

The Family and Youth Services Bureau

Making a Difference in the Lives of
Families and Youth

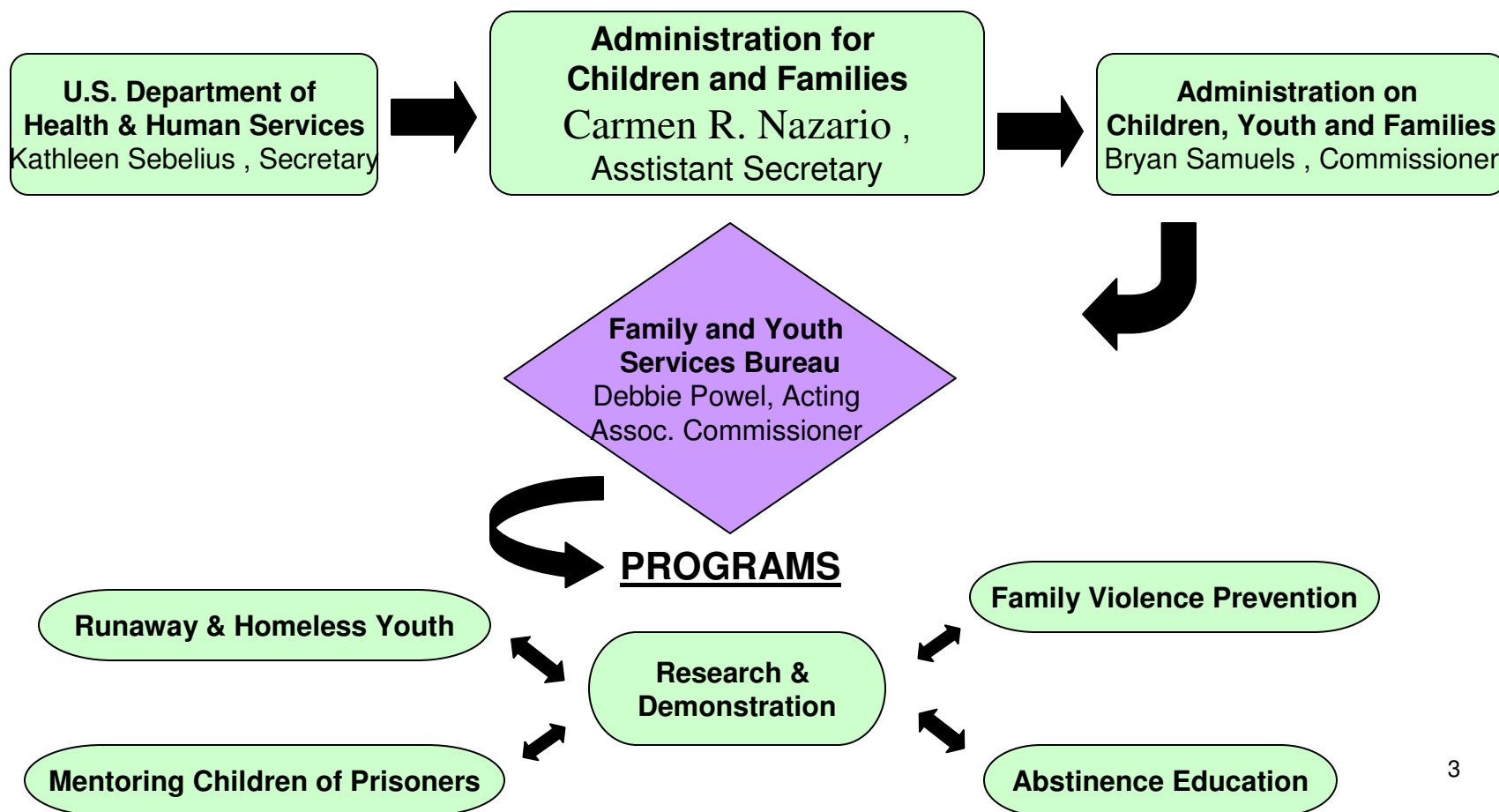




The Family and Youth Services Bureau

FYSB's mission is to provide national leadership on youth and family issues. The Bureau promotes positive outcomes for children, youth, and families by supporting a wide range of comprehensive services and collaborations at the local, Tribal, State, and national levels.

Where FYSB Fits



Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs



□ Basic Center Program



Established by Title III of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974

□ Transitional Living Program



Established by the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988

□ Street Outreach Program



Established by the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994

Basic Center Program



- The purpose of this grant is to establish proposed or strengthen existing community-based BCPs that provide temporary emergency shelter and care to RHY.
- BCPs provide shelter and support services that assist youth in crisis, reunite youth with their families (as appropriate), strengthen family relationships, and help youth transition to safe and appropriate alternative living arrangements where they can become independent, self-sufficient, contributing members of society.

Basic Center Program



- FYSB continues to administer the BCP funding the organizations and shelters that serve and protect runaway and homeless youth. BCP funds are allotted annually to each State based on the States' relative population of youth less than 18 years of age.
- FYSB funds the Basic Center Program under the provisions of the Reconnecting Homeless Youth Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-378). In FY 2009, 371 programs received a total of \$48.6 million.

Basic Center Program



Mandatory Services:

- ❑ To establish, operate or renovate a local center to provide temporary emergency shelter and counseling services to runaway, homeless, and street youth, under 18 years of age.
- ❑ To provide temporary, safe and appropriate shelter (up to 21 days) for RHY.
- ❑ To deliver individual, family and group counseling services (as appropriate) to youth that encourage, where possible, the involvement of parents or legal guardians.

Basic Center Program



- Under this grant, shelter capacity is restricted to a minimum of four RHY youth and a maximum capacity of 20 youth.
- If the applicant is required by State or local law or regulations to meet a higher maximum of shelter beds to comply with licensure requirements for child and youth serving facilities, then the application must include such documentation.



Transitional Living Program

- Through the TLP, FYSB supports projects that provide long term residential services to homeless youth ages 16-21. Generally, services are provided for up to 540 days or in exceptional circumstances 640 days. If a youth has reach the 640 day time frame and has not reach his or her 18th birthday, they can remain in the program until their 18th birthday.
- Living accommodations may be host family homes, group homes, maternity group homes, or "supervised apartments." (Supervised apartments are either agency-owned apartment buildings or "scattered site" apartments, which are single-occupancy apartments rented directly by young people with support from the agency.)..



Transitional Living Program

Mandatory Service

- Safe, stable living accommodations
- Basic life-skill building, including consumer education and instruction in budgeting, the use of credit, housekeeping, menu planning, food preparation and parenting skills
- Interpersonal skill building, including enhancing young people's abilities to establish positive relationships with peers and adults, make decisions and manage stress
- Educational opportunities, such as GED preparation, post-secondary training and vocational education
- Assistance in job preparation and attainment, such as career counseling and job placement
- Education, information and counseling to prevent, treat and reduce substance abuse
- Mental health care, including individual and group counseling
- Physical health care, including routine physicals, health assessments and emergency treatment



Transitional Living Program

- FYSB funds the Transitional Living Program under the provisions of the Reconnecting Homeless Youth Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-378). In FY 2009, 218 programs received a total of \$41 million.
- FYSB solicits applications for the Transitional Living Program by posting funding announcements on the Grants.gov Web site and the Federal Register. Applications are competitively reviewed by peer panels, and successful applicants receive five-year grants.



Maternity Group Home Program

- The MGH Program supports projects that provide longer term residential services for homeless pregnant and parenting young people between the ages of 16 and 21, as well as their dependent children.
- Services are generally services are provided for up to 540 days or in exceptional circumstances 640 days. If a youth has reach the 640 day time frame and has not reach his or her 18th birthday, they can remain in the program until their 18th birthday.
- Maternity group homes offer an intensive array of services to meet the short- and longer-term needs of pregnant and parenting youth and to prepare them to live independently. MGH grantees are required to teach young people parenting skills and other topics including child development, family budgeting, health and nutrition, and other skills to promote their long-term economic independence and ensure the well-being of their children.



Transitional Living Program and Maternity Group Home Program

Mandatory Service

- Safe, stable living accommodations
- Basic life-skill building, including consumer education and instruction in budgeting, the use of credit, housekeeping, menu planning, food preparation and parenting skills
- Interpersonal skill building, including enhancing young people's abilities to establish positive relationships with peers and adults, make decisions and manage stress
- Educational opportunities, such as GED preparation, post-secondary training and vocational education
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Transitional Living Program and Maternity Group Home Program

- If you have a Transitional Living Program and a Maternity Group Home Grant:
 - You Can Not Commingle The Grant Funds.
 - Each Grant Is A Separate And Distinct Grant.

Street Outreach Program



- ❑ The purpose of the SOP is to enable programs to help young people leave the streets.
- ❑ The goal of the program is to conduct outreach efforts to build relationships between street outreach staff and street youth.
- ❑ Through these efforts support services will assist youth in moving and adjusting to safe and appropriate alternative living arrangements to become independent, self-sufficient, contributing members of society.

Street Outreach Program



- Today, FYSB funds the Street Outreach Program under the provisions of the Reconnecting Homeless Youth Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-378). In FY 2009, 164 programs received a total of \$16.1 million.
- FYSB solicits applications for the Street Outreach Program by posting funding announcements on the Grants.gov Web site and Federal Register. Applications are competitively reviewed by peer panels, and successful applicants receive three-year grants.

Street Outreach Program



Program Requirements

- A. Operations: Grantees must operate a program that will deliver outreach and education services to street youth, up to age 21, who have been subjected to, or are at risk of being subjected to sexual abuse, prostitution, or sexual exploitation where street youth congregate.



Street Outreach Program

Program Requirements (Continued)

B. Services: Grantees must conduct outreach activities that encourage street youth to leave the streets. These activities include but are not limited to:

- ❑ Street-based outreach and education,
- ❑ Access to emergency shelter,
- ❑ Survival aid,
- ❑ Individual assessments,
- ❑ Treatment and counseling,
- ❑ Prevention and education activities,
- ❑ Information and referrals,
- ❑ Crisis intervention, and
- ❑ Follow-up support

Street Outreach Program



- ❑ Access to Shelter: Street youth must have guaranteed access to age appropriate emergency shelter for those youth willing to come in off the street.
- ❑ Street outreach staff must have access to the emergency shelter. Shelters can be provided through a referral network.
- ❑ Street outreach staff must have 24-hour access to the shelter in order to maintain interaction with youth while in the shelters care.

Street Outreach Program



- ❑ Supervision/Training: SOPs must provide a plan for supervision and training of staff. The plan must include:
- ❑ On-street supervision by appropriately trained staff,
- ❑ Back-up personnel for on-street staff, and



Mentoring Children of Prisoners

- Congress established the Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program through the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Amendments (Public Law 107–133). The Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) began funding mentoring projects in 2003.
- In FY 2009, FYSB awarded \$49.3 million in funding to support 209 mentoring programs. Through the New Service Delivery Demonstration Program, the new legislation also allows the use of program vouchers to increase access to mentoring services nationwide.



Mentoring Children of Prisoners

- Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program grant recipients are required to provide services, both directly and in collaboration with other local agencies, to strengthen and support children of incarcerated parents and their families. This includes preserving families and connecting the children with their imprisoned parent when appropriate.



Mentoring Children of Prisoners

- Grant recipients are required to cultivate mentors from within the child's family and community through
 - Recruitment,
 - Screening,
 - Training,
 - Monitoring and evaluation:



Family Violence Protection

Discretionary Programs

- In addition to the formula grant programs, the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program also funds a range of discretionary programs each year for the purposes of:
 - (1) preventing family violence;
 - (2) protecting victims and their dependents;
 - (3) improving the design, delivery, and coordination of services to address family violence;
 - (4) gathering information on the incidences of family violence; and
 - (5) increasing knowledge and understanding of issues through research, demonstration, and evaluation projects.



Teen Pregnancy Prevention

- In fiscal year (FY) 2010 appropriations, Congress funded the President's proposed new community Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative. Of the funds made available, not less than \$75 million is for funding the replication of programs that have been proven effective through rigorous evaluation and not less than \$25 million is for funding demonstration programs to develop and test additional models and innovative strategies.



Teen Pregnancy Prevention

- Teenage Pregnancy Prevention: Replication of Evidence-based Programs
 1. <http://www.hhs.gov/ophs/oah/prevention/grants/announcements/index.html>

- Teenage Pregnancy Prevention (TPP): Research and Demonstration Programs and Personal Responsibility Education Program
 1. <http://www.hhs.gov/ophs/oah/prevention/grants/announcements/index.html>



National Clearinghouse on Families and Youth

- The National Clearinghouse on Families & Youth (NCFY) is a free information service for communities, organizations, and individuals interested in developing new and effective strategies for supporting young people and their families.
- NCFY was established by the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to link those interested in youth issues with the resources they need to better serve young people, families, and communities.
- <http://ncfy.acf.hhs.gov/>

RHY Technical Assistance



Call for assistance 8:30am – 5:00pm (CST)
1 (800) 806-2711



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