

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program:

Youth Housing Program + Youth Systems Navigator

Hebron Housing Services

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Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Background

- Balance of State Continuum of Care was awarded \$7.5 million to develop the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program for adults aged 18-24.
- Coalitions and Counties across the state of Wisconsin could apply for funding by creating a **Youth Action Group** and developing a **Coordinated Community Plan** to end youth homelessness.
- If the coalitions/counties demonstrated a need for the funding, they could then apply for specific programs for homeless youth.

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Waukesha-Ozaukee-Washington Region

- These 3 counties decided to partner together for the YHDP program with 3 lead agencies to represent their respective county:
 - **Waukesha**-Hebron Housing Services
 - **Ozaukee**- Family Promise of Ozaukee County
 - **Washington**- The Youth and Family Project

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Youth Housing Programs

- In June of 2022, the WOW Region's Coordinated Community Plan was approved.
- The WOW region then began the application process for specific programs designed to assist homeless youth ages 18-24.
- In July, the WOW was approved to implement two programs to be overseen by Hebron Housing Services:
 - Joint Transitional Housing/Rapid Re-housing Program
 - Youth Systems Navigator

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Joint Youth TH/RRH Program

- Assists adults ages 18-24 who are category 1 homeless in locating temporary or permanent housing.
- Category 1 Homeless is defined as any youth:
 - Living on the streets
 - In their vehicle
 - In an emergency Shelter
 - In a hotel/motel paid for by a outside agency

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Transitional Housing

- Assists youth in locating temporary housing (no more than 24 months) where Hebron is the leaseholder.
- The youth is required to pay a "program fee" once a month for staying in the TH unit, which won't exceed 30% of their monthly income
- During their time in a TH unit, they work with a case manager and life skills coordinator to help them become self-sufficient and independent.
- The goal is to have the youth "graduate" into the Rapid Re-housing program, which is a more permanent housing solution.

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Rapid Re-housing Program

- Assists youth in locating permanent and stable housing where they hold their own lease agreement.
- The youth receives rent assistance and case management for 12 months after moving into their own apartment.
- Throughout the duration of those 12 months, the goal is for the youth to complete program with the ability to afford rent and everyday expenses on their own.

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How Do Homeless Youth Get Connected to this Program?

- Homeless youth are referred to this program through Coordinated Entry.
- If you know of a person 18-24 experiencing homelessness in Waukesha, they can be referred to the coordinated entry system in these two ways:
 - Housing Action Coalition (262) 326-5322
 - Hebron Housing Services (262) 522-1413 or (262) 888-5090

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Youth Systems Navigator

- The "point person" in the county for people aged 18-24 experiencing crisis situations
- The Navigator helps individuals by referring them to appropriate resources and providing guidance so that further crisis can be avoided.
- Reasons to contact the Youth Systems Navigator includes:
 - Housing Instability
 - Financial crisis
 - General assistance to promote self-sufficiency and well-being

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Questions?

· If you have any questions regarding the Joint TH/RRH program or Youth Systems Navigator, please contact:

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