What is YHDP?

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program

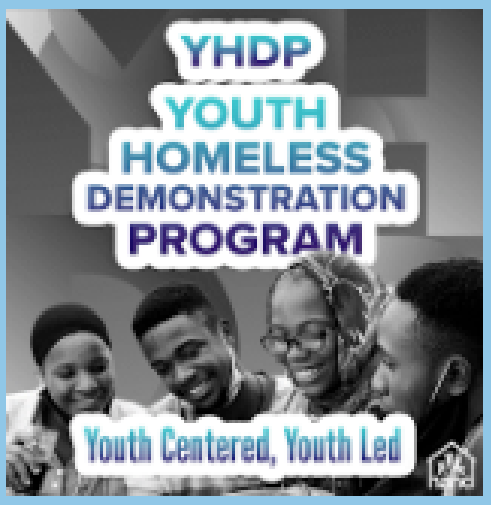
BACKGROUND

In July 2021 the Detroit Continuum of Care (CoC) applied for a grant opportunity known as Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP). YHDP has the ultimate goal of reducing youth homelessness. YHDP aims to support selected award recipients in the development and implementation of a coordinated community approach. The hope is that the awarded communities will then share that experience with and help mobilize communities around the country towards the same end. **The population to be served by the demonstration program is youth experiencing homelessness up to age 24.**

VISION TO END HOMELESSNESS

YHDP's shared mission and vision is for **youth and young adults voices to be centered and elevated** in our collective efforts towards building an equitable and inclusive community where youth and young adults of all backgrounds (LGBTQ+, BIPOC, parenting, etc.) have access to:

- Safe, stable, and affordable housing
- Supportive services that use a community coordinated response to offer educational and employment opportunities
- Spreading awareness and resources through building permanent connections
- And any other resources and services that ensures youth homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring.



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GRANT RECIPIENTS

Applications were considered for the following project types: Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Joint Component Transitional Housing Rapid Rehousing (TH-RRH), Rapid Rehousing (RRH) portion of the joint component program, and Crisis Mental Health. At the end of a comprehensive planning process, we chose three organizations that best represented our collective vision and had extensive experience serving youth.

After a year of planning, the YHDP grant recipients are the following: Ruth Ellis Center, Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH); MCHS Family of Services and Detroit Phoenix Center, Joint Component Transitional Housing Rapid Rehousing (TH-RRH); and MCHS Family of Services, Crisis Mental Health.

This graphic shows Project Grant Recipients and their role supporting youth

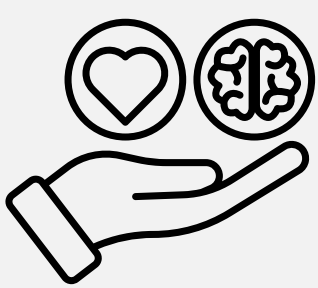
Project	Overview
Ruth Ellis Center Permanent Supportive Housing	Permanent housing assistance with wrap around case management and support. *This PSH project is a scattered-site, which is a unique aspect.
MCHS Family of Service and Detroit Pheonix Center Transitional Housing - Rapid Rehousing (TH-RRH)	Youth will have *access to transitional housing – rapid rehousing with a pathway to up to 2 years of housing assistance and wrap around supports. *Note: Youth will still have to access services through the Detroit CoC's Coordinated Entry System, known as CAM
MCHS Family of Service Crisis Mental Health Team	Peer supports and mental health professionals will be immediate responders to calls from young people experiencing mental health crisis that are affecting their housing stability. *The crisis mental health project is the first of it's kind to be funded by HUD
Community and Home Supports (CHS) Coordinated Entry	Improving the way that youth access the homeless response system and are prioritized for resources, including efforts to identify youth and connect them to support.

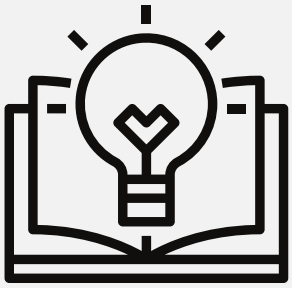
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HIGH-LEVEL OVERVIEW OF GOALS

- Prevention
- Identification
- Stable Housing
- Education & Employment
- Health & Well-being
- Sustainability






YOUTH ACTION BOARD (YAB)

The YAB is an interagency group of young leaders with lived experience of homelessness and/or foster care. The mission of the YAB is to strive for the elimination of youth homelessness in our region through informing the public about homelessness, identifying and eliminating barriers to housing, and advocating for increased resources to transition youth.

YAB members use their lived experiences to inform policy makers, service providers, and community members on youth engagement practices and strategies to prevent and end youth homelessness.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- HAND YHDP Funding Homepage
- Coordinated Entry Plan to End Youth Homelessness