

HYAC Strategic Action Plan to Build System of Statewide Services

State System

<p>Create and maintain state-level leadership that is responsible and accountable for meeting the needs of runaway and homeless youth, ages 12-24 throughout Oregon, is authorized to provide direction and administration on the issue, and is resourced appropriately to do so.</p>	<p>Develop shared goals, best practices, and strategies aligned with the federal Framework to End Youth Homelessness.</p>
<p>Provide resources and technical assistance to support the development and implementation of local plans that are tailored to reflect each community’s unique needs, capacities, and circumstances within a coordinated statewide framework of core services and strategies.</p>	

Resources

<p>Work with local and state partners to create a Legislative Agenda to increase the state’s resource allocation every State government funding cycle, starting with the 2021-23 biennium.</p>	<p>Structure DHS’ RHY program to support communities’ ability to define their own priorities, within a coordinated statewide framework of core services and strategies and support the development of an effective statewide continuum of services.</p>
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Policy and System Changes

<p>Expand the state definition of homeless youth to include youth through age 24.</p>	<p>Analyze, clarify, and identify RHY service areas to be licensed and work with the DHS Safety, Oversight, and Quality unit to develop standards.</p>
<p>Make host home opportunities a consistent and equitable option for youth. Provide training assistance, resources, and safety standards to service providers who are interested, as well as assist with training and support for hosts and youth.</p>	

Data and Information

<p>Strengthen statewide data collection on the numbers, demographics, characteristics, and needs of runaway and homeless youth as well as the trajectories that lead to youth homelessness, and the critical junctures where interventions are needed.</p> <p>Use data to inform service planning, resource allocation, and tracking success in addressing youth homelessness.</p>	<p>Create and maintain a comprehensive statewide inventory of the federal, state, and local public and private resources going to runaway and homeless youth services to identify and track opportunities and gaps.</p>
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