Youth At-Risk of Homelessness

What we've done and where we're going

Youth and young adults with a history of child welfare involvement face significant challenges in their transition to adulthood, which increases their risk of becoming homeless. To build the evidence base on what works to prevent homelessness for those who have been involved in the child welfare system, the Children's Bureau funded a multi-phase grant program referred to as Youth At-Risk of Homelessness (YARH).

Multi-Phase Grant Program

PHASE 1



Activities included identifying the target population, describing its needs, and developing a comprehensive service model.

PHASE 2



Six Phase 1 grantees received Phase 2 grants to implement and conduct initial testing of the comprehensive service model developed in Phase 1.

PHASE 3



Summative evaluations being conducted to determine the effectiveness of the comprehensive service models designed and piloted in the earlier phases.

Where Is YARH?

The YARH grantees represent a diverse array of geographic areas and organizations:



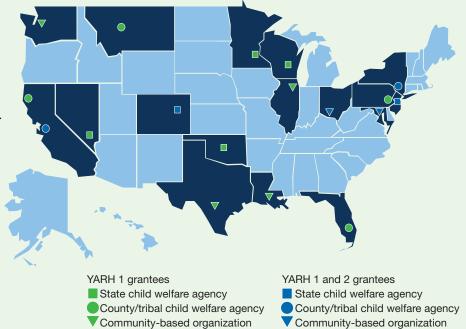
Grantees are located in **17 states** across the nation.



Grantees are located in **6 states**



Providing support to organizations from Phase 2











Focal Populations and Outcomes

Populations



Adolescents who enter foster care between ages 14 and 17



Young adults aging out of foster care



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Outcomes

Building Evidence Takes Time

Develop intervention and description (manual) Develop processes to identify eligible youth Collect data to test the intervention Deliver intervention with fidelity Describe the comparison condition Demonstrate evidence of effects

How Will We Continue to Learn?

Watch for new YARH-2 products:

- · Process study results
- · Lessons from the field
- Other products building from grantee experiences that will be useful to the field

Watch for YARH-3 products:

- New issue briefs
- An episode of Mathematica's On the Evidence podcast
- A blog post on Mathematica's Evidence in Action blog

Related Briefs

Federal and Local Efforts to Support Youth At-Risk of Homelessness

https://www.acf.hhs.gov/opre/resource/federal-and-local-efforts-to-support-youth-at-risk-of-homelessness

Strengthening Grantee Capacity Through Evaluation Technical Assistance

https://www.acf.hhs.gov/opre/resource/strengthening-grantee-capacity-through-evaluation-technical-assistance

Youth Engagement in Child Welfare Service Planning

https://www.acf.hhs.gov/opre/resource/youth-engagement-in-child-welfare-service-planning

For a full list of publications, visit the YARH project page:

https://www.acf.hhs.gov/opre/research/project/building-capacity-to-evaluate-interventions-for-youth-with-child-welfare-involvement-at-risk-of-homelessness

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