The Impact of COVID-19 to Youth and Young Adults Experiencing Homelessness

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RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH PROGRAMS
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BASIC CENTER PROGRAM
Provides short term housing crisis intervention services, reunification when safe and stable, education, treatment, counseling and referrals.

STREET OUTREACH PROGRAM
Street based education and outreach services. Provides education, treatment, counseling referrals to vital services and follow up support.

TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM
Longer term housing with supportive services geared towards independent transitions (education, workforce development, and budget/finances). TLPs also include Maternity Group Homes.
What We're Hearing from the Field

Community Needs
Clear understanding of policies

Organization Needs
Funding, resources, and staffing

Client Needs
Access to resources and basic needs
Critical Needs During COVID-19

- Eligibility and receipt of stimulus checks
- Housing (rent specific)
- Qualifying and applying for unemployment insurance
- Nonprofit Operations (SBA 7a Loans)
We have seen an increase in the loss of jobs for our clients as smaller restaurants fear they will be closing down soon. One client with two children lost her job as her employer isn’t staying open, while another was laid off and given $300 along with her final paycheck. Clients are also losing one of the few ongoing supports in their lives for food, transportation, counseling and other resources from their schools. Because clients can’t afford to stock up on items, they are running really low on things and we’ve essentially started rationing out supplies. Youth in need of jobs have put their job hunt on hold. The loss of jobs, postponement of job training programs and inability to get new jobs has greatly impacted our clients.

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