

Overview

In 1998, homeless youth service agencies in Multnomah County organized into a collaborative Continuum to ensure maximum coordination, effectiveness, and accountability. In 2008, a new partner joined the Continuum - Native American Youth & Family Center - to expand services beyond the downtown core and further meet the needs of diverse communities of youth in Multnomah County.

The Continuum is designed to serve youth in Multnomah County who have no viable, safe home options.

These services are provided to our community because the Continuum believes:

- ◆ *All youth have great value and potential*
- ◆ *Youth deserve an opportunity to succeed in school, work and life*
- ◆ *Stable housing gives youth an opportunity to build better lives*
- ◆ *All youth have the right to a safe, decent place to live*



Continuum Agency Website Addresses

Janus Youth Programs

www.janusyouth.org

Native American Youth & Family Center

www.nayapdx.org

New Avenues for Youth

www.newavenues.org

Outside In

www.outsidein.org

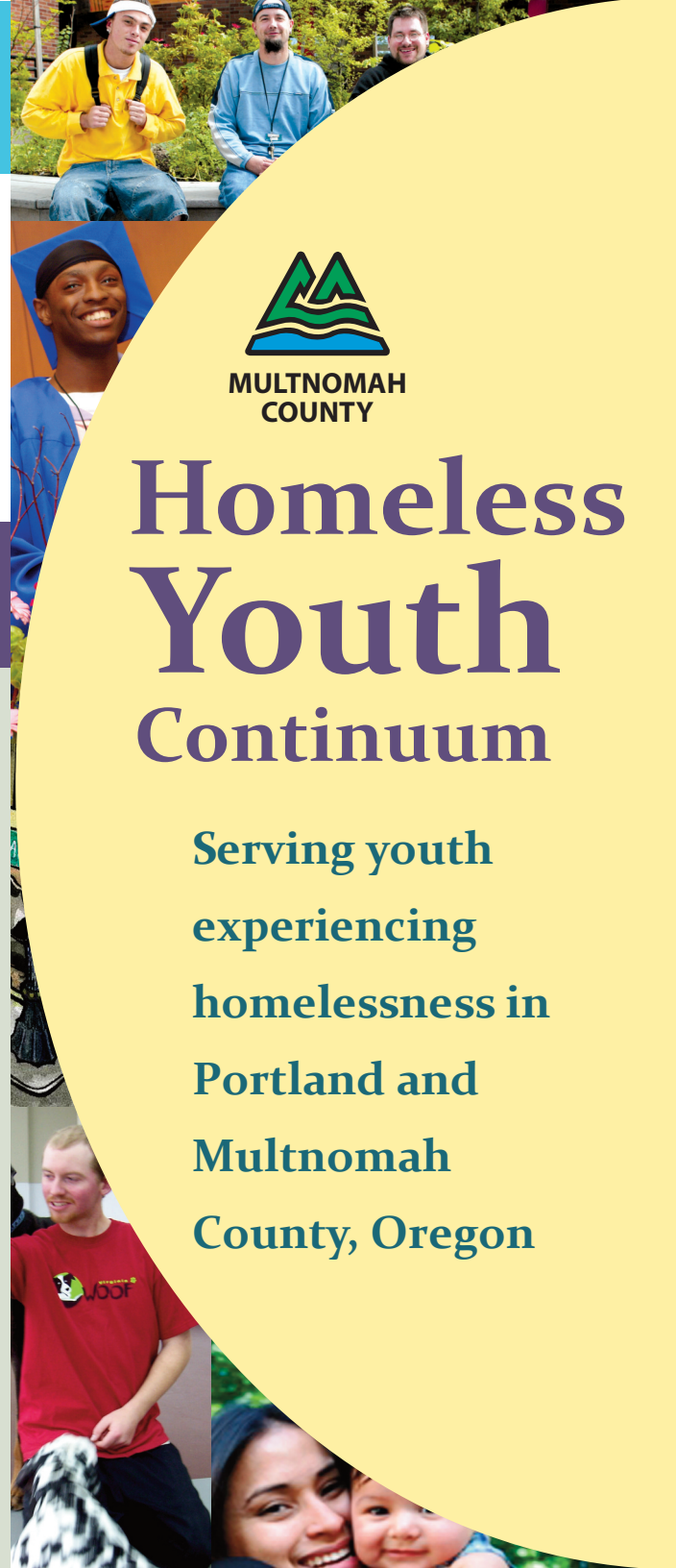
Services Linked to the Continuum

New Avenues for Youth:

- ◆ **Alba Collaborative:** Homeless and Runaway Prevention and Youth Stabilization Services- Partnership between New Avenues for Youth, Latino Network, Youth Progress, National Safe Place Network, and Multnomah County. Services include 24/7 basic center (runaway/disconnected youth crisis shelter, short term shelter, Drop In services, basic needs access, culturally responsive and specific Assertive Engagement case management, family mediation/reunification, HYS Screening and referral)
- ◆ **New Day:** Sexual exploitation/trafficking Intervention- Partnership between New Avenues, Call to Safety, Rafael House, DHS, SEI, VOA, Multnomah County and City of Portland, focused on prevention and intervention of sexual exploitation and/or trafficking. Services include outreach, assertive engagement case management, community prevention education, confidential advocates, housing navigation and retention support

Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center

(SMYRC): offers school and community-based services, culturally specific housing, social and recreations support for LGBTQIAS+ youth



System Description

The Homeless Youth Continuum focuses services and supports for youth ages 16-24 years.

Services are intended to be a late stage intervention and are available to those most affected by continued homelessness.

The primary goals of the Continuum are to meet the basic safety and developmental needs of homeless youth in Multnomah County.

The four agencies making up the Continuum include Janus Youth Programs, Native American Youth and Family Center, New Avenues for Youth and Outside In.

The system is designed to serve approximately 1000 youth annually.



County-Funded Services

- ◆ **Safety Services:** 24 hour immediate access, crisis services, basic needs services, shelter, and engagement opportunities.
- ◆ **Assertive Engagement:** Providing access, eligibility, assessment, transition planning and support by staff that are relationship focused, mobile and operate throughout Multnomah County. Linkage to education, employment, health services, mental health, and alcohol/drug services is provided.
- ◆ **Housing:** Site based and scattered site options focus on moving youth to independence.

Service Locations

New Avenues for Youth

314 SW 9th Avenue / 1220 SW Columbia St
503-224-4339

- ◆ **Safety Services:** stationary outreach, meals, hygiene, basic resources
- ◆ **Assertive Engagement:** individualized plans and supports
- ◆ **Alternative School**
- ◆ **LGBTQ youth supports**
- ◆ **Transitional Housing Continuum:** supervised and independent living
- ◆ **Permanent Supportive Housing**
- ◆ **Alcohol/Drug and Mental Health Services**
- ◆ **Job Training Center:** Ben & Jerry's Scoop Shop, New Avenues INK
- ◆ **Career Training and Employment:** PAVE ◆

Outside In

1132 SW 13th Avenue
503-535-3800

- ◆ **Safety Services:** stationary outreach, meals, hygiene, basic resources
- ◆ **Assertive Engagement:** individualized plans and supports
- ◆ **Alcohol/Drug and Mental Health Services**
- ◆ **Education:** Urban Ed Alternative School and College Quarters
- ◆ **Career Training and Employment:** Employment Resource Center
 - ◆ **Transitional Housing:** supervised and independent living
- ◆ **Permanent Supported Housing**
- ◆ **LGBTQ youth supports**
 - ◆ **HIV Prevention**
- ◆ **Medical Clinic (including Trans Clinic)**
- ◆ **Tattoo removal:** Project Erase

Janus Youth Programs

1635 SW Alder Street
503-432-3986

- ◆ **Safety Services:** eligibility screening, basic services, link to Assertive Engagement
- ◆ **60 bed Crisis and Short-Term Shelter:** Porchlight and Streetlight Shelters
- ◆ **Street Outreach:** Yellow Brick Road
- ◆ **Transitional Housing and Independent Living:** Bridgehouse

Native American Youth and Family Center

5135 NE Columbia Boulevard
503-288-8177

- ◆ **Access to Safety Services:** basic resources, eligibility screening and meals
- ◆ **Assertive Engagement:** individualized plans and supports
- ◆ **Education Program and Learning Center**
- ◆ **Cultural Arts and Recreation Program**
- ◆ **Employment Resource Center**
- ◆ **Linkage to housing resources**

Accessing the System

- ◆ Eligibility determined through a centralized screening process provided by mobile staff and at all agency locations
- ◆ Screenings are coordinated through Janus Youth Programs, New Avenues, and NAYA

