



Youth Emergency Services
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Overview of mental/behavioral health services offered: Youth Emergency Services provides confidential certified mental health therapy to all youth at the Street Outreach Center and Emergency Shelter. The residential living programs, Transitional Living and the Maternity Home, provide access to weekly individual and/or group therapy with a certified mental health professional. The therapist may be available during crisis situations.

If applicable, referral process: The Street Outreach Center has set hours every weekday afternoon. The other programs require an appointment.

Cost: Free.

Any other information that would be helpful for school personnel:

Youth Emergency Services (YES) serves homeless and nearly homeless youth by providing critically needed resources that empower them to become self-sufficient. YES offers a continuum of care for vulnerable youth, from meeting their immediate needs of shelter, food and safety to teaching them essential life skills for a successful adulthood. To help these young people transform their lives, YES operates four key programs: the Street Outreach Program and Center, the Emergency Shelter, the Transitional Living Program, and the Maternity Home.

The Street Outreach Program locates homeless and nearly homeless youth, ages 12 through 21, on the street and begins to build trust. The outreach team invites these youth to the Street Outreach Center, a daytime drop-in resource center where they can find a hot meal, showers, laundry, a clothing and food pantry, mental and physical health support, and educational and employment guidance.

The Emergency Shelter is a safety net for youth in crisis; available to youth ages 16 to 20. Youth in need of shelter can stay up to 21 days at a time while YES helps them make connections and access the resources they need to move forward. YES connects with several outside agencies to provide life skills training, financial literacy classes, and counseling sessions.

The Transitional Living Program and Maternity Home are for youth, ages 16 to 21, who are ready to take the initiative to better their own lives. These 18-month programs require youth to work or attend school at least 20 hours per week and complete a minimum of 10 hours of community service each month. The programs help youth set several short and long-term goals, focusing on education, workforce development, relationship-building, and financial responsibility.

