

Youth-specific housing/homeless resources with eligibility information

- Basic Center Program – Prevention
 - 12-17 year olds at risk of running away or being pushed out of the home
 - Goal is to keep the family together and prevent the youth from entering DCF custody
 - Services include: family counseling, case management
 - Parental/guardian permission required
- Basic Center Program – Shelter
 - 12-17 year olds who have runaway or been pushed out of their home
 - Goal is to help them reunify with their family and prevent youth from entering DCF custody
 - Services include: short-term shelter (host homes or residential setting), case management, family counseling
 - Parental/guardian permission required
- Transitional Living Program
 - 16-21 year olds who are at risk of becoming homeless or are already homeless
 - At-risk of homelessness includes: youth living independently whose housing is jeopardized for any reason and youth living with family but are likely to become homeless due to the imminence of
 - Couch-surfing youth are always eligible
 - Services include: case management, access to transitional apartments or rental assistance (up to 18 months)
 - Parental/guardian permission required if youth is under age 18 and not emancipated
- Youth Development Program
 - 16-21 year olds who have been in DCF custody
 - Some services only available to youth if they were in DCF custody on or after their 16th birthday
 - Some services only available to youth if they are already 18 years old
 - Housing-specific services include: extended foster care (beyond age 18), financial support for adult-living partners, short-term rental assistance (usually less than 6 months)
 - Other services include: case management, financial support for non-housing related needs
- Family Unification Program: Youth in Transition
 - Program administered by Vermont State Housing Authority
 - A youth may qualify for an 18 month Housing Choice Voucher if they are currently working with the Youth Development Program, are referred by their case manager, and meet standard definitions of homeless or at risk of homelessness
 - Youth qualify for a preference with VSHA when the 18 month voucher ends, allowing them to potentially get a permanent voucher

Key partners/access points

- VCRHYP – a statewide coalition of 14 member agencies that are providing Basic Center Program and Transitional Living Program services
 - Member agencies:
 - Addison County Parent Child Center (Middlebury)
 - Counseling Service of Addison County (Middlebury)
 - Clara Martin Center (Randolph)
 - Lamoille Family Center (Morrisville)
 - Northeast Kingdom Community Action (Newport)
 - Northeast Kingdom Youth Services (St. Johnsbury)
 - Northwestern Counseling & Support Services (St. Albans)
 - Spectrum Youth & Family Services (Burlington)
 - United Counseling Service of Bennington County (Bennington)
 - Vermont Achievement Center (Rutland)
 - Rutland County Parent Child Center (Rutland)
 - Washington County Youth Service Bureau (Montpelier)
 - Windsor County Youth Services (Ludlow)
 - Youth Services, Inc. (Brattleboro)
- Youth Development Program – statewide oversight of all local-level Youth Development Programs
 - Local YDP sites:
 - Spectrum (Burlington, St. Albans)
 - Easter Seals Vermont (Hartford, Springfield, Rutland, Middlebury)
 - Northeast Kingdom Youth Services (St. Johnsbury)
 - Youth Services, Inc. (Brattleboro)
 - Washington County Youth Service Bureau (Montpelier)
 - Northeast Kingdom Community Action (Newport)
 - Sunrise Family Resource Center (Bennington)
 - Lamoille Restorative Center (Morrisville)
- DCF
- VSHA
- Teen centers/youth drop-in centers
- Diversion/Juvenile Justice
- Schools
- Parent Child centers