

allcove San Mateo Announces New Operating Hours to Better Serve the Community

The youth drop-in center revised its hours of operation after feedback from its Youth Advisory Group.

San Mateo, CA (September 19, 2024) – As of October 1, 2024 allcove San Mateo will update its operating hours to better serve the needs of the community. Moving forward, our center will be open Monday – Friday from 1pm – 7pm while we will be closed Saturdays and Sundays.

This adjustment reflects our commitment to being more accessible to the youth and families in our community. The decision to revise our hours follows extensive input from our Youth Advisory Group (YAG), who advocated for a shift from our previous Wednesday closure. YAG members highlighted that many San Mateo County schools have early dismissals on Wednesdays, making it an ideal day for increased accessibility. By opening on Wednesdays, we can offer an additional two hours of service each week, aligning with the flexible schedules of our youth and enhancing their ability to utilize our center.

"We evaluated the feedback from our community and understand the importance of being available during times that are most convenient for the youth and families we serve," said Jackie Almes, Youth Behavioral Health Program Manager at allcove San Mateo. "Our new hours will allow us to provide more accessibility for youth to utilize our space, access services, connect with peers, and find community support."

Our allcove team remains committed to adapting and evolving our services to best meet the needs of our community. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us at (650) 226 – 7030 or allcovesanmateo@peninsulahealthcaredistrict.org.

About allcove San Mateo: allcove San Mateo is a youth drop-in center for ages 12-25 where youth can hang out and access a range of services that include mental health, physical health, substance use, peer support, family support, and supported education and employment. allcove San Mateo also offers other programming that include monthly events and educational workshops.

For more information: <u>www.allcove.org/san-mateo</u>