

Transitional Living Program

FYSB Mission

To support the organizations and communities that work every day to put an end to youth homelessness, adolescent pregnancy and domestic violence.

FYSB Vision

A future in which all our nation's youth, individuals and families—no matter what challenges they may face—can live healthy, productive, violence-free lives.

The **Transitional Living Program** gives older homeless youth, **ages 16 through 21**, the support they need to be successful adults.

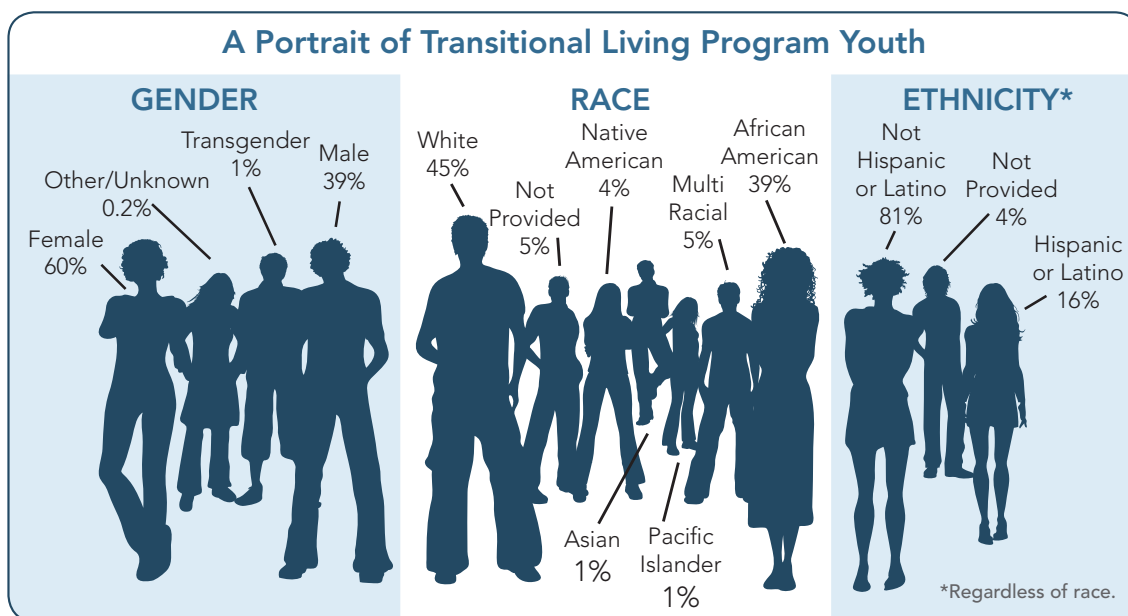
Approximately **3,000** young adults enter transitional living programs funded by the Family & Youth Services Bureau each year.

Another **800** are on waiting lists.

In general, transitional living programs assist youth who are already in precarious living situations.

35% are living on the street or in a shelter.

28% are couch surfing, living at the homes of friends or relatives.



**11% OF TRANSITIONAL
LIVING YOUTH SAY
THEY ARE LESBIAN, GAY,
BISEXUAL, OR QUESTIONING**

**YOUTH IN TRANSITIONAL
LIVING PROGRAMS ARE
19.2 YEARS OLD,
ON AVERAGE**

**YOUTH TAKE
10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE
THE PROGRAM,
ON AVERAGE**



Top Challenges Faced by Youth Receiving Support

		Number of Youth Reporting			Number of Youth Reporting
1.	Family dynamics	1,973	5.	Pregnant or teen parent	663
2.	Mental health	1,171	6.	Physical health	495
3.	Abuse and/or neglect	758	7.	Physical or mental disability	278
4.	Alcohol/drug abuse	732	8.	Sexual orientation or gender	223

What Youth Get From Transitional Living Programs

- **Basic life-skills building:** Like budgeting, using credit, housekeeping, menu planning, cooking, and becoming an educated consumer.
- **Interpersonal skill building:** Like establishing positive relationships with peers and adults, making decisions, and managing stress.
- **Educational opportunities:** Like graduating from high school or attaining a GED credential, postsecondary training or vocational education.
- **Assistance in job preparation and attainment:** Like gaining employability, building workplace skills, and getting career counseling, guidance on dress and grooming, and information about workplace etiquette.
- **Mental health care:** Like individual and group counseling and substance abuse education, prevention, and treatment services.
- **Physical health care:** Like help applying for Medicaid, if they are eligible, and access to routine physicals, health assessments and emergency treatment. Pregnant youth receive prenatal care.

Last year,

32% of youth who were attending school irregularly or not at all began attending regularly
35% of young people not employed when they entered the program found work
88% moved on to a safe setting after leaving the program

To better understand what supports and services lead youth to a successful transition to adulthood, FYSB is undertaking a study of the **Transitional Living Program** that will be complete in 2016.