

EMPOWERING YOUTH. CHANGING LIVES.

Housing & shelter * Education * Family Engagement * Youth Empowerment



WHY WE SERVE

- 74% RHY are YOC -PIT;
- 96% YOC served at PF;
- 64% of MKE is made of communities of color;
- 25-50% of homeless youth identify as LGBTQ;
- Over 50% of young people in shelters & on the streets report their parents told them to leave/knew they were leaving and didn't care;
- 78% of youth bought and sold by human traffickers in Milwaukee are African American.
- Milwaukee county makes up 17% of WI population;
- 5,166 students experiencing homeless in MPS (2019);
- Youth poverty indicator, <18 in Milwaukee 39.8% compared to 16.7% WI;
- Unemployment rate for Blacks 3 times higher than whites;

YOUTH VOICE

“On The Table”

- Community leaders
- Safer school environment
- Hold adults accountable
- Employment- youth specific, younger ages
- Improved political leadership

Listening sessions

- Longer hours & more days
- More staff
- Therapy
- Resources/referrals safe for Black youth & young adults, lgbtq+
- Community outings
- Ethnic food, products & items

PATHFINDERS MILWAUKEE, INC.

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Youth & Families

Voluntary & nontraditional

WAHRS- AmeriCorps

RHY

Traumatized & Vulnerable

7,000 people under age 26



PATHFINDERS YOUTH SHELTER

17 & under

Up to 14 days, 21 with Federal Funding, up to 20 days with shelter license; up to 12 hours-stay without parent permission

Aftercare services & follow-up

Counseling & case management services

Groups

Voluntary services

Youth leadership



PREVENTION EDUCATION

- Middle School- MPS
- Community Based Organizations
- Sexual Health Education & Demonstration
- United Way Healthy Youth Initiative
- Youth Outreach Drop-In Center groups & Meals
- Southeastern Education Center groups
- Non mandated



STREET BEAT STREET OUTREACH

- 5715 street based contacts
- 109 ongoing case management
- Non mandated
- Voluntary
- Low Quality of Life areas/poverty stricken
- Basic/immediate needs
- Large referral source
- Reduce RHY & sexual exploitation



YOUTH OUTREACH DROP-IN CENTER



- 11-25
- Outreach enhancement
- 500+ annual, voluntary
- Non mandated
- Crisis counseling
- Groups
- Basic/immediate needs/safe space
- Youth leadership
- Case management, Coordinated Entry

SUPPORTED HOUSING

17+ TLP

QBLOK/YBLOK

PATHS

County Voucher Programs

Short term v long term

Life skills groups

Peer leadership

Imminent risk-chronic



HAND IN HAND

6-17

No cost

Trauma Informed Therapy/Counseling services

On site/home based/community based

Support Groups

Team sessions

Youth Shelter Groups

Open parent Support groups



NEW PATHS

200 served 2016-18

Sex trafficked/harbored/forced/coerced/commercial exploitation

Sex trade/survival

Within 72 hours 1 in 3 youth will trade sex in exchange for basic needs

Advocacy onsite & community based

Youth Shelter Groups

Youth Outreach Drop-In Center Groups

On call services

Non mandated

Collaborative Rapid Advocacy for Youth 414-800-CRAY (2729)



COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY SERVICES

Improve the overall health & Wellness of young adults coping with mental health and substance abuse diagnosis

Wellness Planning

Fee for service

Home/Community

Referral based

Wraparound

23 & under





SOUTHEASTERN EDUCATION CENTER

- MPS
- Middle School
- Behavioral Reassignment
- Scholars
- Peer Leadership
- Non traditional model, involuntary



EVIDENCED BASED PRACTICES

Engagement

Trauma Informed Practice
Harm Reduction
Maslow's Hierarchy of Need
Person centered care
Positive Youth Development

Case management & Advocacy

Team case management
Therapeutic
Individualized care
Site- home based-community-
Education
Crisis Counseling
Transtheoretical Model/stages of
change

Programs

Botvin LifeSkills- AODA Prevention
Making Proud Choices
Street smarts + adapted curriculum
Let's Talk
Restorative Justice Circles
Youth Tailored- Mental Wellness; Male
Identified; LGBTQ+ Nights to
Remember; supportive employment

PROFESSIONAL HELPERS

- Listen
- Set clear boundaries
- Receive feedback
- Don't take anything away that you cannot replace
- Relationships matter
- Trust is important
- Diversify your work setting
- Give compliments (nice hair, nice shoes, nice nails, etc)
- Be consistent
- Own when your wrong – apologize
- Simple & regular conversation please