



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

HOMELESS PREVENTION TEAM

INTERVENTION SERVICES PRESENTATION
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HOMELESS BY STATE DEFINITION:

"Homeless youth" is a person 21 or younger who is without shelter and is unaccompanied by a parent or caring adult, a youth whose parent or legal guardian is unable or unwilling to provide shelter and care, or who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence.

Minnesota Statutes, 256K.60

WILDER STATEWIDE HOMELESS COUNT OCTOBER 25, 2012

10,214 individuals identified

- 46% are age 21 or younger
 - 3,546 were children with their parents
 - 1,151 were unaccompanied youth
 - 44% were physically abused as a child
 - 27% were sexually abused as a child
 - 52% experience a significant mental illness
 - 16% have a substance abuse disorder
 - 60% have a parent who has been incarcerated
- Young people age 21 and under are the most likely to be homeless.

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CAUSES OF HOMELESSNESS

WHO:

Come from every walk of life

WHERE:

Abandoned/Foreclosed homes and businesses, 24 hour stores, Out and about on the Streets, Skate Parks, The Dam, Truck Stops, Couch Hopping, Doubled/Tripled Up with Family and Friends, Cars, Port-a-potties, Wooded Areas

WHY:

Physical and sexual abuse, Addiction of a family member, Strained relationships, Parental neglect, Disruptive family conditions, Residential instability, Aging out of the system (foster care/corrections), Finances/Foreclosures

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HOW DOES SUBURBAN HOMELESSNESS DIFFER?

- Lesser visibility
- Lack of Access to:
 - Transportation
 - Lack of Emergency Shelter Beds
 - Services
 - Basic needs facilities (showers, laundry, free meals)
 - Limited knowledge/fear of the city
 - Important to stay connected in community
 - Survival sex, trafficking

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TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAMS (TLP)

The goal of the YMCA transitional living programs is to assist youth ages 17-23 into successful adulthood through independent living and permanency by assisting youth to discover self, gain autonomy, and learn independent living skills.

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TRADITIONAL TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM

Requirements

- Ages 17 – 23
- Homeless/precariously housed
- Qualify for apartment on their own and sign own lease
- Willing to live in the NW Hennepin County Suburbs or Anoka County

How To Get In

- Call the resource line to do a Step 1 & 2 Coordinated Assessment
 - Get on the waiting list
- Once called from waiting list, meet with Case Manager to do TLP application
- Complete application, get approval from supervisor, and begin housing search!

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TRADITIONAL TLP

The Youth's Responsibility...

- Meet weekly with a case manager
- Attend a 2 hour Independent Living Skills workshop each month
- Deposit \$50 into savings each month
- Review budget regularly
- Set and make progress towards their goals



A youth signing his lease! It was a great day!!

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TRADITIONAL TLP



Asha teaching her youth the importance of voting. Go **social responsibility!**

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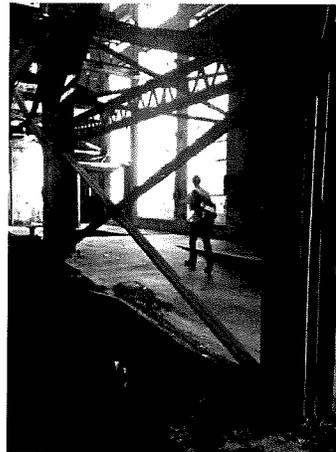
The Y Provides...

- **Connections to scattered site housing**
- **Letter of guarantee to potential landlords**
- **A 6-12 month rental subsidy (amount varies per youth)**
- **Communicate at least monthly with landlords**
- **Working on Landlord Risk Pool**
- **Connect youth to RentWise and other rental workshops**
- **Incentives for youth to save \$**
- **On going case management**
- **Opportunities for growth and success**

SCHOOL AND STREET OUTREACH

Work with youth 21 & *under who are precariously housed & homeless to assist them with accessing:

- shelter options
- housing programs (Coordinated Assessment)
- basic needs items (food, hygiene, safer sex supplies)
- transportation assistance (Job interviews, until get 1st paycheck, get to important appointments, OW discretion)
- advocacy



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YOUTH FOOD SHELF ACCESS FOR YOUTH 21 AND YOUNGER

PRISM- Youth Food shelf Program 730 Florida Ave South Golden Valley, MN 55426

When: Monday Evenings from 5-8pm

*Bus Routes: 9, 643 express bus

Groveland Food for Youth (23yrs & under)

1900 Nicollet Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55403

When: Tuesday & Thursday Evenings from 4-7pm

*Bus Routes: 2, 11, 17, 18, 25, 59

No Hassel Youth Food shelf 5929 Brooklyn Boulevard Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

When: Wednesday Evenings from 3-6pm

*Bus Routes: 5, 14, 19, 22, 762, (express route: 717, 721, 723, 724, 761, 801)



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No Hassles Youth Food Shelf

Open Wednesdays 3-6pm

For Homeless and Unaccompanied Youth Ages 13-21

In the Basement of:

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

5929 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Center



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WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Be willing to work with the YMCA Transitional Living Program
- Be understanding of barriers, limited credit and rental history of youth
- Update the YMCA on vacancies
- Connect youth to our programs
- Refer youth to the Youth Services Network for basic needs and shelters www.ysnmn.org or Youth Services Network Minnesota free app (updates regularly on shelter bed availability)

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YMCA YOUTH RESOURCE LINE

8AM – 8PM DAILY

(763) 493-3052

THANK YOU!

**Homeless Prevention Team
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Ramsey~

Salvation Army Eastside 1019 Payne Ave, St. Paul, MN 55130

When: Thursday 3-5pm

*Bus Routes: 61, 64

Salvation Army Citadel 401 W 7th Street St. Paul, MN 55102 (Downtown St. Paul)

When: Tuesday Evenings from 3-5pm

*Bus Routes: 54, 63, 70, 74, (express route 417)

Salvation Army Lakewood 2080 Woodlyn Avenue Maplewood, MN 55109

(2 blocks from Maplewood Mall)

When: Wednesday Evenings from 3-5pm

*Bus Routes: 64, 70, 80, (express route 270)

Anoka~

SACA 627 38th Ave NE Columbia Heights, MN 55421

When: Monday Afternoon 2-4:30pm

*Bus Routes: 10, 11C

Any youth who is facing housing instability & is in need of food may come to these locations to be served. Each site has a specific amount of food that can be given out per individual per month.

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