

THE TRUTH ABOUT HOMELESS YOUTH

Support our goal of NO Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) in Oregon

Are there really homeless youth in our community?

NATIONALLY

1.7 MILLION

YOUTH ARE HOMELESS OR RUNAWAY IN THE UNITED STATES.

Homeless youth are individuals under the age of eighteen who lack parental, foster, or institutional care. These young people are sometimes referred to as "unaccompanied" youth.

STATEWIDE

18,902

STUDENTS K-12 ARE REPORTED TO BE HOMELESS

3,028

OF THESE YOUTH ARE UNACCOMPANIED—BUT WE KNOW THERE ARE MORE.

These numbers are for 2013-14 school year.
Source: Oregon Department of Education



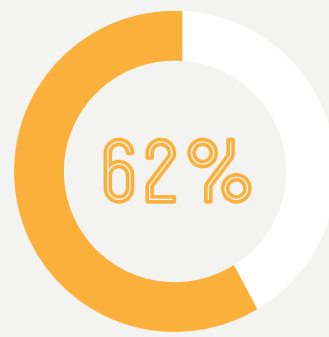
EVERY \$1 INVESTED IN RHY PROGRAMS SAVES \$4.12 IN COSTS TO SOCIETY.

Source: New Avenues for Youth Study

OREGON POSITIVE OUTCOMES

Last year, the Oregon Alliance of Children's Programs aggregated their data to measure positive outcomes for runaway and homeless youth.

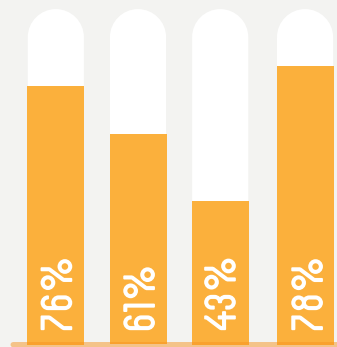
OUTREACH



STREET OUTREACH AND DAY SHELTER SERVICES FOCUS ON HARM REDUCTION.

Of 28,580 individuals contacted, 62% accessed: food, shelter, educational, job and life skills support.

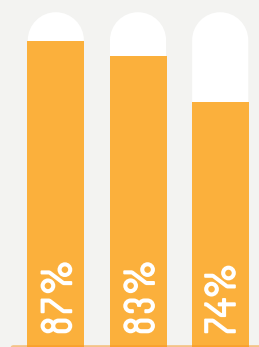
SHELTER



SHELTER PROVIDES 24/7 BASIC CARE AND OVERNIGHT STAYS.

76% exited to a safe home
61% reunited with family
43% accessed behavioral health services
78% connected to educational services

TRANSITIONAL LIVING



TRANSITIONAL LIVING SUPPORTS YOUTH AS THEY TRANSITION TO ADULTHOOD THROUGH HOUSING AND SKILL-BUILDING.

87% connected to a supportive adult
83% accessed behavioral health services
74% attended school, graduated, or obtained GED at exit

This data collected from the Oregon Alliance of Children's Programs.



Why are they homeless?

- Severe family conflict
- Parental abuse or neglect
- Parental mental health & substance abuse issues

What can I do?

SUPPORT OUR GOAL of NO Runaway and Homeless Youth in Oregon.

EXPAND RESOURCES to build a state-wide system of intervention and prevention.

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WERE SEXUALLY ABUSED



Running away from home dramatically increases the risk of youth victimization – physical and/or sexual – by both friends and strangers. They are at a much greater risk of being a part of sex trafficking.

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REPORT BEING BEATEN



Lacking the skills, education, and resources to find legitimate employment, runaway and homeless youth become easy prey for pimps and drug dealers, show higher rates of gang involvement, have higher rates for attempted suicide, and have higher rates of mortality than their counterparts in the general population.