

PROPOSED SYSTEM TO ADDRESS HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

All support services & housing models should be implemented according to the following principles:

Positive Youth Development, Trauma-Informed Care, Cultural Competence, Person-Centered Care & Strengths-Based Family Services

SERVICES

- Prevention Services
- Early & Crisis Intervention Services
- Long-Term Services
- Aftercare Services

Foundational Services Available Throughout the Entire System

In-home care

Counseling, activity groups & substance use prevention to keep youth with family of choice.



Respite care

Counseling & crisis intervention to provide a "break" for youth and family of choice.



Community & street outreach

Peer advocates & others identify youth in need to build trust, provide services (i.e., drop-in center & shelter referrals) & help prevent abuse/exploitation/trafficking.



Drop-in centers

Providing a safe environment with supportive services including meals, showers, health care & counseling to help build trust & offer options.



Public education

Outreach and communications to increase public awareness & information about available resources.



Centralized communications

Phone hotlines such as National Runaway Safeline (1-800-RUNAWAY), National Human Trafficking Hotline (1-888-373-7888) & instant message, email or text services to connect youth & family of choice to housing & services.



Systems-based approaches

School, child welfare, health care & criminal justice professionals identify youth in crisis & provide counseling, substance use services, housing assistance & other resource referrals.



Therapeutic services for family of choice

Individual & group counseling to safely and appropriately reunite youth with family of choice.



Life skills building

Self-care, money & household management; goal-setting, problem solving training & skills development, including for youth with disabilities and/or mental health needs.



In-school education

Support & re-engagement for students; elementary, high school & postsecondary instruction; GED & technical programs; assistance and support for students with disabilities and/or mental health concerns; ESL classes.



SERVICES

Foundational Services Available Throughout the Entire System

Early childhood services

Identification & expedited priority access to: prenatal care; quality childcare; Head Start/Early Head Start; early intervention (i.e., IDEA Part C) & preschool programs.



Transportation

Public or shared services to commute to school and/or employment; means to reliably visit health services, including individual and group counseling; safely access affordable childcare services.



Immigrant youth support services

Language access services; integration support programs; representation for immigration cases; support for unaccompanied minors; free or low-cost medical care for immigrant youth without insurance.



Legal services

Direct representation for civil law, family law, criminal record relief, assistance obtaining ID, civil cases for back wages and damages, civil protective orders, obtaining crime victims compensation, and reunifying with family of choice in U.S. or overseas.



Case management

Planning & goal-setting exercises; care coordination; advocacy & referrals to additional services.



HOUSING

Foundational Services Available Throughout the Entire System

Family crisis housing (minors)

Temporary housing while family of choice receives support and tools to care for young person.



Time-limited rental assistance (transitional aged youth)

Short-term rental assistance to either prevent youth or young parent families from losing current shelter, or to facilitate quick return to stable housing.



Crisis intervention programs (minors & transitional aged youth)

Temporary housing with basic needs provision & youth-appropriate services (i.e., Basic Center Program for minors & emergency shelter programs for transitional aged youth).



Host-family home (minors & transitional aged youth)

External family provides youth with safe & stable housing on a temporary basis.



HOUSING

- Prevention Housing
- Early & Crisis Intervention Housing
- Longer-Term Housing

Key

Support services or housing models that belong to one stage are identified by one color.

Support services or housing models that belong to two or more stages are indicated by additional color-coded dots above each name that correspond to the respective Legend. Each color appears in sequential order, beginning with the stage origination.

We acknowledge that youth may have voluntary or involuntary interactions with law enforcement. Please refer to your state and the organization's mandated reporting policies for guidance on engaging law enforcement.

Post-reunification with family of choice

Counseling, supportive services & referrals to address ongoing needs of youth survivors.



Post-housing support

Case management, counseling & referrals.



Core Outcomes to Measure Success

Safety

Low risk of re-trafficking; resolution of legal cases or claims; safety plan established.

Stable housing

Safe, stable & developmentally appropriate housing with access to supportive services as necessary.

Permanent connections

Healthy attachments to peers, mentors, family of choice & other caring adults.

Education, training & employment

employability through supported academic success, development of workplace skills & connections to employers.

Health & social/emotional well-being

physical health; ability to create & maintain positive relationships with others, solve problems, experience empathy & manage emotions.

Nurturing permanent connections

Family reunification, kinship care placements, legal guardianships & supportive services to build long-term relationships with caring adults.



Follow-up

Periodic contact with youth & family of choice to determine progress & provide additional services or referrals.



Post-exit community outreach

Opportunities for youth to re-engage with needed services at any given time.



Workforce development

Skills training, employment assistance, internships, career planning & other professional preparation, including for youth with disabilities and/or mental health concerns.



Medical care

Doctor appointments & checkups; substance use services & other treatment; mental health care; individual & group counseling; suicide prevention & emotional support.



Mental health care

Individual & group counseling; suicide prevention & emotional wellness.



Support services for family of choice

Counseling for family of choice: parenting assistance & affordable/accessible childcare for young parent families of choice.



School-based services

Adequately trained and resourced McKinney Vento homeless liaisons; case management; health care; sexual health education & student support communities (i.e., Gay/Straight Alliances); assistance and support for students with disabilities and/or mental health concerns; ESL classes.



Postsecondary education

Financial aid; priority for work study; tuition waivers; priority for housing; housing during academic breaks; single points of contact & campus support services (i.e., food; health & counseling); specialized guidance and funding options for undocumented students.



Congregate transitional housing (minors & transitional aged youth)

Congregate setting with preparation for independent living (i.e., Transitional living Program, Transitional Housing & Maternity Group Homes, and Residential Anti-Trafficking).



Transition in place (transitional aged youth)

May include 24-hour access to staff & independent living skills training, with option of taking on apartment lease before or after program completion.



Extended rental assistance (transitional aged youth)

Full to partial rental assistance, basic life needs provision & supportive services while youth pursue education or vocational training.



Permanent supportive housing (transitional aged youth)

Non-time-limited accommodations & supportive services or youth with significant needs.



Permanent affordable housing (transitional aged youth)

Long-term, deed-restricted rental housing for very low income youth.

