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Topic: Partnering with Foster Care and Runaway/Homeless Youth Programs

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NYS DOL Youth Program Development Team

Follow-Up Resources: Slides and Resources

Description: The Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Programs are expected to serve youth with barriers to employment, particularly youth involved in the foster care system and youth who are homeless and runaway. This webinar will provide an overview of the programs serving these youth and share ways to partner with organizations serving foster, homeless or runaway youth. Join this webinar to learn about local resources to recruit youth in your programs.

Pre-webinar review: [Runaway and homeless youth programs](#)

[Youth Enrichment Services](#), including College and Vocational Services, Youth In Progress and FosterClub All-Star Program

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Partnering with Foster Care and Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs Webinar Resources

Homelessness

- [Voices of Youth Count](#) – A national Chapin Hall initiative to bring actionable evidence to prevent and end youth homelessness
- [WorkforceGPS recording](#) – Supporting Youth and Young Adults Experiencing Homelessness through Education and Workforce Partnerships

Foster care

- [Mythbuster, Youth in foster care and WIOA](#) – Serving youth in foster care is critical in the workforce system; however, there are several myths about serving them. This document seems to debunk some of the misconceptions.
- [Building and Strengthening Partnerships to Best Serve Youth in Foster Care](#) – A joint webinar to learn more about how child welfare and workforce agencies together can develop strategies that benefit youth in care
- [Supporting the Educational and Career Success of Foster Youth under WIOA](#) – This document provides a list of examples of practices that have been shown in research and in the field to impact the educational, employment, and general welfare of foster youth.

Contact Information to Build Partnerships

- [58 local departments of social services \(DSS\) in New York State](#) – DSS facilitate foster care programs and 95 voluntary agencies providing congregate care in New York State.
- [127 certified residential Runaway programs in New York State](#)
- Runaway Homeless Youth Program Office of Children and Family Services email address: RHY@ocfs.ny.gov
- YouthTeam@labor.ny.gov

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Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs

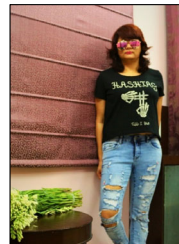
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Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Definitions

Runaway youth:
a person under 18 years old who is absent from their legal residence without the consent of their parent, legal guardian or custodian



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Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Definitions

A homeless youth is

- a person under 18 years old who is in need of services and is without a place of shelter where supervision and care are available; or
- a person who under 21 but at least 18 years old and who is need of services and is without a place of shelter; or
- a homeless young adult as defined below when included in a county's Child and Family Services Plan.



Homeless Young Adult:

- a person who is age 24 or younger but is at least age 21 and who is in need of services and is without a place of shelter

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WIOA Eligibility for Runaway and Homeless Youth

A homeless youth is an individual who meets any of the following criteria:

- 1. **Lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence. This includes a participant who is:**

- sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;
- living in a motel, hotel, trailer park, or campground due to a lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
- living in an emergency or transitional shelter;
- abandoned in a hospital; or
- awaiting foster care placement.



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WIOA Eligibility for Runaway and Homeless Youth

A homeless youth is an individual who meets any of the following criteria:

- 2. **Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, such as a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground**
- 3. **Is a migratory child who in the preceding 36 months was required to move from one school district to another due to changes in the parent's or parent's spouse's seasonal employment in agriculture, dairy, or fishing work**
- 4. **Is under 18 years of age and absents themselves from home or place of legal residence without the permission of his or her family (i.e., runaway youth)**



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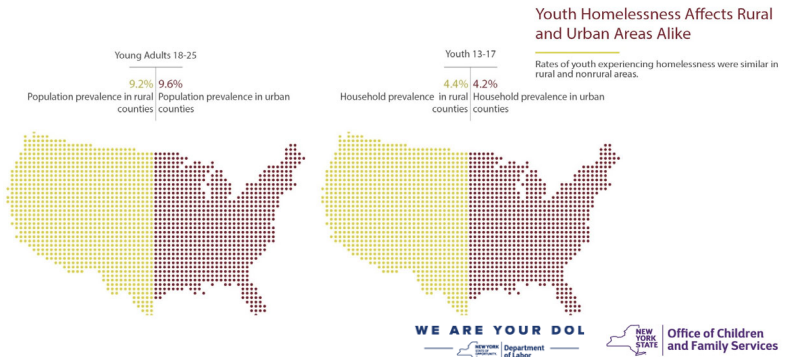
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Does your program currently serve
homeless/runaway youth?
(Yes/No)



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Runaway and Homeless Youth Are in Your Community



Runaway and Homeless Youth and Education



Voices of Youth Count, Chapin Hall, 2018



RHY Programs in NYS

Residential

- Crisis Services Programs
- Transitional Independent Living Support Programs (TILPs)

Non-residential, including but not limited to:

- Street outreach
- Drop-in centers
- Educational and vocational support
- Hotlines
- And more!



RHY Residential Crisis Services Programs

Crisis intervention with the goal of family reunification

Runaway and Homeless Youth Shelter

- Short-term, emergency housing for up to 20 youth
- Serve youth age 17 and under, 16 through 20, or up to 25 in some circumstances
- Youth can stay in these programs for up to 30 days; and in some circumstances, as long as 120 days.

Interim Family Program

- Short-term emergency shelter for up to two youth in the home of an individual or family with extra space (Interim Family Home)
- Serve youth under 21 years old
- Interim family homes are inspected and supervised by OCFS-licensed interim family programs.

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RHY Residential TILPs

Support youth transitions from crisis to independent living

Supported Residence

- Long-term housing for up to five youth (usually an apartment)
- Serve youth of the same gender 16-21 years old, or up to 25 in some circumstances
- Youth can stay in these programs for up to 18 months, or up to 24 months in some circumstances

Group Residence

- Long-term housing for up to 20 youth
- Serve youth between 16-21 years old, or up to 25 in some circumstances
- Youth can stay in these programs for up to 18 months, or up to 24 months in some circumstances

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RHY Rooted in Positive Youth Development



Resiliency