



# 2022 NATIONAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT INTERIM REPORT

A brief glance at the preliminary results of the 2022 Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) RHYTTAC National Needs Assessment.

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**RHYTTAC assists organizations in developing and implementing effective approaches to serve young people experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness.**

RHYTTAC gathers information on the changing needs and demands of grantees to guide the development of future tools, resources, and trainings.

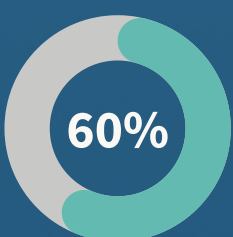
The annual National Needs Assessment (NNA) survey provides FYSB RHY grantees an opportunity to share their training and technical assistance (T/TA) needs. RHYTTAC and FYSB will use the results of the survey to identify priorities for RHYTTAC trainings, webinars, and consultations for the following year, as well as inform the agenda for the annual RHY National Grantee Training and Regional Training events. Survey data are under analysis and RHYTTAC will share final results publicly with RHY grantees. This document summarizes preliminary findings.



## SURVEY QUESTION CONTENT

The NNA contained both quantitative and qualitative survey items to assess T/TA needs. The results of the NNA can inform RHYTTAC about the type, format, frequency, and topics for T/TA in the upcoming fiscal year and lay the groundwork for incorporating continuous quality improvement in RHYTTAC's services.






## WHO COMPLETED THE SURVEY?






**60%** of grantees who operate FYSB-funded RHY programs responded to the NNA

### Organizational Characteristics

What types of FYSB-funded RHY programs do respondents operate?

-  **55%** Transitional Living Programs
-  **41%** Street Outreach Programs
-  **21%** Maternity Group Homes
-  **70%** Basic Center Programs
-  **52%** Operate more than one FYSB-funded program

### Survey responses represent:

-  All 10 FYSB regions. The percentage of responses in each region are similar to the percentage of RHY grantees in the region.
-  Most grantees responses (76%) include perspectives from both executive leadership and direct program staff
-  Programs of all sizes (serving < 25 to 200+ youth annually) in nearly equal proportions



**Almost half (43%) of grantees reported serving less than 100 youth each year**



**Half (51%) of grantees serve urban/suburban areas**

# WHAT DID THE SURVEY FIND?

“ RHYTTAC has been a valuable part of how we are reshaping our program. Please continue to be an open source of information and guidance to us. ”

## Future Topics of Interest for Operations and Leadership:

- 1 Outcomes Measurement
- 2 Staff Training and Retention
- 3 Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity Topics

## NEARLY ALL GRANTEES (87%) NEED T/TA ON MEASURING AT LEAST ONE OF FYSB RHY PROGRAM'S 4 CORE OUTCOMES AREAS.

In each outcome area, grantees identified the T/TA topics that would most help their organization improve young people's outcomes, and most reported needing T/TA on measuring outcomes in that outcome area (%).

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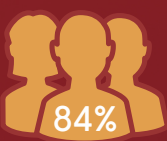
- 1 Cash transfers
- 2 Family strengthening
- 3 Landlord engagement

### Education or Employment



- 1 Education and career pathways
- 2 Assessing educational connections
- 3 Workforce collaborations

### Permanent Connections



- 1 Positive Youth Development (PYD)
- 2 Family strengthening
- 3 Supporting LGBTQ youth

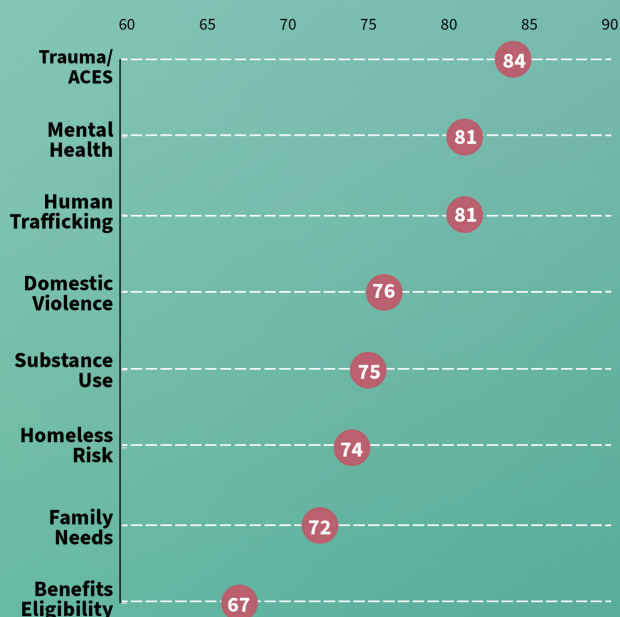
### Social and Emotional Well-being



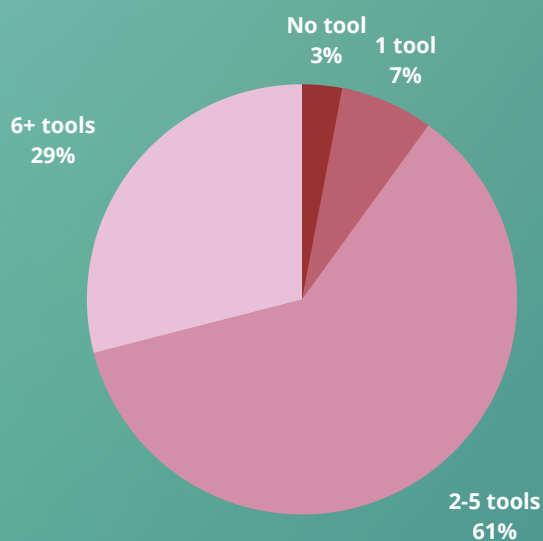
- 1 Motivational Interviewing
- 2 Harm reduction
- 3 Positive Youth Development (PYD)

Most grantees think it is important for their organization to receive T/TA on assessments that screen for trauma/Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), mental health, and human trafficking.

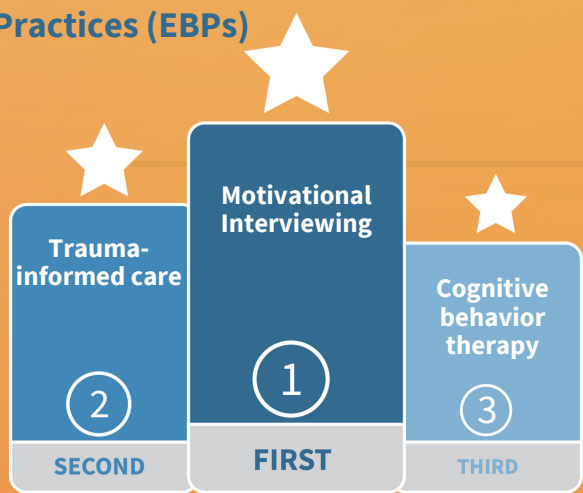
% interested in T/TA for screening assessment topic



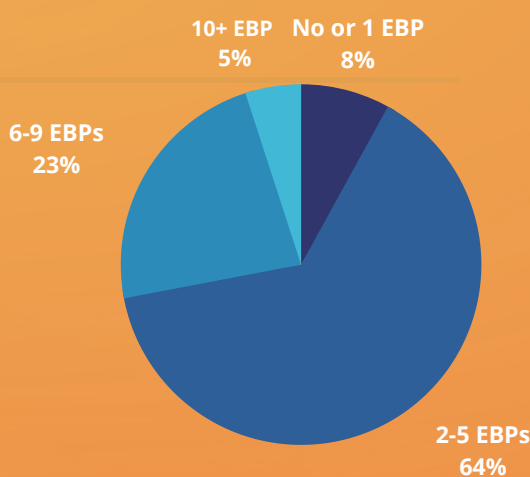
Nearly all grantees (90%) reported that their organization uses two or more assessment and screening tools



## Most commonly used Evidence Based Practices (EBPs)



Nearly two-third of grantees reported that their organization uses between 2 and 5 EBPs in their RHY programming.



**55%** of grantees indicated that they need T/TA to support their implementation of EBPs.

**90%** of grantees indicated that they need T/TA on continuous quality improvement (CQI) practices.

## Cross-system collaboration practices and T/TA needs:

The most common systems grantees reported routinely partnering with are:



Continuums of Care



Behavioral health systems



Education systems/school

Grantees reported wanting T/TA on cross-system partnerships to:

MEET YOUTH'S HOUSING NEEDS (62%)

IMPROVE YOUTH'S PERMANENT CONNECTIONS (60%)

STRENGTHEN REFERRAL PROCESSES (56%)



# POSITIVE IMPACT

## OF PARTICIPATING IN 2021 NATIONAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

A review of the recommendations that emerged from the 2021 NNA report and how RHYTTAC responded



Topic:

### ASSESSMENT AND SCREENING TOOLS

**Recommendation:** Support grantees to understand the utility, and undertaking, of screening and assessments.

**Response:**

RHYTTAC delivered *Human Trafficking Screening and Assessment Tools and Practices for RHY Settings* in September 2022, as part of a three-part Human Trafficking series taking place in 2022-2023.



Topic:

### EQUITY & INCLUSION OF MARGINALIZED POPULATIONS

**Recommendation:** Develop TTA to better equip grantees to address the challenges & promote the assets of youth from marginalized populations.

**Response:**

- 1) Delivered 3 workshops on working with and engaging LGBTQ+ youth 2021 Annual RHY National Grantee Training (NT).
- 2) Three-part DEI webinar and TA Café series planned for 2023.
- 3) Upcoming webinar on trafficking for youth experiencing homelessness titled *Cultural Responsive Practices for Youth Experiencing Homelessness, Exploitation, and Human Trafficking* scheduled for December 2022.



Topic:

### MENTAL HEALTH TTA

**Recommendation:** Provide more TTA on topics that promote youth and staff mental health, such as counseling services.

**Response:**

- 1) Hosted two events on *Staff Recruitment, Training, and Retention: Approaches and Strategies from the Field*.
- 2) Delivered two sessions at the 2021 RHY NT on supporting staff, including one around self-care.
- 3) A two-part mental health series is in development, including *Supporting Mental Health Needs of Youth* (webinar) and *Mental Health Matters* (TA Cafe).



Topic:

### TAILOR EVENTS TO MEET NEEDS OF SPECIFIC GROUPS

**Recommendation:** Differentiate specific groups of RHY audience and provide content that is tailored to each, while also providing content of value to grantees more broadly.

**Response:**

- 1) Increased the delivery of TA Cafés in 2022 enabling greater engagement of smaller groups with similar needs.
- 2) Delivered four RHY Program-Specific Trainings, tailored to meet the needs of grantees operating each individual program (SOP, BCP, TLP, MGH).