Juvenile Rehabilitation Homeless Prevention Program

2018

- (SSB 6560) Requires agencies to develop a plan by Dec. 31, 2021, to ensure that no youth discharges from a publicly funded system of care into homelessness by Dec. 31, 2021.
- Juvenile Rehabilitation (JR) received funding from the Legislature to assist youth and young adults releasing into homelessness or unstable housing.





Groundwork

Operational and Infrastructure

- Three full time employees dedicated to homeless prevention efforts within JR.
- Development of internal referral and tracking system.
- Building database for outcome reporting.
- Statewide training for JR staff and managers.
- Development of statewide inventory for community housing resources.

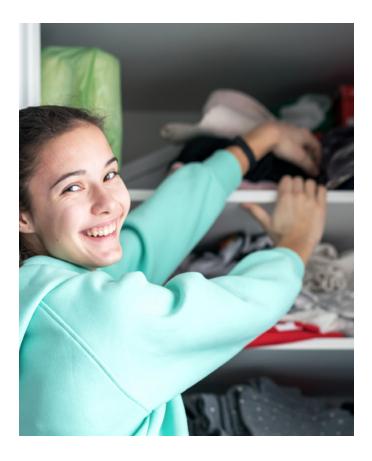
Community Partners

- Participation on county homeless coalitions and Interagency Workgroup on Youth Homelessness.
- County homeless coalitions.
- Interagency workgroup on youth homelessness.
- Office of Homeless Youth.

- A Way Home Washington.
- · Volunteers of America.
- Health Care Authority.
- · YouthCare.

Development of Housing Vendors

- Build relationships with housing vendors across the state to increase resource options for youth and young adults.
- Educate vendors on the needs of JR youth and young adults.
- Streamline payment process for housing vendors.



Current

Vendors

Housing vendor partners have been established in King, Snohomish, Pierce, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Yakima, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Walla Walla, Benton/Franklin, and Spokane County.

Grants

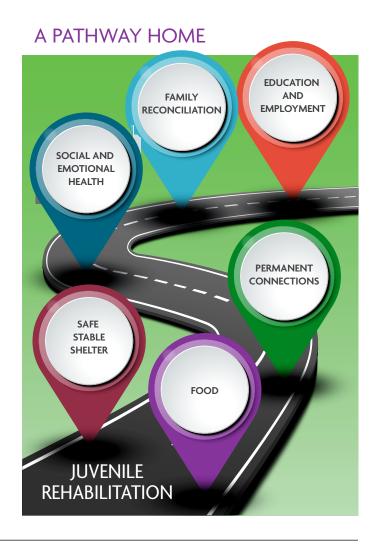
- In partnership with the Department of Commerce and Volunteers of America, two housing units dedicated to JR youth facing homelessness in Spokane County.
- Through Volunteers of America, one housing case manager located in the Spokane JR parole office is providing case management services for clients in need of housing.
- Partnership with the Department of Commerce and Health Care Authority for one WISe Engagement Coordinator assisting eligible JR clients with access to intensive wraparound services upon reentry to the community.

Financial Assistance

JR utilizes dedicated homeless prevention funds to provide support with rent, deposits, application fees, and utility bills for youth and young adults in need of housing.

Future Needs

- Independent Living Skills program offered to young people in residential and community settings.
- Additional homeless prevention specialists to ensure equitable services for all youth across Washington State.
- Increase inventory of housing units for youth and young adults.
- Increase access to Coordinated Entry for youth and young adults facing housing instability prior to release from JR.



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