



**Topic: HomeRoom Network Community of Practice
Session 13 – Youth Dedicated Programming: Understanding YHDP/RHY/ODH
Funds**

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Materials

Presentation Slides: <https://cohhio.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/HomeRoom-Session-13-Final-copy-Merged.pdf>

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1. Introductions
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2. Overview of Youth Dedicated Programming
 - a. Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program
 - i. Funded through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
 - ii. Youth ages 14 – 24
 - b. Runaway and Homeless Youth
 - i. Funded through the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
 - ii. Youth ages 14 – 21
 - c. Ohio Department of Health Funds
 - i. Funded through the state budget
 - ii. Flexible funds
3. Youth Dedicated Programming at Home for Families
 - a. YHDP and ODH
 - i. Services: Intensive, client-led, strength-based case management services with a Housing First approach
 - ii. Goals: To help young adults age 18-24 stabilize their housing
 - b. YHDP vs. ODH – Who We Serve
 - i. YHDP: youth who are literally homeless
 1. Family of singles shelter
 2. Outreach Team (Huckleberry House CARR)
 - ii. ODH: youth who are imminently at risk of homelessness
 1. Referrals from partner providers
 2. Direct calls from Youth
 3. Internal referrals/transfers from other programs
 - c. YHDP Partners
 - i. Community Shelter Board is the Continuum of Care Lead for Franklin County



- ii. Home for Families is the sub-grantee of the YHDP award
- iii. Huckleberry House and YMCA are contracted partners who serve single TAY in Transitional Housing (HH) and Rapid-Re-Housing (YMCA)
- d. YHDP vs. ODH – What We Can Do
 - i. **YHDP- RRH and TH/RRH**
 - 1. Rapid Re-Housing-
 - a. Scattered Site
 - b. Lease in youth's name
 - c. Referrals to PSH, EHV, if applicable
 - d. Financial assistance up to 2 years, case management up to 4 years
 - 2. Transitional Housing-
 - a. 4 locations (29 individual units, 1 shared living house)
 - b. Master-leased units
 - c. Referrals to PSH, EHV, if applicable
 - d. Financial assistance and case management for up to 2 years
 - e. Will transition into a Rapid-Rehousing unit and continue to be served
 - ii. ODH
 - 1. Short-term housing stabilization and case management
 - 2. Flexible financial assistance
- 4. Youth Dedicated Programming at Sojourners Care Network
 - a. Introduction to Sojourners
 - i. Serving the following counties:
 - 1. Athens
 - 2. Gallia
 - 3. Hocking
 - 4. Jackson
 - 5. Meigs
 - 6. Ross
 - 7. Vinton
 - ii. Our mission: Sojourners Care Network, a nonprofit organization rooted in Appalachian Ohio, empowers young people to become healthy, responsible, and productive citizens now and in the future.
 - iii. Our vision: We envision a day when no young person is considered at-risk, deficient, or a problem to be solved. Rather, young people will be seen as partners in the development of themselves and their communities.
 - iv. Guiding principles:
 - 1. Moral imagination
 - 2. Democratic and facilitative
 - 3. Asset-based approach
 - 4. Social change organization



5. Long-term commitment to Appalachian Ohio
6. Serve before we seek to lead
7. Partners and collaborators
8. Respectful relationships
9. Earn public trust – accountable
- v. Who does Sojourners serve?
 1. Foster care youth and youth who have aged out of foster care
 2. Runaway and homeless youth
 3. Underemployed and disconnected young people
- vi. How does Sojourners serve youth?
 1. Safe Shelter
 2. A focus on Mental and Physical Well-being
 3. Connections with Community Resources
 4. Job Training and Readiness
 5. Education
 6. Leadership Development & Community Service
- vii. Sojourners programs
 1. Family Support
 - a. Foster Care
 - b. Bridges
 - c. Supervised Visitation
 - d. Love Them Through It Parenting Program
 - e. Resource Recruitment Coordinators
 2. Outreach
 - a. Street Outreach
 - b. Athens Resiliency Center
 3. Job Training and Education
 - a. Youthbuild of Southeastern Ohio (Ross County)
- b. Homeless Youth Programs
 - i. Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program
 1. Youth Crisis Response Team (Outreach/Coordinated Entry)
 - a. Outreach Team – Program Director and 3 Outreach Coordinators
 - i. Athens Resiliency Center/Drop In Center
 - ii. Resiliency Programming
 - iii. Laundry, Food Bank, Clothing Bank, Internet Access
 2. Youth Crisis Transitional Housing
 - a. Four Crisis Transitional Housing Units – Athens, Gallia, Jackson, Vinton
 - i. Short term stay – akin to homeless shelter but young people only
 - ii. Ages 18-24



- iii. Connect with Integrated Services for Behavioral Health for Rapid ReHousing
 - iv. Stabilize and prepare for transition to permanent housing option
 - ii. Runaway and Homeless Youth – U.S. HHS
 - 1. Transitional Living Program (TLP)
 - a. 16 – 21 years of age
 - b. For youth needing higher level of supervision and more support before transitioning to permanent destination
 - c. Located in McArthur (Vinton County)
 - 2. Basic Center Program (BCP)
 - a. Under 18 years of age
 - b. Prevention and Emergency Shelter
 - c. Reunification top priority
 - d. 24/7 supervision
 - e. Located in McArthur (with TLP program – see above)
 - iii. Other
 - 1. Permanent Supportive Housing – U.S. HUD
 - a. Youth with disabilities
 - b. Long term housing up to age 25
 - c. More intensive/long term case management/support
 - 2. Supportive Housing (Ross County) – OH Office of Community Development
 - a. Similar to Crisis Transitional Housing Units
 - b. Located outside of the YHDP service area
 - c. Serves 18-24 years of age
 - 3. Services for Homelessness Youth and Homeless Pregnant Youth – OH Dept. of Health
 - a. Increases capacity of Crisis Transitional Housing and TLP
 - b. Includes support for homelessness prevention/diversion including short term hotel stays
- c. Outreach Team Reflections – Working with Unaccompanied School Aged Youth
 - i. Transportation to school from shelters an ongoing challenge – influenced by where we have beds available
 - ii. Work with youth who have complex mental health needs – we have Clinical Director but need more accessible mental health services
 - iii. Limited housing options for youth under 18 – building a diverse team of committed partners/safety net in each county and school district important.
 - iv. We want to be a resource and support to schools. Know school staff in these roles are wearing a lot of different hats. We are here to play a role and help. Call us!



5. Closing

a. Upcoming Sessions

- i. Session Fourteen: Understanding the Social Determinants of Health on 4/30/2024