had written, visible smiles slowly appeared on virtually every face.

It was also Sam's graduation day from the program. After the group members and therapists shared their hopes and affirmations for Sam, it was his turn to share. Sam was emotional as he said goodbye, sharing heartfelt appreciation to the staff and to the group members for helping to create the safe, open and supportive space to allow him to grow.

At a pivotal time in their young lives, when youth like Sam are bolstered with the knowledge, skills and understanding that the Insights program provides to help overcome substance abuse, they can begin to see new possibilities they never could have imagined for themselves and the future.

*Names and identifying features have been changed to protect client confidentiality

Client Successes

SUSAN'S STORY

Susan* who had a history of homelessness, domestic violence, and substance abuse was initially referred to StarVista's Family Stabilization Team (FST) for housing resource needs. With the help of HIP Housing and her StarVista FST case manager, Susan will finally be able to move to a place she can call home. She will continue to receive support and resources that will allow her to stay in school and work towards obtaining a degree in social work. Learn more about Susan's story at star-vista.org/client_successes.





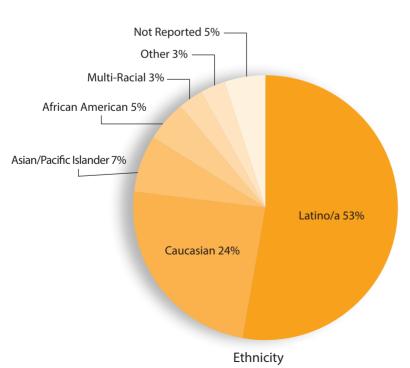
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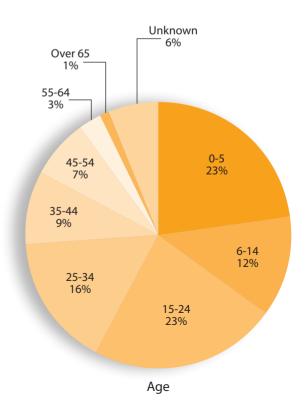
When 17 year-old Marco* came to **Your House South**, he was struggling with a myriad of issues: the loss of his parents, abuse and abandonment by his subsequent caregivers, and conflicting feelings regarding his sexual orientation and identity. Through individual therapy, Marco began to open up about the loss of his parents, and feeling unloved and unwanted. Just over one year later after the program, Marco reached out to update his counselors on his progress and proudly informed them that he is now attending community college and is in a healthy, trusting relationship. Thanks to the support he received from the staff and residents at Your House South, Marco's past will not define his future. Learn more about Marco's story at **star-vista.org/client_successes**.

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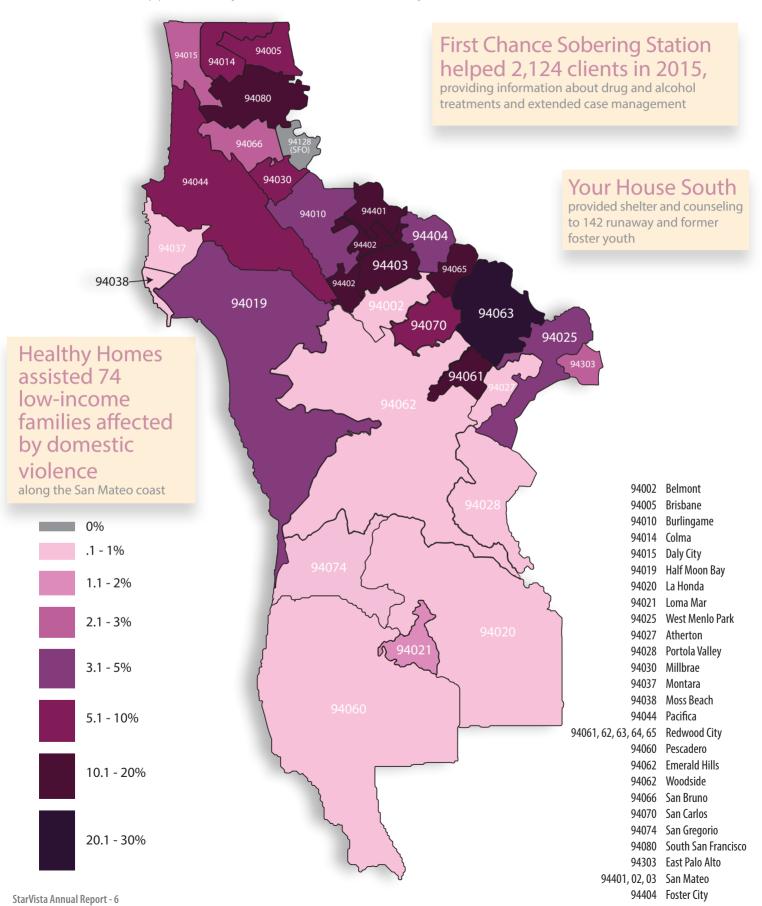
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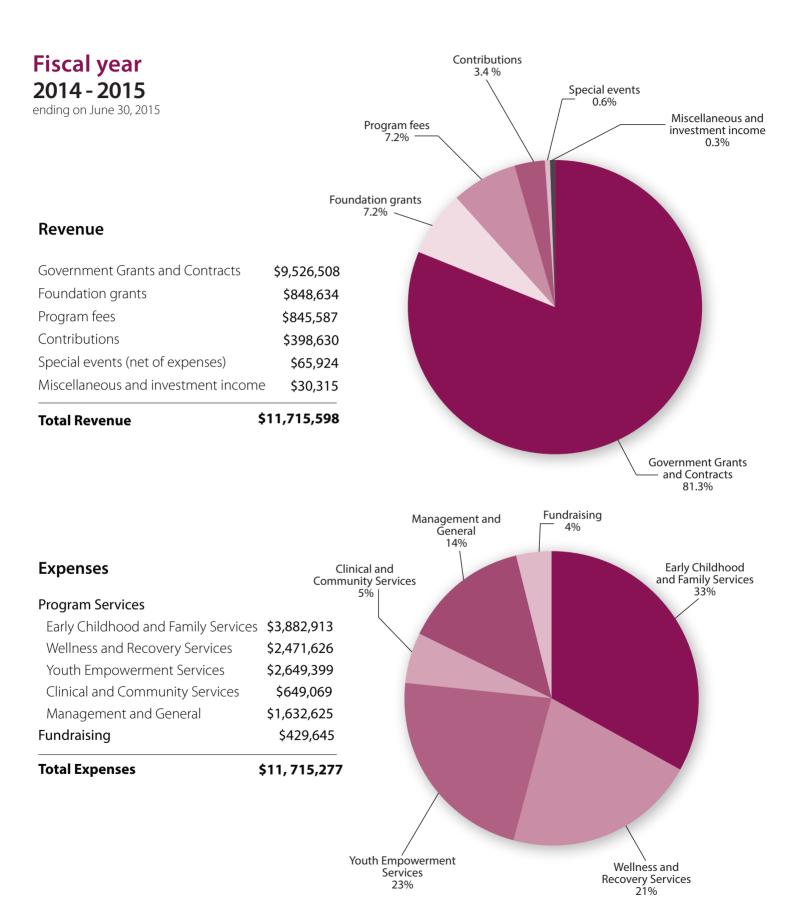


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(StarVista serves approximately 35,000 individuals annually.)



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