PROVIDING STABILITY FOR SUCCESS: IDENTIFYING HOUSING RESOURCES FOR NON-MINOR DEPENDENTS

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EXTENDED FOSTER CARE

• Assembly Bill 12, the California Fostering Connections to Success Act extended foster care to age 21.

• Upon turning 18, eligible youth can continue in foster care. If they leave the system, they can re-enter up to age 21.

• Youth are considered non-minor dependents (NMDs) under dependency, transition or delinquency jurisdiction.

• Supervised by child welfare agency or probation department.
EXTENDED FOSTER CARE PLACEMENTS

- **Supervised Independent Living Placement (SILP)**
  - 41% total NMDs placed here
  - 37% probation-supervised NMDs placed here

- **Transitional Housing Placement for Non-minor Dependents (THP-NMD)**
  - 24% total NMDs placed here
  - 30% probation-supervised NMDs placed here

- **Resource Family** — relative home, county foster home, FFA certified home, guardianship with dependency

- **Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program/Group Home** (under certain conditions)
SUPERVISED INDEPENDENT LIVING PLACEMENT

• SILPs are the most independent type of placement. Youth live on their own or with a supportive adult.

NMDs have to be deemed ready for a SILP through use of a SILP Readiness Assessment Tool.

If determined SILP-ready, NMD finds a place to live which is then approved by social worker or probation officer.

If the NMD has appropriate money management skills, they can receive their foster care payment ($1,000/month) directly.
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLACEMENT FOR NON-MINOR DEPENDENTS (THP-NMD) AT A GLANCE

Provides housing leased by non-profit provider and comprehensive supportive services including:

- Counseling and case management
- 24-hour crisis intervention and support
- Educational advocacy and support
- Job readiness training and support
- Allowance adequate to purchase food and other necessities (varies by provider)
- Life skills training
- Assistance finding affordable housing upon exit

Modeled after the THP-Plus program
# THP-NMD Housing Models

NMD is placed with a housing provider in one of three models:

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<td>Provider finds and arranges for the NMD to live in a rented room with a family and the NMD receives intensive support services from the housing provider.</td>
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THP-NMD BY THE NUMBERS

TOTAL YOUTH PLACED AS OF JULY 1, 2019

2,023

STATEWIDE PRESENCE

70 total licensed providers
59 providers operating in 49 counties over FY 2018-19
46 counties placed youth in THP-NMD as of July 1, 2019
YOUTH EXPERIENCE IN THP-NMD (FY 2018-19)

• 341 youth on waiting lists for THP-NMD statewide as of June 30, 2019, a 64% increase from the year prior.

• 24% of youth experienced homelessness between foster care and THP-NMD; 10% entered THP-NMD directly from homelessness or unstable housing.

• 25% of young women were custodial mothers at exit.

YOUTH EXPERIENCE IN THP-NMD (FY 2018-19)

THE MAJORITY OF YOUTH COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL

- 79% had completed high school at exit.

LESS THAN 1 IN 4 ARE ENROLLED IN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

- 23% of youth were attending post-secondary education or had earned a degree, certificate or license at exit.

LESS THAN HALF ARE WORKING

- 43% of youth were employed at exit.

NEW CALYOUTH BRIEF COMPARES THP-NMD & SILP

https://www.chapinhall.org/research/calyouth-characteristics-placement-type/

Less likely to be placed in THP-NMD than SILP

- NMDs in Los Angeles County (80% less likely)
- NMDs in urban counties (58% less likely)

More likely to be placed in THP-NMD than SILP

- Parenting youth (266% more likely)
- African-American youth (88% more likely)
- Youth with medical conditions requiring special care
- Youth who previously spent time in congregate care settings
- Youth with vision or hearing disabilities
- Youth with higher rates of placement changes as minors
FIND A THP-NMD PROGRAM

Download the statewide roster of providers, organized by county

https://www.jbaforyouth.org/thp-fc-provider-roster/

THP-NMD, formerly known as THP+FC, is a foster care placement for youth ages 18 to 21 who are participating in extended foster care (non-minor dependents). THP-NMD provides housing and supportive services. For a statewide roster of organizations with THP-NMD programs, click on the button below.

Download the THP-NMD Provider Roster
HELP SUPPLY PROOF THAT YOUTH ON YOUR CASELOAD QUALIFY AS A “FORMER FOSTER YOUTH” FOR ACCESSING CERTAIN HOUSING RESOURCES AFTER EXITING

PRACTICE TIP

Ensure thorough completion of the WIC 607.3 & 607.5 requirements when youth is exiting care, specifically:

- 90-day transition plan
- Written notice that the youth is a former foster youth
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM-PLUS (THP-PLUS) & NEW THP FUNDING
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM-PLUS (THP-PLUS) HISTORY

Established in 2001 by AB 427 (Hertzberg)

CWS Realignment funds, formerly state funded

$34.9 M statewide budget
THP-PLUS PROGRAM ELEMENTS

Affordable housing

• Subsidized and leased by nonprofit provider

Comprehensive supportive services, including:

• Counseling and case management
• 24-hour crisis intervention and support
• Educational advocacy and support
• Job readiness training and support
• Allowance adequate to purchase food and other necessities (varies by provider)
• Life skills training
• Assistance finding affordable housing upon exit
THP-PLUS ELIGIBILITY

Former foster & out-of-home probation youth, age 18-24; 98% are 21-24

Youth can access for up to 24 months

Exited out-of-home care on or after 18th birthday

Working toward goals on TILP

27 counties offer the THP-Plus extension: youth in school can participate for up to 36 months and/or up to age 25, whichever comes sooner.
**THP-PLUS HOUSING MODELS**

(Housing models nearly identical to THP-NMD):

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TPH-PLUS EXTENSION FOR YOUTH IN SCHOOL

• Authorized by SB 1252 (2014)

• Extension allows students to participate in TPH-Plus for a total of 36 months or until they turn 25 years old, whichever is earlier.

• Purpose is to allow youth to stay in TPH-Plus while they complete their education (diploma, GED, college, or vocational certificate).

• Once a county opts into the extension, they must apply it to all eligible participants (not on a case-by-case basis).

28 counties have opted into the TPH-Plus extension: https://www.jbaforyouth.org/thp-plus-extension/

THP-PLUS BY THE NUMBERS

TOTAL YOUTH SERVED OVER FY 2018-19: 1,739

MOMENT-IN-TIME HOUSING CAPACITY FY 2018-19: 1,252

STATEWIDE PRESENCE: 55 orgs operating 77 programs across 47 counties
YOUTH EXPERIENCE IN THP-PLUS (FY 2018-19)

YOUTH ARE WAITING FOR THE PROGRAM

- 636 youth on waiting lists for THP-Plus statewide as of June 30, 2019, a 53% increase from the year prior.

YOUTH ENTER FROM UNSTABLE HOUSING

- 35% of youth experienced homelessness between foster care and THP-Plus; 15% entered THP-Plus directly from homelessness or unstable housing.

YOUTH EXIT TO STABLE HOUSING

- Just 6% of youth exited to homelessness or unstable housing.

THE VAST MAJORITY OF YOUTH COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL

MORE THAN 1 IN 4 ARE ENROLLED IN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

THE MAJORITY OF YOUTH ARE WORKING

MANY YOUNG WOMEN ARE CUSTODIAL PARENTS

- 88% had completed high school at exit.
- 26% of youth were attending post-secondary education or had earned a degree, certificate or license at exit.
- 60% of youth were employed at exit.
- 40% of young women were custodial mothers at exit.

PARTICIPATION AMONG FORMERLY PROBATION-SUPERVISED YOUTH IS DECREASING

The % of youth in THP-Plus who are formerly probation-supervised has decreased from 15% in 2012-13 to 7% in 2018-19.
SOME COUNTIES ACCEPT OUT-OF-COUNTY YOUTH IN THEIR THP-PLUS PROGRAMS

Youth experiencing homelessness may have exited care in a county with no available THP-Plus units, or they may have moved since exiting care.

Counties have the option of serving youth in THP-Plus that exited from a different jurisdiction ("out-of-county youth").

At least 37 counties accept out-of-county youth in some capacity: https://www.jbaforyouth.org/out-of-county-youth-thp-plus/
NEW FUNDING IS AVAILABLE TO AUGMENT COUNTIES’ THP-PLUS BUDGETS

• $8 million included in 2019-20 budget for the Transitional Housing Program (THP).

• Intended for THP-Plus but separate funding because THP-Plus funding was included in 2011 Realignment.

• Administered by California Department of Housing & Community Development; allocated to County Child Welfare Agencies.

• Annual allocation with 12/31/21 suspension language, subject to budget appropriation: each year’s allocation has 3-year spending timeframe.

• Eligible youth are 18-25, priority for former foster and probation youth.

• No maximum program duration.
HCD EXECUTING STANDARD AGREEMENTS & DISBURSING FUNDS TO CHILD WELFARE AGENCIES IN MAY/JUNE

PROBATION DEPARTMENTS SHOULD INQUIRE WITH CHILD WELFARE PARTNERS HOW NEW THP FUNDS ARE BEING USED

48 counties accepted their THP funding for FY 2019-20:
https://www.jbaforyouth.org/sb-80-implementation/
FIND A THP-PLUS PROGRAM

Download the statewide roster of providers, organized by county

https://www.jbaforyouth.org/thp-plus-provider-roster/

THP-Plus provides 24 months of affordable housing and supportive services to former foster and probation youth ages 18 to 24.¹ For a statewide roster of organizations with THP-Plus programs, click on the button below.

THP-Plus Provider Roster

¹Programs in counties that have voted into the THP-Plus extension offer housing and supportive services for up to 36 months and up to age 25 for
HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS FOR TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH
TWO TYPES OF HOUSING CHOICE (SECTION 8) VOUCHERS ARE AVAILABLE SPECIFICALLY FOR TRANSITION-AGE FORMER FOSTER YOUTH

- Family Unification Program (FUP) Vouchers
- Tenant Protection Vouchers - Foster Youth to Independence Initiative (FYI)
PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES COLLABORATE WITH CHILD WELFARE AGENCIES TO PROVIDE SUBSIDIZED HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

- PHAs cannot receive both FUP and FYI.
- Child welfare agencies can collaborate with multiple PHAs to maximize vouchers for youth.

Housing Choice (Section 8) Voucher (Public Housing Authority)
Supportive services (Social Services Agency)

FUP
36 months housing
18 months supportive services

FYI
36 months housing & supportive services
WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Age 18 up to 24

Have left foster care, or will leave foster care within 90 days

Homeless or at risk of becoming homeless
ACCESSING FUP AND FYI

1. Find out if your local PHAs currently administer FUP, FYI, or neither.
   ✓ Find your local PHAs:
     https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/pha/contacts
   ✓ List of PHAs administering FUP:
   ✓ List of PHAs NOT receiving FUP and eligible for FYI:

2. If your county’s child welfare agency works with a PHA that administers FUP vouchers, assess how many FUP vouchers are available for youth.

3. If your county’s child welfare agency works with a PHA that is eligible to receive FYI funds, follow the HUD guidance here:
   https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/fyi_tpv
CONTINUUMS OF CARE &
THE HOMELESSNESS
RESPONSE SYSTEM:
CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM
HUD FUNDING AND REQUIREMENTS
HOUSING TYPES
ELIGIBILITY AND PRIORITIZATION
NEW STATE FUNDING
Continuum of Care (CoC) Basics

- Administrative entity that receives and administers HUD funding
- Local or regional system – not county-based
- 44 CoCs in California
- Primary vehicle for helping people who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

- Largest funder of homeless assistance programs in the country
- California received $381,008,456 in HUD funding in 2018
HOW FUNDING FLOWS FROM HUD TO HOUSING & SERVICE PROVIDERS
HUD HOUSING ADMINISTERED BY CONTINUUMS OF CARE

Housing administered by the CoC:
- Housing Choice (Section 8) Vouchers
- Permanent Affordable Housing
- Runaway & Homeless Youth Act (RHYA) programs

Housing not administered by the CoC:
- Housing Choice (Section 8) Vouchers
- Permanent Affordable Housing
- Runaway & Homeless Youth Act (RHYA) programs

Emergency Shelter
Transitional Housing
Rapid Rehousing
Permanent Supportive Housing
ELIGIBILITY & PRIORITIZATION FOR HOUSING RESOURCES

Eligibility

- Minimum: HUD’s Definition of Homelessness
- Additional Housing Type and/or Program Requirements (e.g., veteran status, specific age range, chronically homeless, families, serious mental illness)

Prioritization

- Vulnerability: Chronic Homelessness, Disability, and other factors
- Use of Coordinated Entry: Assessment, Matching, and Referral

Youth-Targeted Resources

- Youth-only housing programs or services
- Youth Coordinated Entry System or access points
WHAT IS A COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM?

Without CES

With CES
HOW DO COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEMS WORK?

Access → Assessment → Prioritization → Referrals to Housing Resources → Safe & Stable Housing

Problem-Solving / Connections to Mainstream Resources
COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM ACCESS POINTS

- Single Point of Access
- Regional Hubs or Multi-Site Centralized Access
- Virtual or Phone Access
- “No Wrong Door” Approach
- Outreach
YOUTH COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEMS

Access Points and/or Coordinated Entry Systems specifically tailored towards youth and young adults

Common features:

- Safe, accessible, and inclusive spaces and processes
- Assessments informed by unique experiences and vulnerabilities of youth
- Developmentally appropriate housing and service resource options
- Provider expertise in working with young people
- Youth-centered approaches to engagement and supportive services
## FY 2018-19 & 2019-20: New State Funding to Address Youth Homelessness

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<td>2019-20</td>
<td>Homeless Housing, Assistance &amp; Prevention Program (HHAP)</td>
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<td>Likely to have 8% youth set-aside if included in budget</td>
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HEAP & HHAP

• Administered by the Homeless Coordinating & Financing Council within the California Business Consumer & Housing Agency

• HEAP eligible applicants (funding administered in 2019):
  • 44 Continuums of Care and the 11 largest cities
    ➢ Identify which local housing and service providers received HEAP funding from a CoC or city to serve youth: https://www.jbaforyouth.org/heap-funded-youth-providers/

• HHAP eligible applicants (funding administered in 2020):
  • 44 Continuums of Care, the 13 largest cities and 58 counties

• Youth set-aside is a floor not a ceiling:
  • Local jurisdictions collectively spent 10.8% on youth homelessness, more than double the minimum requirement.
HOW 2020 HHAP FUNDING IS BEING ADMINISTERED

- 44 CoCs
- 13 Cities
- 58 Counties

Local contractors
FIND OUT HOW YOUR LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITIES ARE USING THEIR YOUTH SET-ASIDE FUNDING

• Allocation amounts by jurisdiction

• More information on the HHAP youth set-aside
  https://www.jbaforyouth.org/hhapp/

Continuum of Care Contacts
  • https://www.jbaforyouth.org/coc-roster/

Large City Contacts
  • https://www.jbaforyouth.org/hhap-large-city-contacts/

County Contacts
  • https://www.jbaforyouth.org/hhap-county-contacts/
CHANGES TO HOUSING RESOURCES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19
EXTENSIONS TO HOUSING PROGRAMS & SERVICES DURING STATE OF EMERGENCY

**Governor issued Executive Order N-53-20** (guidance included in ACL 20-45) & **Executive Order N-69-20** (guidance to counties forthcoming)

→ Allows youth to remain in extended foster care even if they reach age 21, between April 18 - June 30, 2020

→ Counties are to demonstrate flexibility regarding participation conditions (i.e. job loss or educational interruption should not lead to an exit) until June 30, 2020

→ Paperwork for re-entries can be completed remotely until August 15, 2020

→ SILP Approval & Placement Agreements and Health & Safety Inspections can be completed remotely until August 15, 2020

Additional extensions pending in state budget or subject to future executive order
QUESTION & ANSWER

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ADDENDUM TO 6/16/20 PRESENTATION: NEW FUNDING & POLICY CHANGES MADE IN THE FY 21 STATE BUDGET
EXTENSIONS TO HOUSING PROGRAMS & SERVICES DURING STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR CURRENT & FORMER FOSTER & PROBATION YOUTH

Protecting non-minor dependents during COVID-19 - $32 million

• Allows youth who turn 21 between April 17, 2020 and June 30, 2021 to remain in care until June 30, 2021.

• Allows youth to remain in foster care if they have lost their employment or have experienced an interruption in their education resulting from COVID-19 and cannot otherwise meet a participation condition for extended foster care.

Protecting former foster/probation youth during COVID-19 – policy-only change, $0

• Permits counties to allow youth in THP-Plus during FY 2020-21 to remain in the program until June 30, 2021, even if they reach the maximum age of eligibility (24 or 25 depending on county) or the maximum program duration (24 or 36 months depending on county).

• No state funding attached so this is a county option.
$24 MILLION IN YOUTH HOMELESSNESS FUNDING — HHAP ROUND 2

• $300 million invested for a Round 2 of the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP)

• A minimum of 8% ($24 M) must be dedicated to addressing youth homelessness

• Allocations will be based on each jurisdiction’s share of the state’s homeless population according to the 2019 Homeless Point-In-Time Count:
  • $90 million ⇒ 44 Continuums of Care
  • $130 million ⇒ 13 large cities (populations ≥ 300,000)
  • $80 million ⇒ 58 counties