

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program

Nebraska Balance of State Continuum of Care

What is the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program [YHDP]?

YHDP is a HUD funded demonstration program designed to drastically reduce the number of youth experiencing homelessness, including unaccompanied, pregnant and parenting, 24 years of age and younger. In 2018, the Nebraska Balance of State CoC was selected as a Round 2 community, with an award amount of \$3.28 million towards two years of funding. An annual amount of \$1.64 million will be eligible for renewal under the CoC program if program statutory requirements are maintained.

YHDP Funded Housing Supports:

Coordinated Entry and HMIS:

- University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Center on Children, Families and the Law

Joint Transitional-Rapid Rehousing:

- Blue Valley Community Action
- LifeHouse
- Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership
- Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska

Permanent Supportive Housing

- Cedars Youth Services
- LifeHouse

Host Homes

- Region V Systems

Rapid Response Assistance

- Central Plains Center for Services
- LifeHouse

Coaching

- Central Plains Center for Services

Core Elements of YHDP Projects;

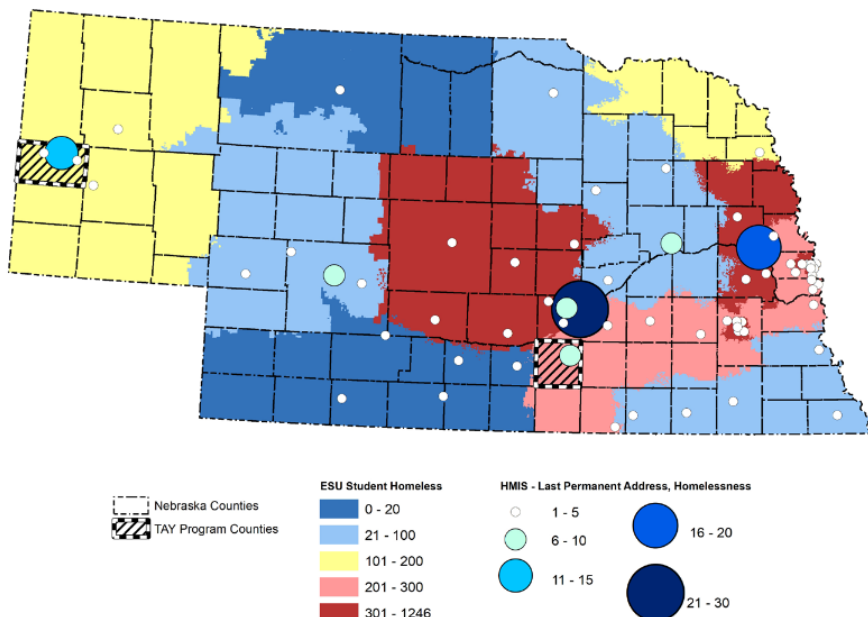
essential for ending youth homelessness:

1. Stable Housing
2. Education and Employment
3. Social and Emotional Wellbeing
4. Permanent Connections

For further information regarding the Continuum's efforts to end homelessness among youth, please see the Nebraska Balance of State Continuum of Care Coordinated Community Plan under YHDP Community Resources at:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/yhdp/>

Nebraska 2017 Youth Homeless Populations



How to Connect to YHDP Housing Resources and Supports:

All YHDP housing opportunities and supports for unaccompanied, pregnant and parenting youth, aged 24 and under, currently experiencing or at risk of homelessness; are available through the All Doors Lead Home Coordinated Entry System. The Nebraska Balance of State has created and implemented a system that is working to:

- identify all youth who are at risk or currently experiencing homelessness through outreach and public doors access;
- prevent or divert those individuals and/or families from becoming homeless,
- properly assess needs and prioritization
- effectively link all youth experiencing homelessness to housing and services solutions that are tailored to their needs in a timely manner

Youth experience various situations prior to coming into contact with homeless service agencies and therefore, coordination is required with a wide variety of service providers to meet their needs of permanency.

Referrals can be made to the Coordinated Entry system through each of the YHDP funded projects or a Public Access Point. For a full list of access points and further information on policies and procedures of Coordinated Entry: <https://ccfl.unl.edu/community-services-management/coordinated-entry>