



# Angwin Community Teen Center

A Part of a Community Teen Alliance

**A Place Where Teens Are Embraced By Their Community**

## Mobile Art Center

### Rationale:

Expression has always been one of the greatest needs of young people. Whether from the days of artists, poets, sculptures, and inventors of long ago to those of the present there has always been the need to share that which is within. Thoughts, emotions, and experiences are turned into a common language. All tell a story about the individual ranging from intense joy to extreme pain. Mysteries and treasures are unlocked if only listeners and viewers will seek meaning and understanding with an open mind.



Because of the well-known fact stated by youth of insufficient activities and boredom, we desire to create an activity that is ongoing throughout the year. We would also use this activity to develop relationships as art projects were displayed in various businesses and establishments as a contribution to the community. As

stated so powerfully by one of the young people, "I desire to be more than accepted within Community, I desire to feel that I belong and am seen as a valuable, contributing person." Young people today need to feel that they have a purpose.

Because this need is great within our Community the Angwin Community Teen Center, with support from the Community Foundation of Napa Valley, Nimbus Arts, and St. Helena Hospital Center for Behavioral Health, developed the Mobile Art Center.

The intent of the Art Center is multi-faceted: 1) to meet an expressed youth need; 2) to make a statement that "creating" is an extremely valued gift in our local culture; 3) to draw young and older artists together; 4) to draw business and community into the lives of youth as



mentors, 5) to stimulate and provide an intentional opportunity and supplies for both recreation and expression in a multitude of settings, and 6) to nurture the mental and emotional health of youth.

Activities will included multi—media opportunities of water color, pastels, acrylics, and pencil, as well as crafts, sculpture, bead making, and pottery based on facilities.

The art center will be moved to a multitude of settings from the Teen Center and parks to business, vineyard, and ocean backgrounds.

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