

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 **Basic Center Program** supports minors who need help navigating their way back to a safe and secure home.

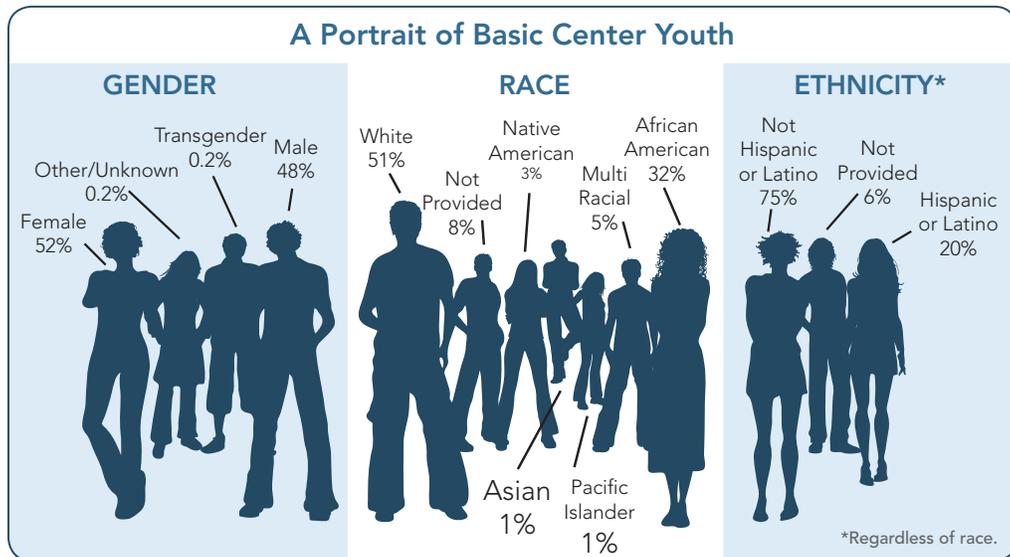
Around **31,000** young people each year receive shelter, counseling, and other services from basic center programs funded by the Family & Youth Services Bureau. Another **71,000** youth, adults, and professionals contact basic centers for advice and brief support.

More than **2,000** minors were turned away because no beds were available.

In general, basic centers assist youth before they reach long-term homelessness. Most youth in these programs have only recently run away or become homeless.

4 out of 5 youth come from the home of a parent, guardian, relative, or friend.

Fewer than **1 in 10** have been living on the street.



7% OF BASIC CENTER YOUTH SAY THEY ARE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, OR QUESTIONING

YOUTH IN BASIC CENTERS ARE 15.2 YEARS OLD, ON AVERAGE



Top Challenges Faced by Youth Receiving Support

		Number of Youth Reporting		Number of Youth Reporting	
1.	Family dynamics	27,278	5.	Physical health	2,219
2.	Mental health	12,250	6.	Sexual orientation or gender	1,743
3.	Abuse and/or neglect	8,200	7.	Physical or mental disability	1,069
4.	Acohol/drug abuse	7,722	8.	Pregnant or teen parent	543

What Youth Get From Basic Center Programs

Prevention: Family and individual counseling and/or mediation services provided to 15–17 percent of youth served prevent many from going into basic center programs' shelters.

Basic needs: Basic centers "stabilize" young people by addressing their immediate need for shelter, food, and clothing.

Counseling: Finding a safe and stable place for young people to live involves intense work to resolve family conflicts, if possible, so that young people can go home.

Behavioral health: Youth get care for mental health and substance abuse issues on site or by referral.

Health and dental care: Programs collaborate with community health centers and assist youth and families in applying for Medicaid when eligible.

Educational support: Basic centers must develop strong working relationships with the school district liaisons responsible for advocating on behalf of homeless youth according to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

Discharge planning, follow-up and aftercare: From the start, case managers involve youth and their families in planning to keep youth safe and secure after they leave the basic center.

Of the young people who reached out to basic centers last year:

94% exited to a safe environment

69% reconciled with their families