National Alliance to
END HOMELESSNESS

History of Runaway and Homeless Youth Act Funding, October 2012

The Runaway and Homeless Youth Act has three programs that address the needs of runaway youth and youth experiencing homelessness. The **street outreach program** allows workers to go out into the community to provide youth with services such as referrals to shelter and counseling. The **basic center program** is a drop-in center that provides shelter for up to 21 days; resources to meet the basic needs of youth such as food and clothing; and counseling services to reunify youth with their families. The **transitional living program** allows older youth to reside in housing for up to 18 months while obtaining services such as employment, education, and mental health to set up the youth for self-sufficiency.

RHYA is currently authorized at $165 million for all three of its components which are the Street Outreach Program (SOP), Basic Center Program (BCP), and Transitional Living Program (TLP). **All three programs have been appropriated[1] at $115 million dollars.**

Funding for RHYA has remained relatively flat over the past decade. During this time the total number of youth served in all three programs has decreased while the number of youth turned away for services in the BCP and TLP has increased significantly. This translates into programs' inability to meet the demand for services. Therefore many of our young people remain on the street and unable to access services to be safe, possibly return home, or access housing.

History of Funding and Appropriations for All Programs since FY2001

Fiscal Year	Transitional Living Program	Basic Center Program	Street Outreach Program	Total (In millions)
FY 2012†	$43,892	$53,646	$17,935	$115,474
FY 2011	$43,990	$53,744	$17,971	$115,705
FY 2010	$43,990	$53,744	$17,971	$115,705
FY 2009	$43,765	$53,469	$17,221	$114,955
FY 2008**	$43,268	$52,860	$17,221	$113,349
FY 2007	$39,539	$48,298	$15,027	$102,864
FY 2006	$39,511	$48,265	$15,017	$102,793
FY 2005	$39,938	$48,786	$15,178	$103,902
FY 2004*	$40,260	$49,171	$15,302	$104,733
FY 2003	$40,505	$48,298	$15,399	$104,202
FY 2002	$39,736	$48,288	$14,999	$103,023
FY 2001	$20,740	$48,338	$14,999	$84,127

*Since FY 2004 TLP has included funding for Maternal Group Homes
**Includes 1.7% across the board recession on L-HHS-Ed programs
†Reflects .02% across the board cuts to discretionary programs