

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.

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Foundational Services Available Throughout the Entire System

HOUSING

- 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Post-reunification with family of choice
Counseling, supportive services & referrals to address ongoing needs of youth survivors.

Post-housing support
Case management, counseling & referrals.

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

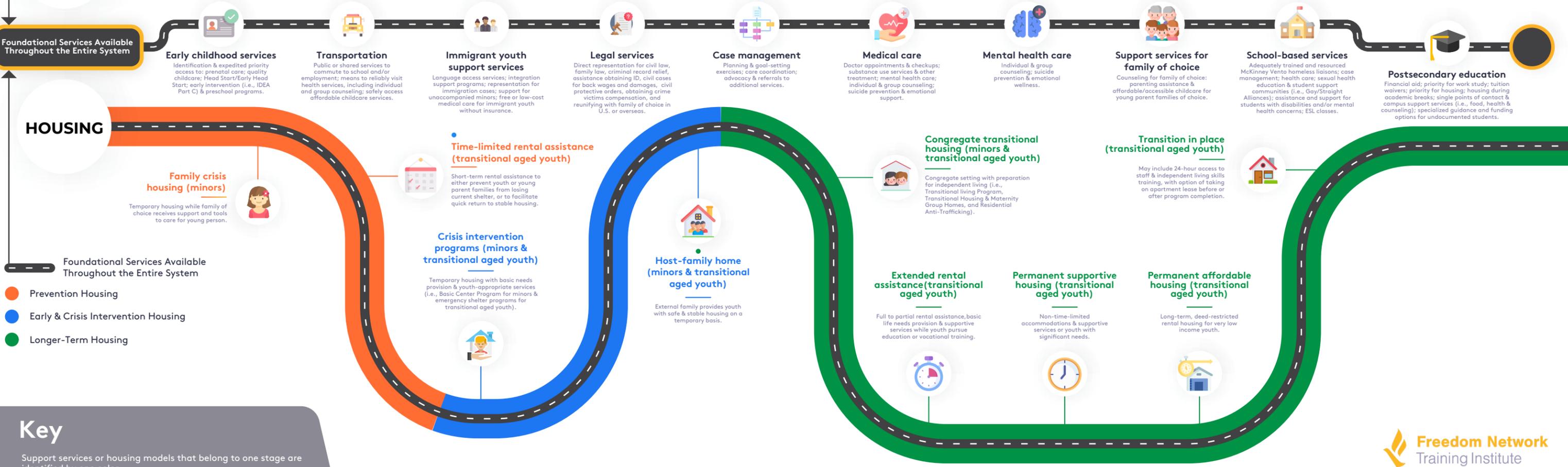
Workforce development
Skills training, employment assistance, internships, career planning & other professional preparation, including for youth with disabilities and/or mental health concerns.

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.

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.



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.