



MATERNITY GROUP HOMES FOR PREGNANT AND PARENTING YOUTH PROGRAM

PROGRAM HISTORY

The Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, passed in 1974, authorized the Transitional Living Program (TLP), which enabled community-based organizations to operate short-term, emergency shelters to provide crisis care to runaway and homeless youth (RHY) not already receiving services from the child welfare or juvenile justice systems. TLP funding also supported the Maternity Group Homes for Pregnant and Parenting Youth program.

Today, the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) funds the Maternity Group Homes Program, under the provisions of the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018 (Public Law No: 115-385), still part of the TLP.

The Maternity Group Homes for Pregnant and Parenting Youth (MGH) Program promotes long-term, economic independence and stability for pregnant and parenting youth who are contemplating running away or experiencing homelessness or housing instability.



The MGH Program supports community-based, adult-supervised, transitional living arrangements for pregnant or parenting young people between the ages of 16 and under 22, as well as their dependent children. Services are provided for up to 21 months or until a young person turns 18 years old if they enter a program at age 16. MGH grantees are required to provide young people resources to learn and practice effective parenting skills focusing on well-being and healthy child development, family budgeting, health and nutrition, and other skills.

SERVICES

MGH program grantees are required to offer the following services, either directly or by referral:

Extended Residential Shelter

- Maternity group homes
- Host family homes
- Supervised apartments



FYSB MISSION

FYSB supports organizations that work to promote youth well-being, prevent & end youth homelessness, & support a holistic adolescent approach by fostering collaborative partnerships across communities; leading in partnership with youth & young adults; promoting diversity, equity, inclusion & accessibility; & supporting data-driven practices.

FYSB VISION

A future in which all our nation's youth & young adults can thrive & achieve safety, stability, & well-being.

