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Public Health Youth Center to Close

Plumas County Public Health Agency has officially announced it will be permanently closing the youth center located at 173 Lawrence Street in downtown Quincy on July 1, 2022. We are extremely grateful and would like to thank all of our stakeholders, participants, and community members who made every endeavor to set this project in motion.

The youth center was a pilot program that was launched during COVID-19 as a drop-in center to offer students a safe place to go after school Tuesday through Friday. The center offered free Wi-Fi, use of laptops, a quiet homework room, games, musical instruments, and snacks while also providing education about alcohol, tobacco, and drug prevention. Staff also facilitated all the events on the weekends such as free movie and game nights. This was possible because of the collective planning efforts and partnerships between Plumas County Public Health Agency, Plumas County Probation, Behavioral Health, and donations from our local Toy Store.

“We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future” by Franklin D Roosevelt. Underage drinking is a serious public health problem with far-reaching negative impact and consequences for our country. Plumas Youth Undivided aims to divert initial alcohol and other drug use by increasing awareness through education and building resilience among youth between the ages of 12-24 years old.

The most successful programs are those that prevent youth from engaging in unhealthy activities and behaviors from the beginning. Unfortunately, the youth center had low participation, therefore our team is currently in the planning stage to redirect our services county wide by taking a more boots on the ground approach by going back into the schools to meet the youth where they are. Staff is eager to build connections and provide community activities and education, reaching as many of the youth in Plumas County as possible.

For more information, please go to our website at <https://www.plumascounty.us/91/Public-Health-Agency> or contact:

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