

**Department:** County Human Services      **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing      **Program Offer Stage:** Proposed  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

The Youth Stability and Homelessness Prevention Services program serves youth under the age of 18. The program offers services to both prevent homelessness as well as support those who are homeless. For those at risk of leaving their current home, the services can help them stabilize their living situation and prevent homelessness. For those who have left, been kicked out or cannot return, the program can provide a rapid response and ensure youth have support and emergency housing. The services are contracted to non-profits who have track records of serving youth with high quality and culturally appropriate services. YFS supports program development by hosting meetings with providers, consulting and providing program guidance and help with contracts.

**Program Description**

**ISSUE:** The dynamics and consequences of homelessness can be different for youth than adults. For instance, for youth, homelessness impacts their education and ability to attend or stay in school. Youth need support and services that are tailored to their age, developmental stage, culture and specific circumstances.

**PROGRAM GOAL:** This program addresses the need for services that are tailored to youth who are at risk of or who are experiencing homelessness. The program supports youth so they can stay in school and works to prevent involvement in juvenile justice and child welfare systems.

**PROGRAM ACTIVITY:** This program contracts with community organizations who serve youth under age 18 and prioritizes funding culturally specific organizations. The services focus on three areas:

- 1) Access and Outreach: Text and phone services that are available around the clock, 7 days a week. Mobile response is also available to connect with youth in person and provide transportation if needed. Outreach is conducted at schools as well as youth-serving organizations, DHS and law enforcement.
- 2) Crisis and Stability Support: Needs and safety assessment, emotional support, crisis intervention, safety planning, family mediation and reunification (when possible and appropriate). It also includes connecting youth to a range of other services to promote safety and stability.
- 3) Emergency Housing: Overnight emergency housing options and short-term case management services for youth who are in emergency housing.

During this global pandemic organizations have had to quickly shift the ways they serve youth to follow social distance guidelines. And the need for services that support youth and keep them safe and healthy has deepened during COVID-19.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of youth engaged in service	104	75	75	75
Outcome	Percent of youth who identify at least one supportive adult outside of the YSHP program. at exit	96%	80%	80%	80%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Output remains the same across fiscal year as the program is only able to serve 75 youth.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Contractual Services	\$1,279,564	\$46,651	\$1,369,709	\$46,651
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$1,279,564</b>	<b>\$46,651</b>	<b>\$1,369,709</b>	<b>\$46,651</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$1,326,215</b>		<b>\$1,416,360</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$46,651	\$0	\$46,651
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$46,651</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$46,651</b>

Explanation of Revenues

\$46,651- OCCF Youth Investment (Federal)

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 25138A YFS - Youth Stability & Homelessness Prevention Services