

# THE PROCESS

## **Assessment**

A young person experiencing homelessness is identified by a community partner and is referred to the Homeless Coalition for assessment.

## **Diversion**

When possible, we use diversion funds to do things like pay for transportation out of state if we can verify a young person has more stable housing there.

## **Peer Support**

We've hired peer support specialist (individuals with lived experiences with homelessness) to help young people navigate challenges they are facing.

## **Transitional/ Rapid Rehousing**

For some, we have transitional housing to meet immediate housing and safety needs. Our rapid rehousing programming allows us to pay up to one year of rental assistance to help a young person find and maintain housing.

## **Case management**

Case managers work with residents to connect them to resources to address their various needs. ( employment, education, medical, mental health,etc).

# THE YHDP TEAM

**YHDP Referral Line:**

**423-710-1503**

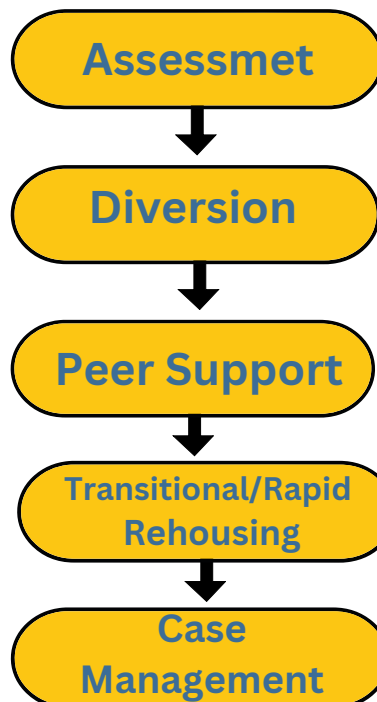
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# YOUTH HOMELESSNESS DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

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## ABOUT YHDP

The Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) is designed to help youth and young adults (YYA) ages eighteen (18) to Twenty-four (24) find and maintain stable housing. The program provides youth with housing and assistance finding permanent housing. The goal of YHDP is to support the community in the development and implementation of coordinated approaches aimed at preventing and ending homelessness of youth and young adults.

## ABOUT DIVERSION

The CRHC YHDP Diversion program is intended to prevent homelessness for people seeking shelter and/or entering a coordinated entry system for prioritization of services by helping them identify immediate alternate housing arrangements. This can include connecting them with services and financial assistance to help them return to permanent housing.



## OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of the CRHC Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) program is to provide organization of special youth targeted coordinated entry efforts, youth navigation, and diversion programming, as well as support to agencies that receive HUD YHDP funds in meeting and exceeding HUD performance measures.

## FUNDING APPROVAL REQUEST

To request diversion funds, Clients must meet all eligibility requirements and be entered into HMIS. Case managers will need to submit all documentation along with an email sent to [YHDP@homelescoalition.org](mailto:YHDP@homelescoalition.org), With the subject line title “*Diversion Fund Request.*”

## WHO WE SERVE

The population to be served by this demonstration program is youth aged 18 experiencing homelessness, including pregnant or parenting youth, where no member of the household is older than 24. Per HUD Guidelines, youth shall be considered eligible for this program if they are aged 18-24 years old and experiencing homelessness. YHDP serves 11 counties within the TN-500 Region, including *Hamilton, Meigs, Marion, Bledsoe, Rhea, Bradley, Polk, Sequachie, Grundy, McMinn, and Franklin.*

## SERVICES PROVIDED WITH DIVERSION

- Provision of financial, utility, and/or rental assistance
- Short-term case management
- Conflict mediation;
- Housing search
- Kinship/care stay payment agreements
- transportation
- Gift cards for food
- Misc., this can include mobile phones, essential documents (I.D), Minor car repairs, Medical co-pays, glasses, work clothes, and pet deposits.