



2026 RHY Program Specific Training: General Federal Session

June 10, 2026 | 1:00pm ET

RHYTTAC

Runaway and Homeless Youth Training,
Technical Assistance, and Capacity Building Center

Dr. Sanzanna Dean

Director, Division of Runaway and Homeless Youth

Agenda

- Opening & Agenda Overview
- Welcome Remarks (Dr. Kim Parker, FYSB Associate Commissioner)
- RHY Updates
 - FY26 Notice of Funding Opportunities
 - 2026 RHY National Grantee Training
 - Intensive Street Outreach and Access to Services Reporting
 - RHY Notice of Public Rule Making (NPRM)
 - Defend the Spend Guidelines
 - RHY Monitoring Findings
- Break (10 minutes)
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 - 2025 Crisis Report Overview - National Runaway Safeline (NRS)
 - Overview of RHY-HMIS Data - Abt Global
 - 2025 National Needs Assessment Results - RHYTTAC/Chapin Hall
- Q&A
- Wrap-up

Dr. Kim Parker

Associate Commissioner
Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB)



RHY Updates



Christopher Holloway

RHY Program Manager

FY 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunities

Opportunity Name	Total Funding Available	Number of Expected Awards	Amount per Award (maximum)
Basic Center Program (BCP)	\$27,000,000	77	\$350,000
Street Outreach Program (SOP)	\$4,000,000	20	\$200,000
Primary Prevention Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (2 year program)	\$7,000,000	14	\$500,000
Runaway and Homeless Youth Training, Technical Assistance, and Capacity Building Center (RHYTTAC)	\$2,500,000	1	\$2,500,000
National Communication System (NCS)	\$1,800,000	1	\$1,800,000

2026 RHY National Grantee Training

Location: Dallas, Texas

Dates: November 18-20, 2026

Details to come!

Check out [Past National Grantee Trainings](#) on the RHYTTAC website.



Intensive Street Outreach and Access to Services Reporting

Who is required to report?

- All FY25 TLP and MGH grant recipients and FY25 BCP grant recipients supporting Intensive Street Outreach and Access to Services.

How will you report?

- Existing Street Outreach Program "Type"

When will you report?

- Goal is to complete instructions, conduct testing, and provided directions for data collection by July for the Q4 upload in October 2026.

RHY Notice of Proposed Rule Making

- The Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families proposed to remove duplicative or unnecessary sections from the Runaway and Homeless Youth Program regulations (45 CFR part 1351).
- Streamlining the regulations make them more accessible to the public. A plain language summary of the final rule is posted at <https://www.regulations.gov/>
- The NPRM released for comments on April 6, 2026 and closed on May 6, 2026.
- Over 900 comments were received from individuals and advocacy organizations expressing opinions about the proposed changes.
- Once cleared, a final RHY Regulations will be released reflecting updated changes.

Carmen Callaway

RHY Program and Management Analyst

Defend the Spend

- In March 2025, the Payment Management System (PMS) notified ACF and RHY Program grant recipients that a new processing step was created to enhance transparency and accountability for federal funding.
- The notice included instructions on how to implement the requirements of E.O.14222 – *Implementing the President's "Department of Government Efficiency" Cost Effective Initiative*.
- PMS introduced a new mandatory field in the payment request screen at the grant subaccount level, which requires justification from your organization explaining the purpose of the payment.

Defend the Spend

When providing the justification, please provide the following information:

- The time period covered by the payment request. (Ex. Month Year, MM YYYY or MM-DD-YYYY to MM-DD-YYYY)
- A general description or summary of the expenses or activities to assess whether costs are reasonable and appropriate. Please also include what program the request is associated with (i.e., BCP, TLP, SOP, MGH).
- As applicable, the budget line-item categories for expenditures (e.g., Personnel, Fringe, Supplies, Travel, Contractual, and Other). When totaled, the budget line categories should equal the total draw down request. For example, if the total drawdown is \$10,000 (Personnel = \$5,000/Fringe = \$2,500/Travel = \$1,500/Contractual = \$1,000.)
- Any expenses in the other category must include a description of services or expenses in the “other” category.

Defend the Spend

Examples of Preferred Justification

- Reimbursement for personnel and program supplies to operate the Transitional Living Program for youth experiencing housing instability for July 2025. Personnel-\$8,418.68 Fringe-\$2,438.92 Travel-\$0 Supplies-\$253.22 Other Expenses-\$11,012.63 (e.g., rent, phone service, building maintenance) Indirect Costs-\$2,898.17.
- This draw is for expenses incurred in July 2025. Personnel costs included program management, case managers, resident advisors, and other necessary staff providing direct services to participants in the Turning Point program. Other personnel and operational expenses included fringe benefits, travel, such as staff transporting youth to appointments and attending meetings and trainings, minor repairs and maintenance, and indirect costs. Supply costs included household supplies, cleaning materials, and personal hygiene items. a) salaries and wages, \$10,087.66; b) fringe benefits, \$2,734.83; c) supplies, \$4,001.04; d) other, \$5,938.87; e) indirect costs, \$1,899.72.

Defend the Spend

Examples of Unacceptable Justification

- \$600 travel, \$550 agency insurance, \$300 supplies, \$250 communication, \$8929.22 payroll, \$4000 fringe
- Drawdown request for grant program
- Allowable Grant Expenditures incurred
- This is a reimbursement request for the month of August 2025 for the Street Outreach Program. It covers approved line-item budgets for Salaries such as Program Manager & Outreach Counselors and Prevention Coordinator + Fringe benefits and Other Program expenses to run the program.

Amanda Persad

Youth Services Program Specialist



FY26 Compliance Data

Attendees will learn about the following:

- Process for analyzing FY 25 monitoring findings data
- Learn how FYSB codes common compliance topics
- Learn about trends in program compliance based on year-to-year comparison
- Understand the significant and common issues identified with youth case files and staff files



How is data collected?

- The Monitoring Reports from on-site reviews conducted during a fiscal year are reviewed.
- Coding categories are created to pool related topics together. For example, assessments, intake information collected, services provided at the point of initial contact with client are all listed as “Entrance Services. Similar pooling includes exit services or case files.
- Categories are defined as “Findings” or Opportunities for Improvement.

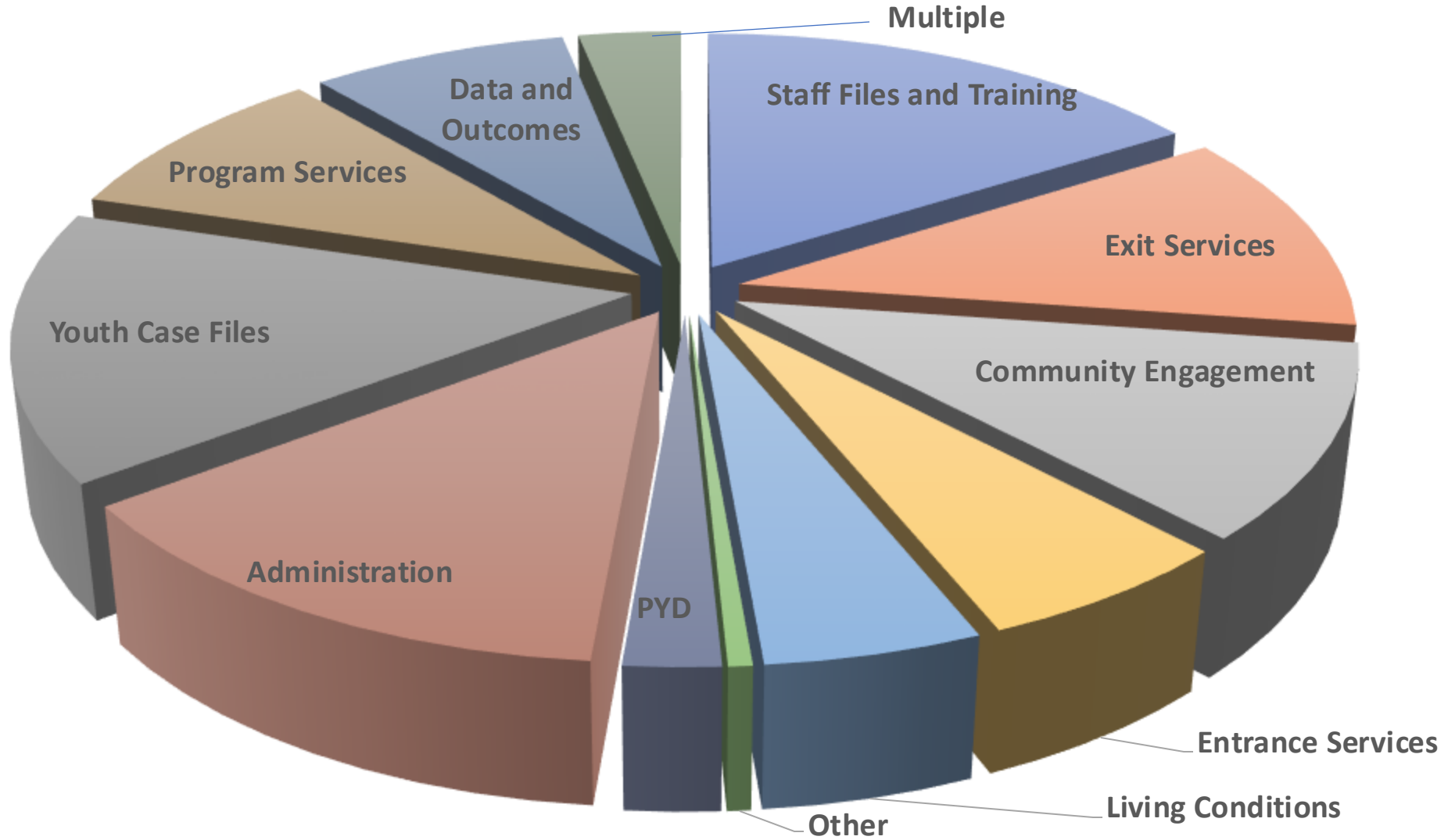
Coding Categories

Codes	SUBCODES
Entrance Services	Intake, Assessment, Gateway
Exit Services	Aftercare, Discharge, Transition, Reunification, Follow-Up
Program Services	Life Skills, Case Management (including notes and services plans), Goals Recreation, Referral, Counseling, Health)
Administration	Strategic Planning, Budget and Finance, Policy and Procedure, Staffing, Program Evaluation
Data and Outcomes	Youth Served (Numbers), Length of Services, Youth Served (Eligibility)
Community Engagement	Outreach, Partnerships
Multiple	On-site review identifies “multiple” areas of concern, with no one specific issues standing out.
Other	Items that do not fall within the identified subcodes.
Living Conditions	Emergency Services, Host Homes, Access, Supervision
Staff Files and Training	
Positive Youth Development	Strategic Planning
Youth Case Files	Access, Quality, Multiple

Finding vs. Opportunities for Improvement (OFI)

Finding	<p>Report Example, Code: Living Conditions</p> <p>The building providing BCP shelter has the capacity to house 25 individuals. At the time of the monitoring visit, there were 23 youth in the shelter. A review of the programs license indicates the maximum shelter capacity for the license issues is 20 youth and does not allow or require capacity beyond 20. The program is not in compliance with the RHY Act statutory requirement nor as well as state licensing.</p>	<p>Section 312(b)(2)(A) of the RHY Act (34 U.S.C. § 11212) Basic Center Program shelters must have a maximum capacity of not more than 20 youth, except where the applicant assures that the State where the center or locally controlled facility is located has a State or local law or regulation that requires a higher maximum to comply with licensure requirements for child and youth serving facilities.”</p>
OFI	<p>Report Example, Code: Living Conditions</p> <p>Each residential facility must accommodate at least four RHY and no more than 20 youth. Staff stated that they plan to have one bedroom with four beds available for RHY. However, this set-up will not suffice for male and female youth.</p>	<p>The text indicates that the program requirements set out in the RHY Act are met but provides an area of recommended improvement, that does not rise to the level of a formal compliance issue.</p>

FY25 Monitoring Findings and OFI



Findings and OFI by FY

Fiscal Year/ Grants Monitored	2023/183	2024/206	2025/115
Findings	230	183	68
Opportunities for Improvement	322	347	139

Top Findings Identified

Fiscal Year/Topic	2023	2024	2025
Youth Case Files	14.31%	18.68%	14.01%
Staff and Training Files	15.04%	16.98%	15.46%
Exit Services	9.6%	10.94%	13.35%
Community Engagement	12.14%	10.75%	10.63%
Percent of Total	51%	57%	53%

Additional Findings for Consideration

Fiscal Year/ Coded Topic	2023	2024	2025
Administration	6.34%	11.5%	9.66%
Data and Outcomes	10.69%	5.66%	8.21%
Program Services	11.78%	3.21%	9.66%
Entrance Services	5.80%	7.55%	5.31%

Youth Case Files and Service Areas

Youth Case Files 14.01%

- Access
- Quality
- Quality Assurance
- General list of multiple document deficiencies

Exit, Program, Entrance Services: 28.32%

- Specific deficiency area
- Can include elements of deficient documentation
- Information from interviews or observation of services

Staff Files: Continuous Quality Improvement

1. Are required documents found in every file?

2. Are all forms used and/or filled out consistently?

3. Are training plans geared towards staff roles, job performance, and duties?

Deficiencies Identified in Staff Files

Position Description

Resume

Verification of Prior Employment

Verification of Educational Credentials

FBI Background/Fingerprint Check

Child Abuse Registry Check

Sex Offender Registry Check

Driving Record Checks

I-9 Form

Statement of Confidentiality

Training Plan (Pre-service and In-service)

Performance Evaluation

Questions?

Add your question to the Q&A Zoom Box

If you do not see Q&A on your Zoom taskbar, click More...



Time for a Break

We will return in 10 minutes!

Partner Updates



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Director of Programs, National Runaway Safeline



1-800-RUNAWAY

Program, Services, and Resources

Sarah Allen, MSW

Director of Programs

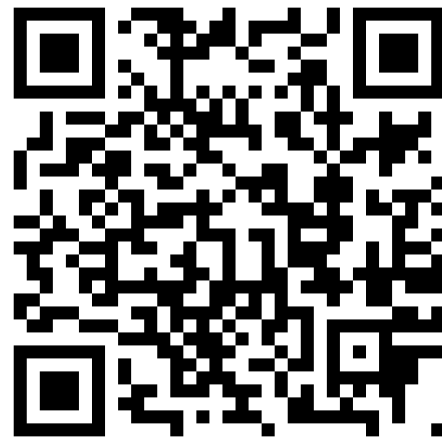
NRS Overview and Purpose

The mission of the **National Runaway Safeline (NRS)** is to keep America's runaway, homeless, and at-risk youth safe and off the streets.

- Crisis Intervention
- Information and Referral Lines
- Connection to Service Providers
- Messaging Service
- Home Free Program
- Prevention and Educational Materials
- Training Opportunities
- Youth Advisory Board

www.nationalrunawaysafeline.org

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Crisis Information and Referral Hotlines

NRS operates 3 crisis services lines:

- 1800RUNAWAY.org

1-800-RUNAWAY (786-2929)

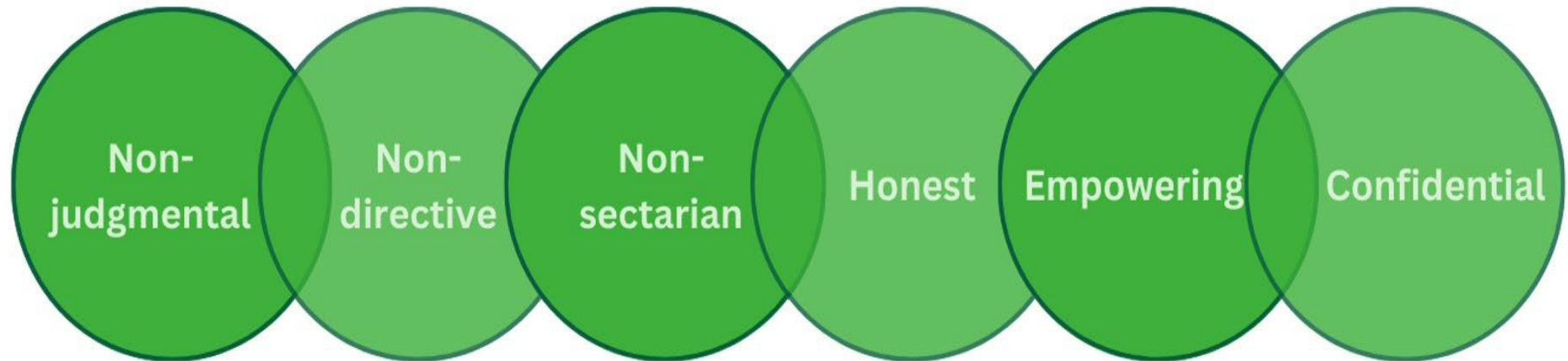
- Illinois Comprehensive Community Based Youth Services (CCBYS)

1-877-870-2663

- MOCA, National Mental Health Information and Referral Safeline

1-888-504-MOCA (6622)

NRS Philosophy





1-800-RUNAWAY

The Runaway and Homeless Act



1-800-RUNAWAY

- Available 24/7
- Free
- Confidential

www.1800RUNAWAY.org



1-800-RUNAWAY



YOUTH CRISIS SUPPORT AND CONNECTION

- AVAILABLE 24/7
- CONFIDENTIAL
- NON JUDGMENTAL
- SUPPORT IN ACCESSING RESOURCES

HERE TO LISTEN. HERE TO HELP.

Connect with Crisis Support Specialist who can listen, help you explore options, and support you in staying safe. Search our Youth Resource Database anytime.



CALL



CHAT



TEXT



EMAIL



FORUM



RESOURCES



NRS Resources & Referrals

NRS maintains a national database of approximately 6,500 agencies and services, including:

- Basic Centers/Shelters
- Transitional Living Programs
- Maternity Group Homes
- Street Outreach Programs
- Food Pantries
- McKinney-Vento Liaisons
- Legal Resources
- Mental Health Resources
- Faith Based Organizations
- Medical Assistance
- Residential Treatment
- Substance Use Treatment
- Child Protective Services
- Law Enforcement
- Other Crisis Hotlines



Message Service

- Confidential, indirect method of communication, with the goal of moving toward a conference call or other direct conversation.
- Youth and parent/legal guardians leave messages for one another.
- Youth and parent/legal guardians can call NRS to check for messages.
- NRS will proactively call out to parent/legal guardians to deliver youth's message.



Conference Calls

- NRS representative mediates a conversation between youth and parent/legal guardian.
- NRS representative advocates for youth, helps to articulate messages.
- Warm handoffs with service providers
- Goal is to help youth feel heard and move towards a solution.



Home Free Program

- Established in 1995 in partnership with Greyhound Lines, Inc.
- Reunites young people with their family or legal guardian or gets them to a safe alternative living arrangement through a free bus ticket.
- Available for young people between the ages of 12 and 21.
- Guardian youth escort tickets available for youth 12-17.
- Child tickets available for parenting young people.
- In 2025, 516 youth and 16 guardian tickets were issued.
- Since its inception, over 19,000 young people have used the program.

NEED A SAFE WAY HOME?

Through the Home Free program, we provide a free bus ticket home or to a safe alternative living arrangement.

Call

1-800-RUNAWAY

1-800-786-2929

If you are a runaway, homeless or exploited youth between the ages of 12 & 21, call National Runaway Safeline to find out if Home Free can help you.



Home Free

Home Free helps over 500 youth each year stay off the streets and return to family and safety.



NEED A SAFE WAY HOME?

A RIDE TO SAFETY AND SUPPORT

The Home Free program helps young people ages 12–21 return safely to a confirmed known adult or available safe place – at no cost to youth.

[CALL TO GET STARTED](#)

[Learn More About Home Free](#)



Data and Trends

2025 Data Report

19,911 Youth Crisis Contacts	
Chat/Text	49%
Hotline	43%
Forum Post	4%
Emails	5%

Relationship	
Youth under 22	80%
Parent	8%
Adult	5%
Relative	3%
Friend	1%

Age	
Under 12	1%
12 to 14	12%
15 to 17	36%
18-21	32%
22+	19%

Status	
In Crisis	47%
Contemplating Running	20%
Homeless	16%
Runaway	13%
Kicked Out	4%

Location	
Home	44%
Street	13%
Friend	11%
Relative	6%
Shelter	3%

2025 Data Report

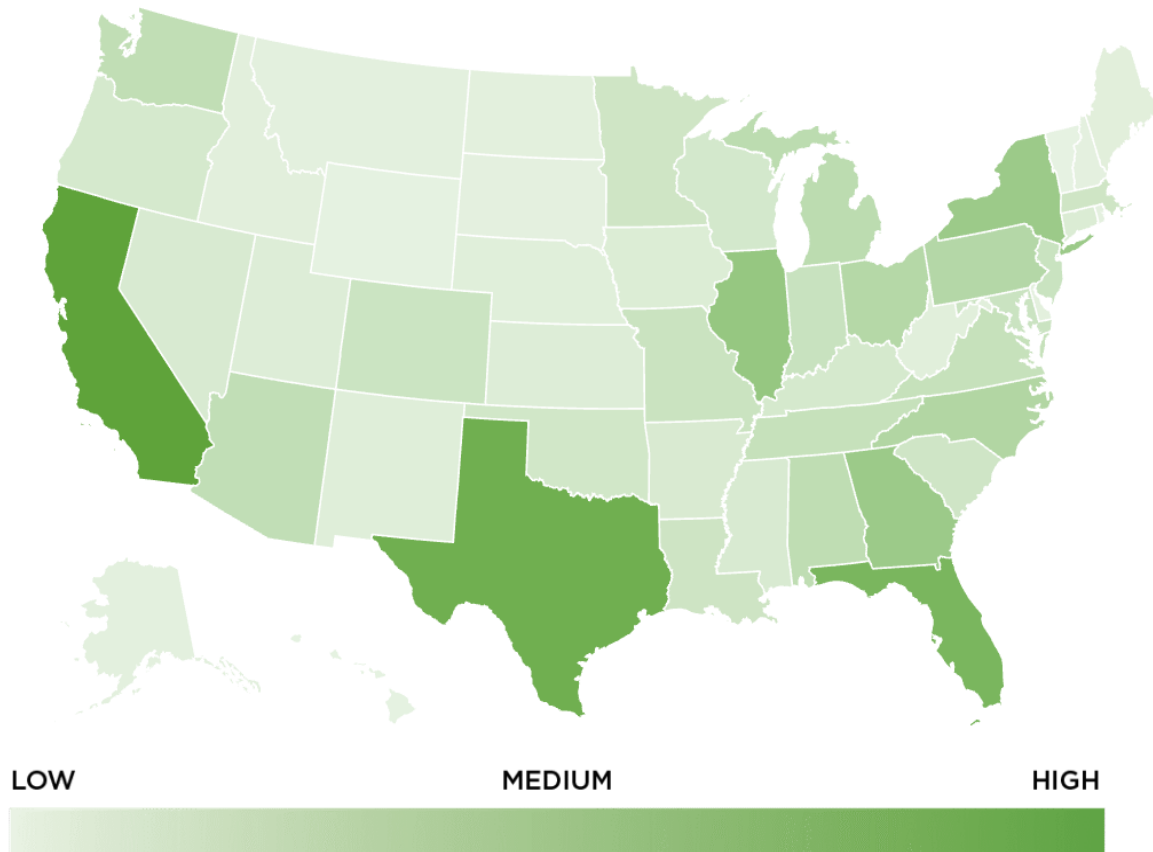
Presenting Problem		
Family Dynamics:	72%	12,913
Economics	31%	5,577
Mental Health	25%	4,501
Transportation	24%	4,381
Emotional Abuse	22%	3,895
Service Provider	20%	3,526
Physical Abuse	12%	2,115
Peer/Social Issues	7%	1,321
Neglect	8%	1,402
Housing	7%	1,259

Options Discussed	
Natural Supports	9,716
Community Supports	16,098

Housing Resources (N=4,106)	
Emergency Shelter	2,581
Transitional Housing	950
Mother and Infant Care	293
Street Outreach	90
Drop In Center	98
Housing Assistance	94

1-800-RUNAWAY is 24/7 and Nationwide

2025 SNAPSHOT





Prevention and Education



Let's Talk: Runaway Prevention Curriculum

A module based life skills curriculum, available for download at 1800RUNAWAY.ORG.



Goals:

- Build life skills
- Educate young people about alternatives to running away
- Encourage young people to seek help from trusted adults
- Increase knowledge about prevention and resources

Audience:

- Youth ages 12-20
- Available in English and Spanish
- For use in schools, after school programs, RHY programs, youth groups, etc.

YOUTH
HOPE
Homelessness Outreach, Prevention, and Education.
MONTH

Let's shine a light on youth homelessness
and show young people that help and
hope are within reach.



For more information visit,
1800RUNAWAY.org/HOPE

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RHY-HMIS

Runaway & Homeless Youth: Homeless Management Information System

User Training
By Abt Global

June 2026



Welcome & Introductions

Today's team:

- Lori Hunter, RHY-HMIS Project Director
- Thuan Huynh, TA Provider
- Pamela Robertson, TA Provider



RHY-HMIS Overview

RHY-HMIS

- RHY grant recipients are legislatively mandated to collect and report data
- Data are used to:
 - Assess program implementation
 - Inform design of future changes
 - Inform funding decisions
 - Provide data to FYSB Federal Project Officers for monitoring
 - Provide data to Congress
- Data are uploaded quarterly
- Available to grantees for their use via the RHY-HMIS Dashboard

HMIS Participation Planning

- Reach out to your HMIS Lead/CoC Lead
- Sign up for and attend HMIS Training to obtain HMIS access
- Review your CoC's Privacy Policy and HMIS Policies and Procedures
- What does HMIS participation mean?
 - Entering all RHY client data directly into local HMIS
 - Both for RHY client shelter and supportive services; and
 - Generating CSV file uploaded to repository

RHY-HMIS Quarterly Upload Schedule

<p>Q1 Upload Period: January Reporting period: 10/1/25 to 12/31/25 (3 months)</p>	<p>Q4a For grants ending in September Upload Period: September Reporting period: 10/1/25 to 8/31/26* (11 months) <i>*For grant ending in September</i></p>
<p>Q2 Upload Period: April Reporting period: 10/1/25 to 3/31/26 (6 months)</p>	<p>Q4b For grants not ending in September Upload Period: October - November Reporting period: 10/1/25 to 9/30/26 (12 months)</p>
<p>Q3 Upload Period: July Reporting period: 10/1/25 to 6/30/26 (9 months)</p>	



RHY-HMIS Dashboard

RHY-HMIS Dashboard

Allows grantees and RHY Federal Project Officers (FPO) to visualize uploaded data from FY2020 to last upload period

FPOs can see data for all grantees in their region

Grantees will see data uploaded for all their projects

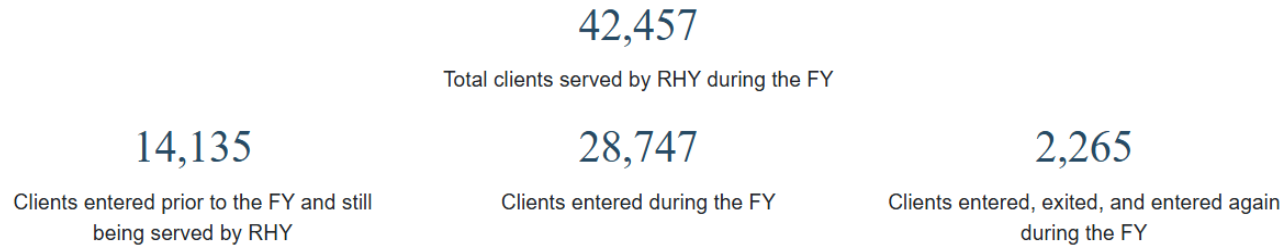


Part of the RHY-HMIS repository - one single sign-on

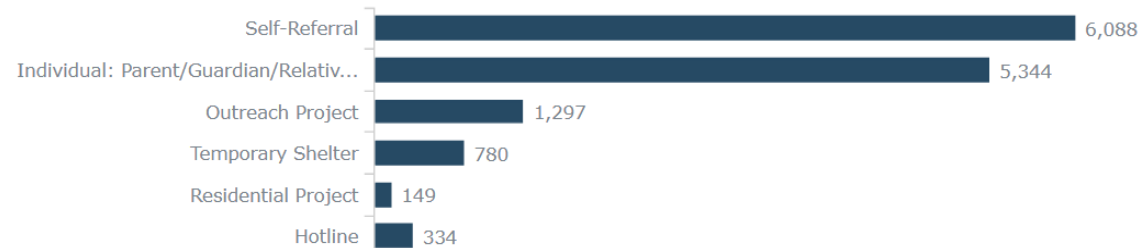
FY 2024 ▾ All Grantees ▾ All Project Types ▾
 All Races & Ethnicities ▾ All Sexes ▾ All Ages ▾

The numbers below the top line will not sum to the top line because clients can appear in more than one 2nd line sum, but the top line is a deduplicated count of youth regardless of entry, exits, and re-enrollments.

Please note, this data cannot be exported to Excel. Should you need this detailed data, please contact your HMIS Lead for available HMIS reporting locally. All data in the RHY Dashboard comes directly from HMIS data uploaded by RHY Grantees and should be available locally.



Referrals to RHY Programs that Track Referrals



FY 2024
 All Grantees
 All Project Types

All Races & Ethnicities
 All Sexes
 All Ages

In FY 2024, 12,567 clients exited BCP-ES and TLP/MGH projects and of those, 10,727 were living in a safe and appropriate setting for a 85.4% successful exit rate, and 8,758 exited with a permanent positive community connection (69.7%).
 In FY 2024, 15,989 clients exited BCP and TLP/MGH projects and of those, 10,761 were attending school regularly (67.3%), graduated from high school, or obtained a GED, and 5,168 were employed or looking for work (32.3%).

The success of RHY funding for BCP and TLP/MGH is measured in part by client outcomes such as safe exits, increases in education, and increases in employment. These data are reported annually to Congress.

Outcomes

Increase the proportion of clients living in safe and appropriate settings after exit.



Increase the percentage of clients that are attending school regularly, have graduated from high school, or obtained a GED at exit.



Increase the number of clients that are employed or looking for work at exit.

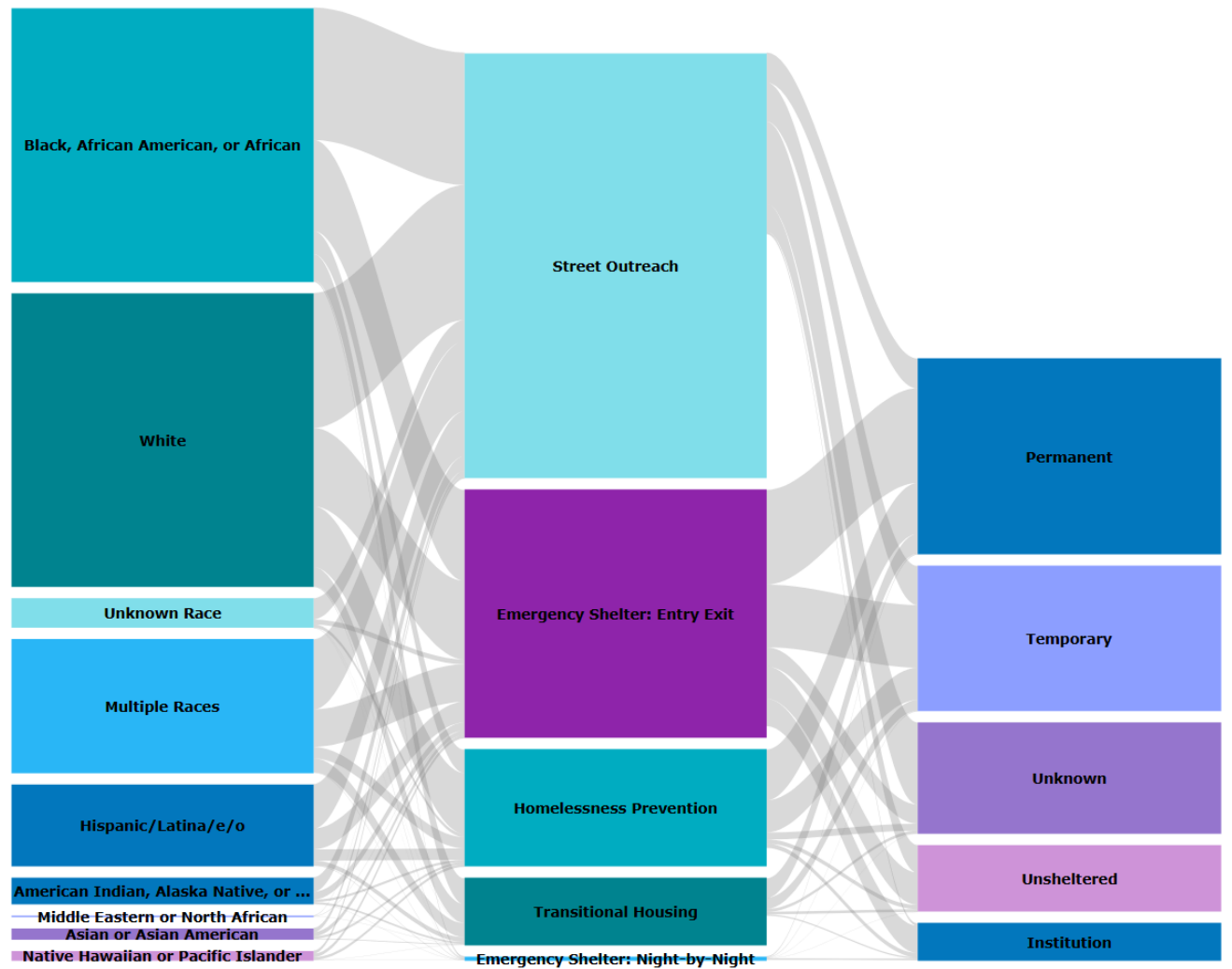


Increase positive ongoing attachments to families, communities, schools, and other social networks.



In FY 2024, 25,812 clients exited from RHY funded projects per filters selected.

The below graph is called a Sankey diagram and shows flow through a system. The middle column is the RHY Program and its interventions offered. The left side shows inputs into the different projects by race. The right side shows outputs from the different projects by destination. More inputs and outputs will be added in future iterations.

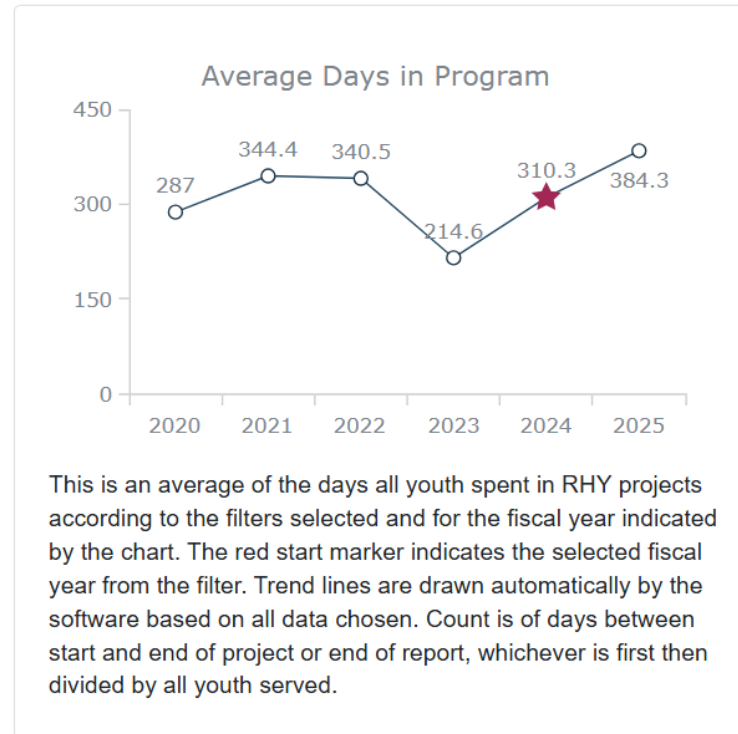
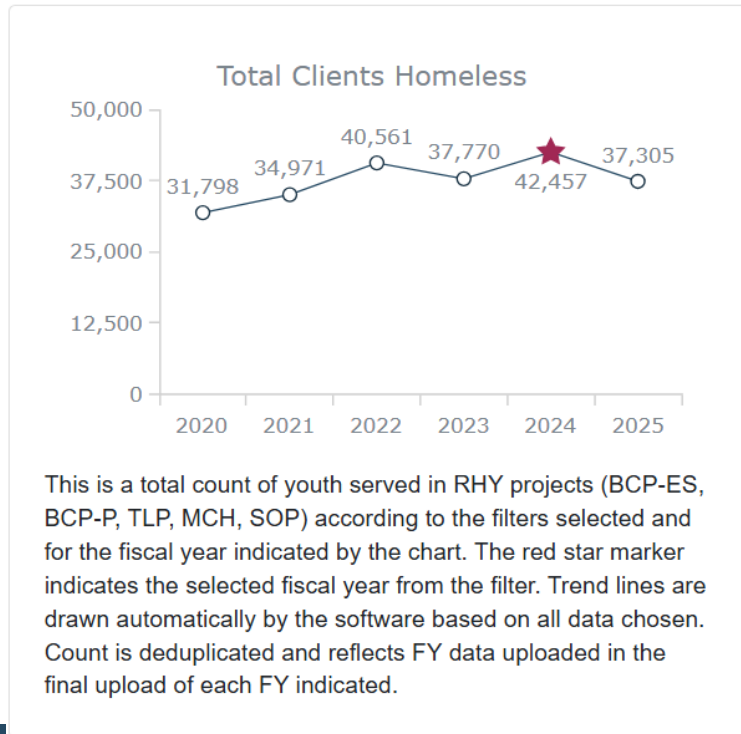


* All projects are included in Exits analysis.

Report Dashboard Trends

FY 2024 All Grantees All Project Types
All Races & Ethnicities All Sexes All Ages

* The red star marker indicates the selected fiscal year.



FY 2024

All Grantees

All Project Types

All Races & Ethnicities

All Sexes

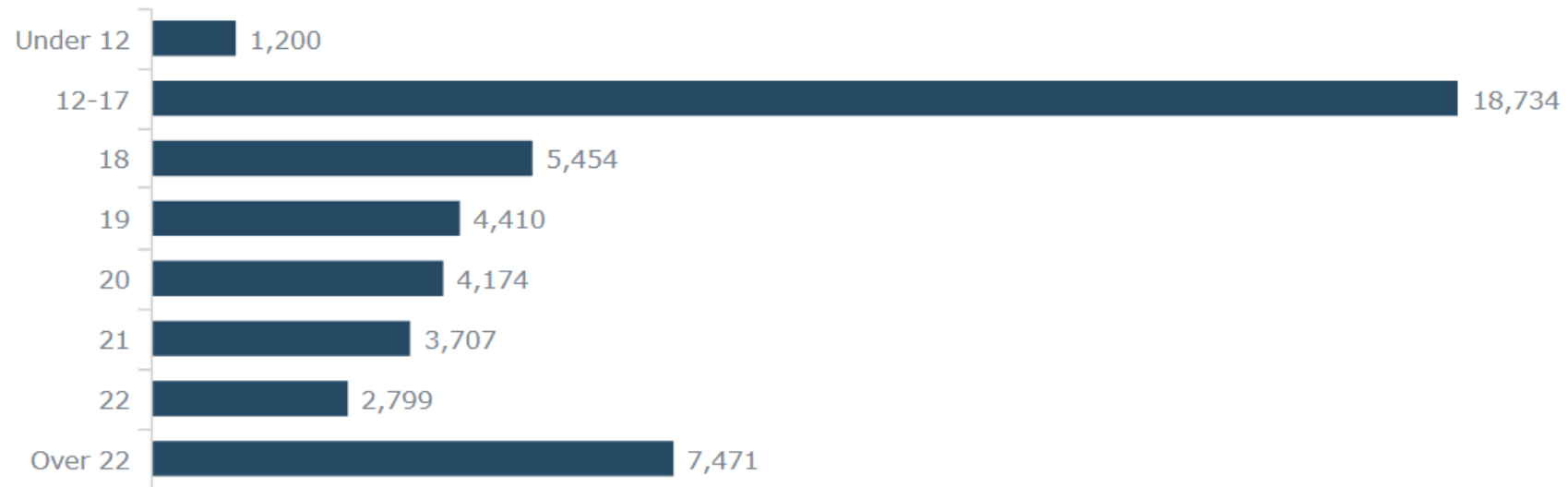
All Ages

Characteristics

Age

Sex

Race & Ethnicity





Performance Measures Highlights

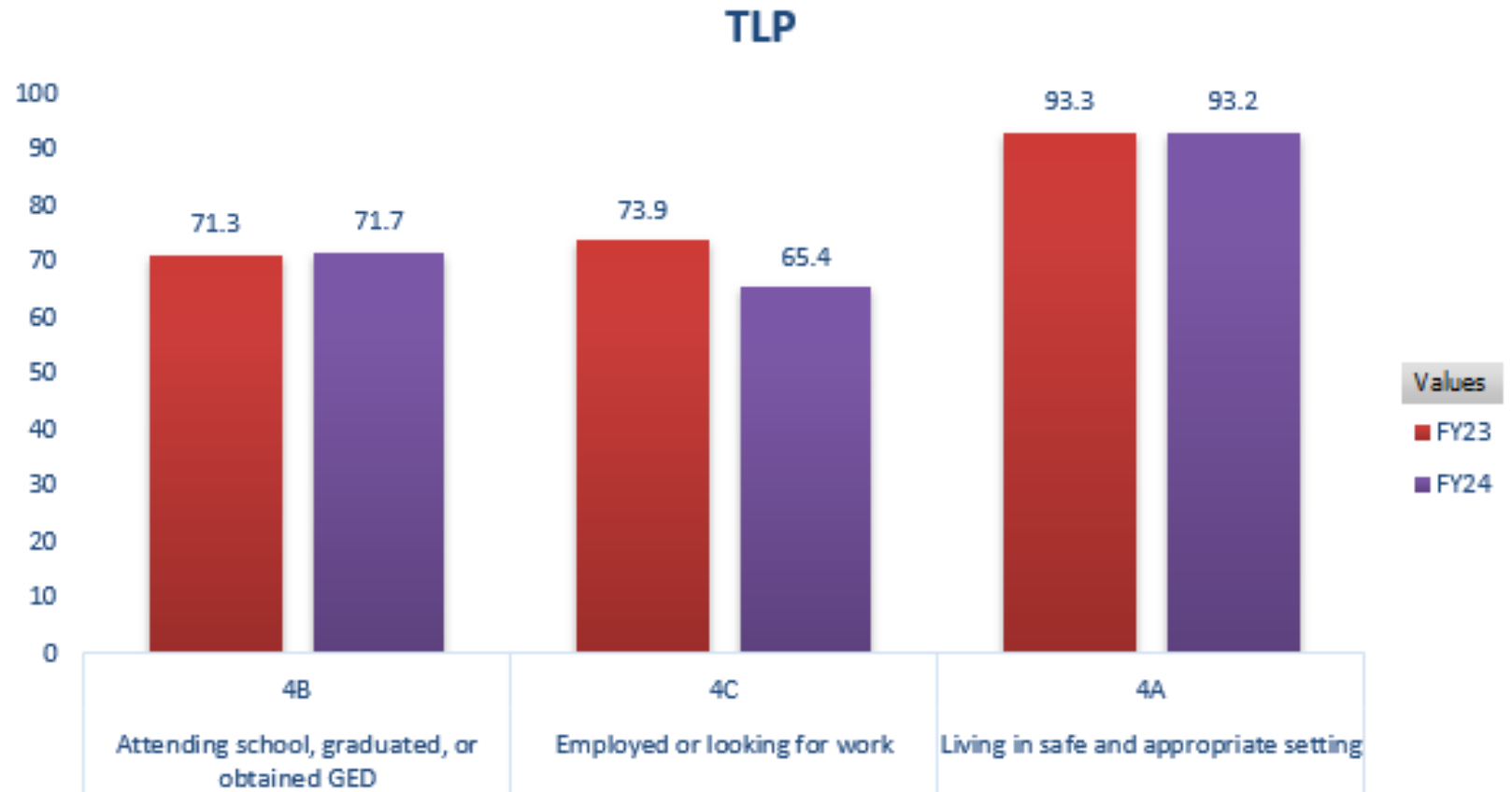
Outcomes - TLP

- 4A: Increase the proportion of youth living in safe and appropriate settings after exiting ACF-funded Transitional Living Program (TLP) services. Target 90%
- 4B: Increase the percentage of youth in a TLP that are attending school regularly, have graduated from high school, or obtained a GED at exit. Target 65%
- 4C: Increase the number of youth leaving a TLP that are employed or looking for work at exit. Target 70%

Transitional Living Program (TLP) Outcomes

****This includes Maternity Group Home (MGH) Programs***

TLP maintained strong performance in safe and appropriate exits, remaining well above the 90 percent target despite a slight decline from FY 2023. Educational outcomes improved, while employment outcomes declined slightly and fell just below target.



Outcomes - BCP

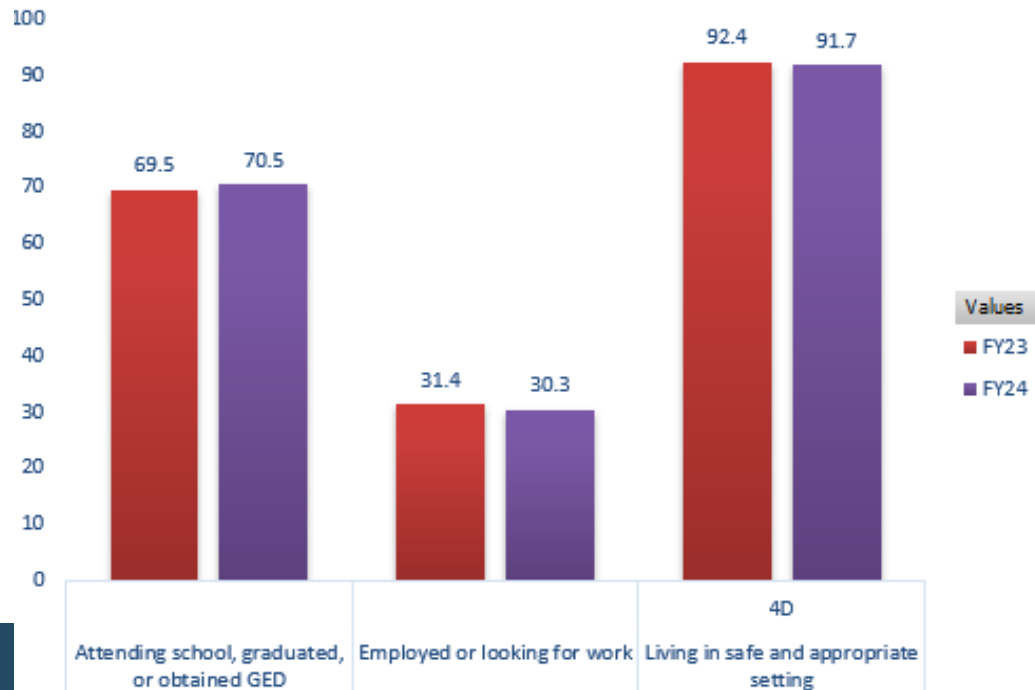
- 4D: Increase the proportion of youth living in safe and appropriate settings after exiting ACF-funded Basic Center Program (BCP) emergency shelters. Target 90%
- 4E: Increase the percentage of youth receiving out-of-shelter prevention services by the BCP who are diverted from entering an emergency shelter and exit to another safe and appropriate destination. Target 90%
- 4F: Increase the percentage of youth in BCP shelters that are attending school regularly, have graduated from high school, or obtained a GED at exit. 70%
- 4G: Increase the percentage of youth leaving BCP shelters that are employed or looking for work at exit. 15%

Basic Center Program (BCP-ES & BCP-P) Outcomes

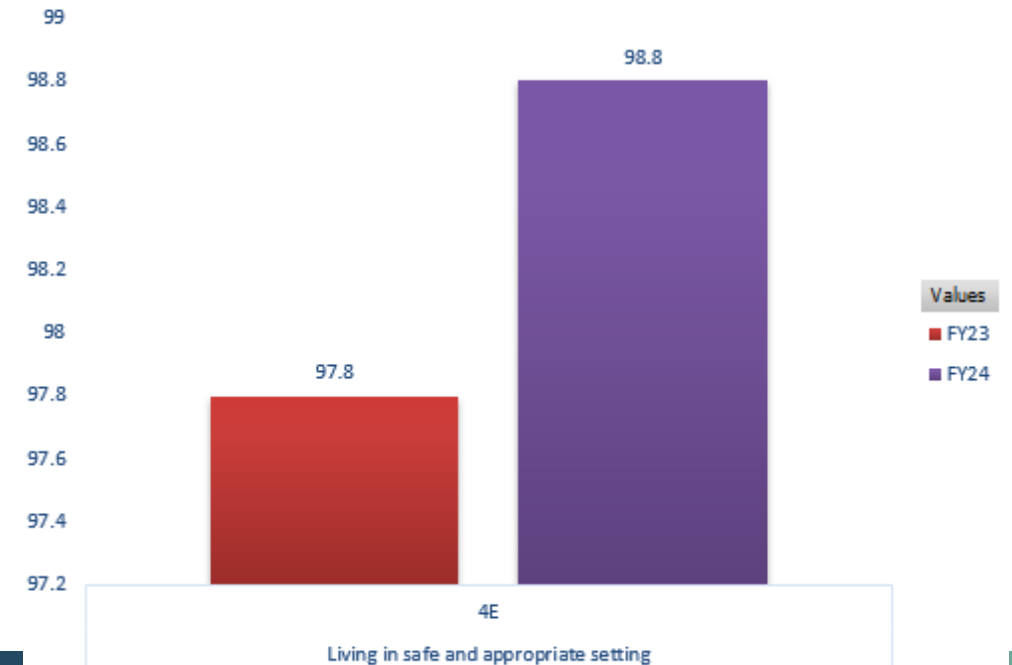
BCP-ES continued to exceed targets for safe exits despite a small year-to-year decrease, and educational outcomes improved to meet or surpass goals. Employment outcomes declined marginally but still remained well above target levels.

BCP-P met its target for safe and appropriate exits and showed improvement compared to the previous year.

BCP-ES



BCP-P

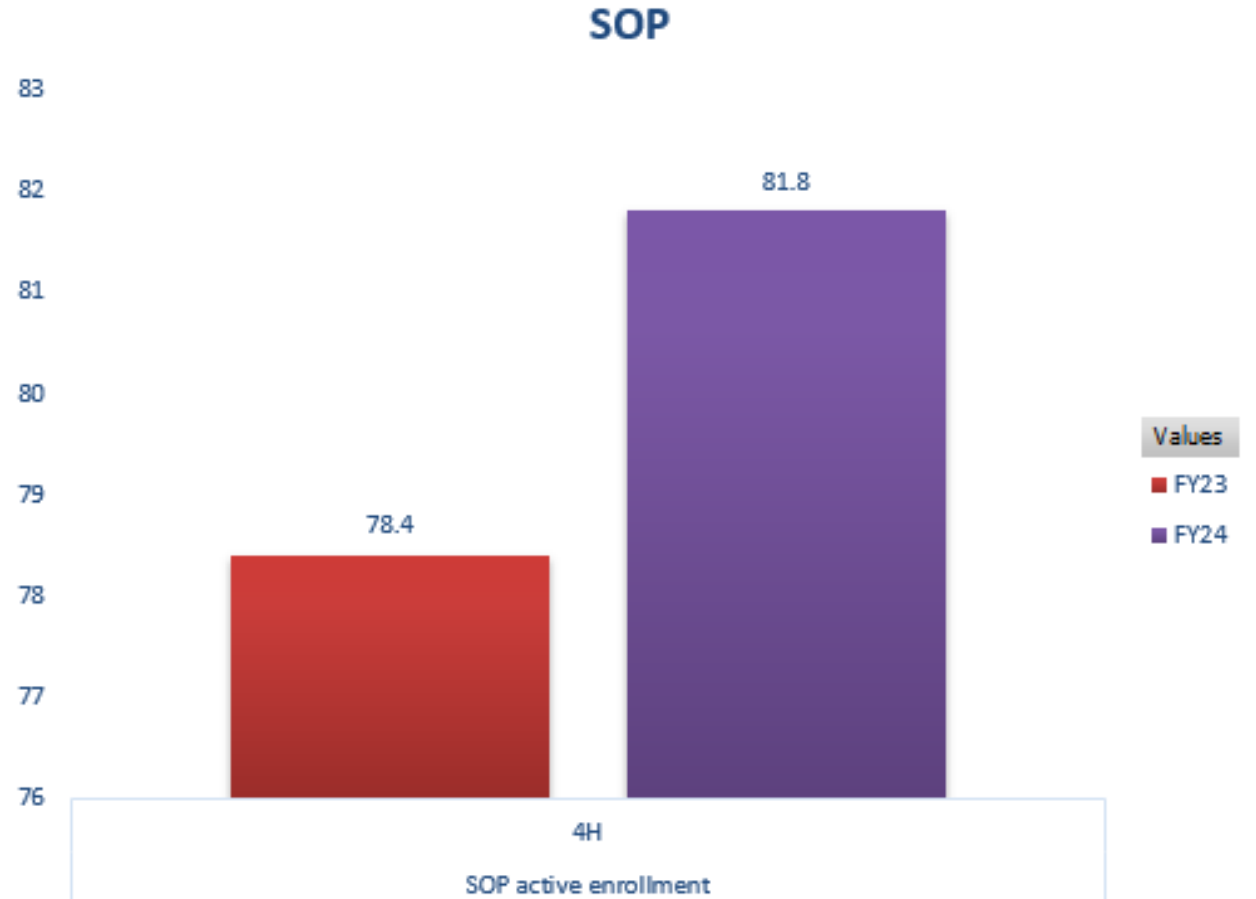


Outcomes - SOP

- 4H: Increase the percentage of youth contacted by the Street Outreach Programs (SOP) that are engaged in deliberate case plan or client assessment. Target 35%

Street Outreach Program (SOP) Outcomes

SOP maintained steady active enrollment across both fiscal years and continued to significantly exceed its target, indicating strong engagement of youth in services.





Accessing Resources and Assistance

Accessing Technical Assistance

Online Service Desk:

rhymisservicedesk.atlassian.net

800-883-3179

RHYTTAC's RHY-HMIS page of resources

www.rhyttac.net/rhy-hmis

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Background



Primary Questions

- What are the most used and valuable types of TTA provided by RHYTTAC?
- What TTA topics are of greatest priority to grantees?
- What are specific TTA needs of grant recipients?



Annual Assessment

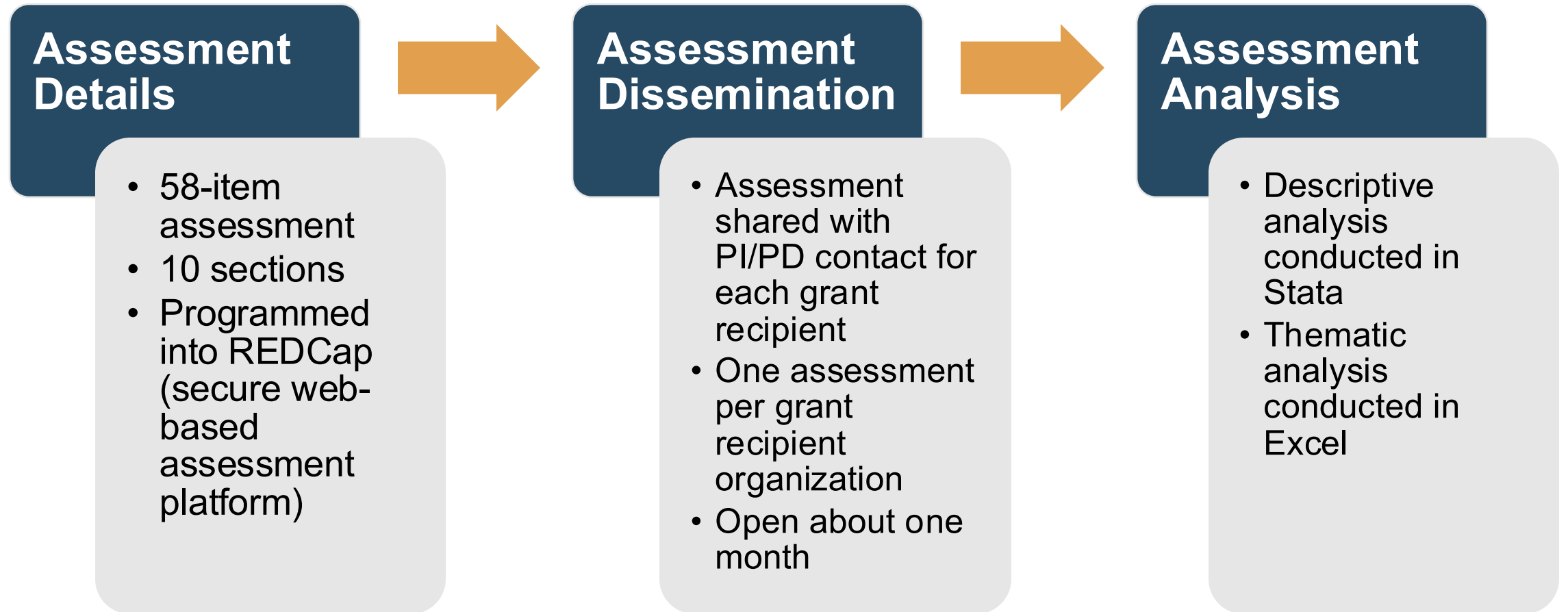
- Identify evolving needs and priorities of grantees



Actionable Insights

- Plan and prioritize RHYTTAC's TTA activities and resources

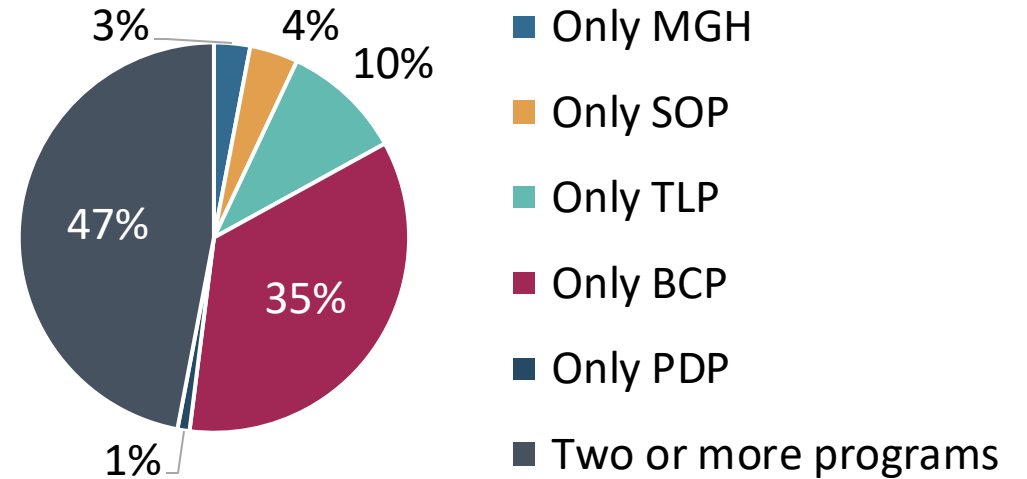
National Needs Assessment (NNA): Methods



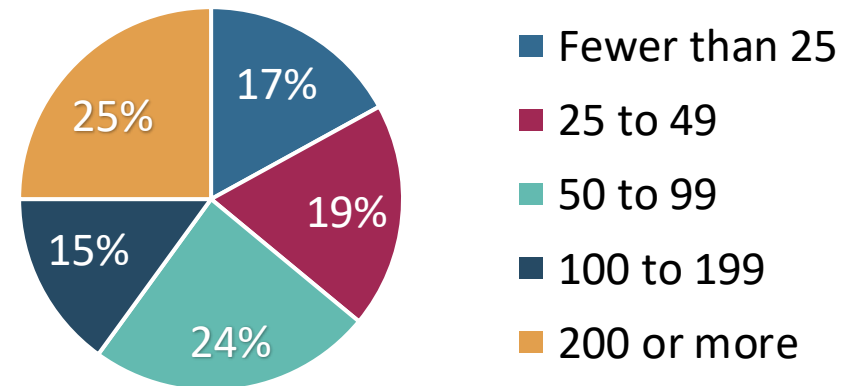
2025 NNA Participants

- Assessment distributed to **309** grant recipient organizations.
- **196** (63%) organizations responded to the NNA.
- Grant recipient response rate increased from 2021 to 2025 (50% increase: 42% to 63%).
- **74% of grant recipients** who responded reported collecting data from both executive leadership and direct support staff to complete the NNA.

Almost half of grantees receive 2 or more FYSB-funded RHY grants.



Nearly half of grantees serve 100 or more youth annually.



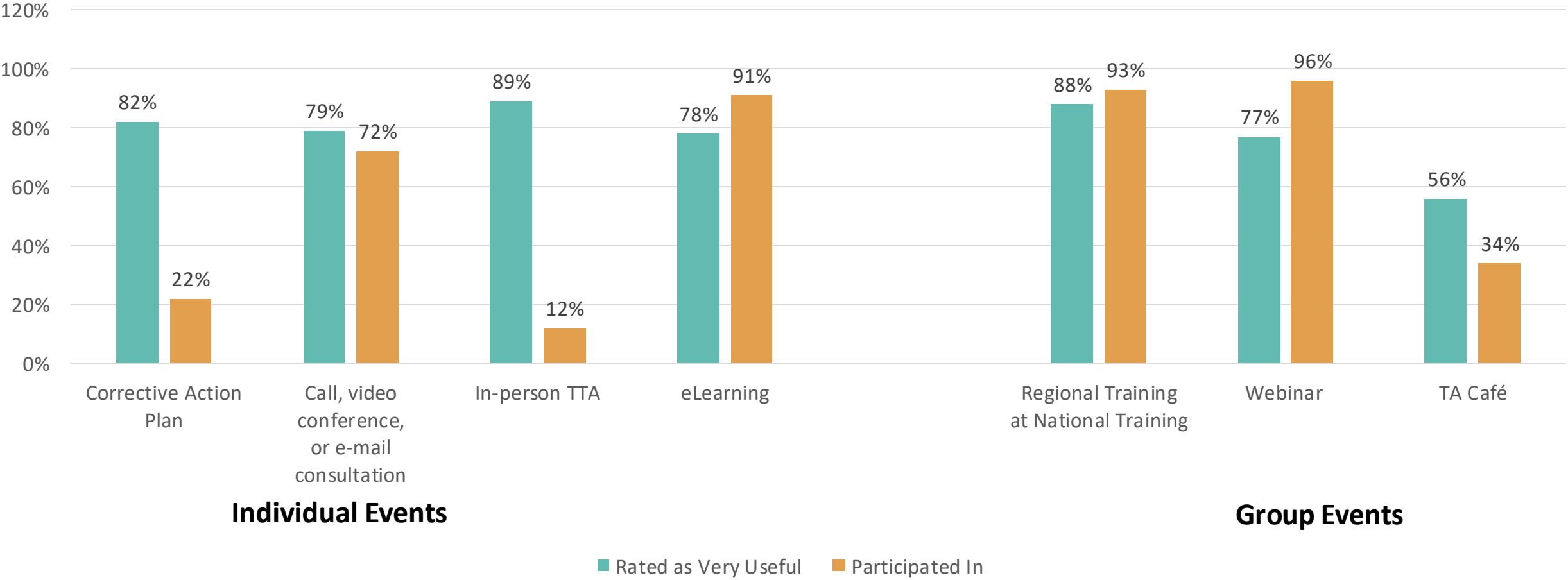
National Needs Assessment Findings

Research Question 1:

What are the most used and valuable types of TTA provided by RHYTTAC?

TTA Event Types Used and Their Usefulness

TTA types grant recipients participated in and found very useful:



Individual Events

Group Events

“

RHYTTAC has been an important part of helping to shape the way that we interact with the youth, and we appreciate being able to continue to build through the resources provided by RHYTTAC.

- RHY Grant Recipient

”

Research Question 2:

What TTA topics are of greatest priority to grant recipients?

Grant Recipient Priority Topics in Core Outcome Areas



Safe and Stable Housing

- Aftercare services/counseling (49%)
- Family strengthening/counseling (29%)
- Assessing housing/homelessness needs (20%)



Education and Employment

- Effective youth employment/career pathways (50%)
- Coordinating with workforce development agencies (43%)
- Assessing education or employment needs (35%)



Permanent Connections

- Family strengthening/counseling for positive supports (37%)
- Facilitating youth social networks (34%)
- Case management for youth (34%)



Social-emotional Well-being

- Coping strategies for youth (46%)
- Trauma and the effects of trauma on youth (38%)
- Mental health programs and practices (31%)

Grant Recipient Priority Topics for Leadership and Operations & Cross-cutting Domains



Leadership and Operations

- Staff training and retention (53%)
- Youth outcomes measurement (48%)
- Staff mental health and well-being (46%)



Cross-cutting Topics

- Aftercare services/counseling (61%)
- Staff burnout (50%)
- Youth collaboration, leadership, and engagement (43%)

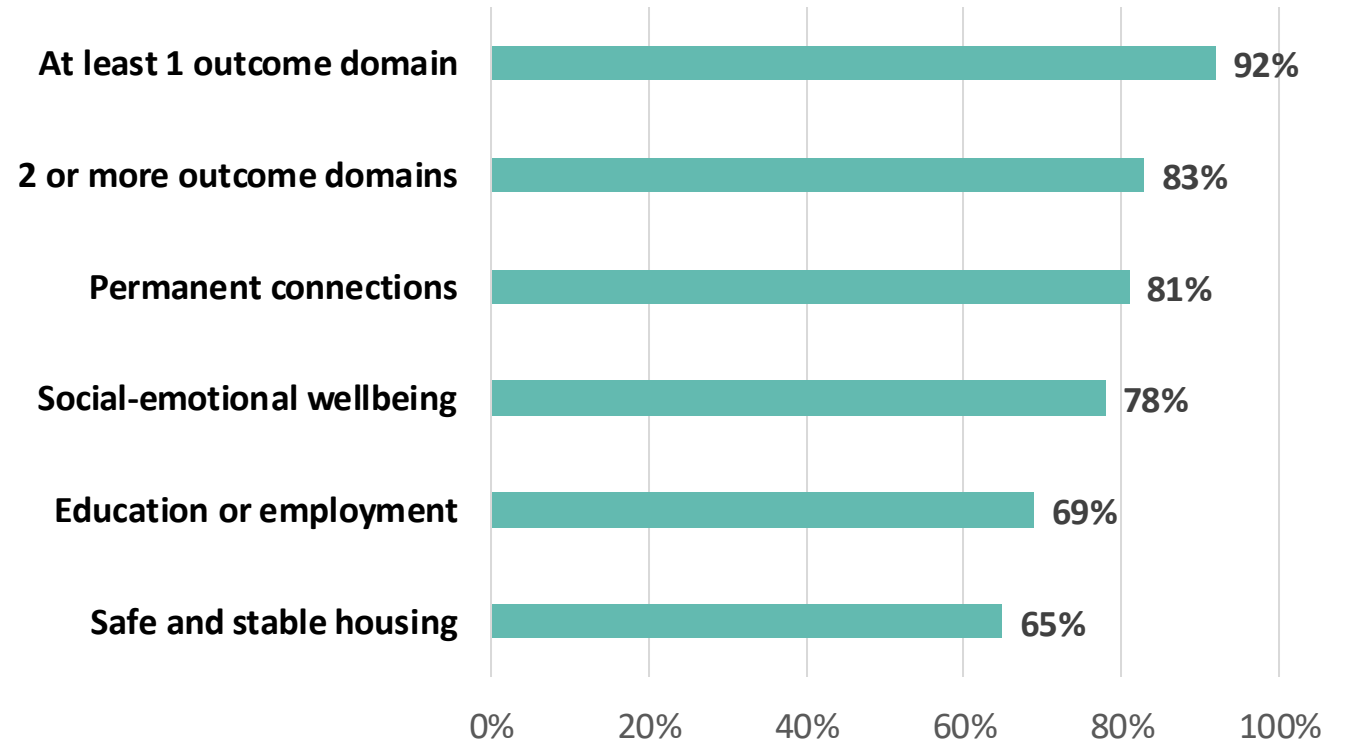
Research Question 3:

What are the specific TTA needs of grant recipients?

Outcomes Measurement

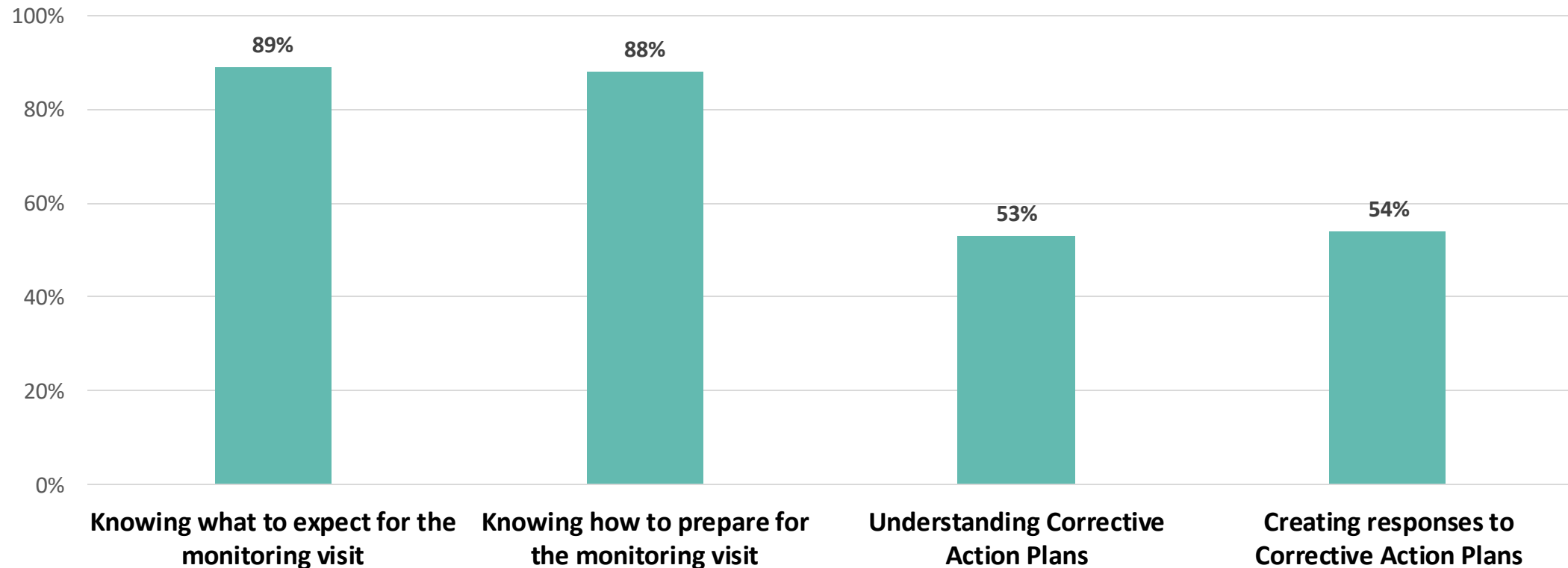
The vast majority (87%) of grant recipients agreed that RHYTTAC's TTA helps their organizations to improve outcomes for youth and young adults.

Most grant recipients report needing TTA to improve their capacity to measure youth outcomes along each of the 4 core outcome areas.



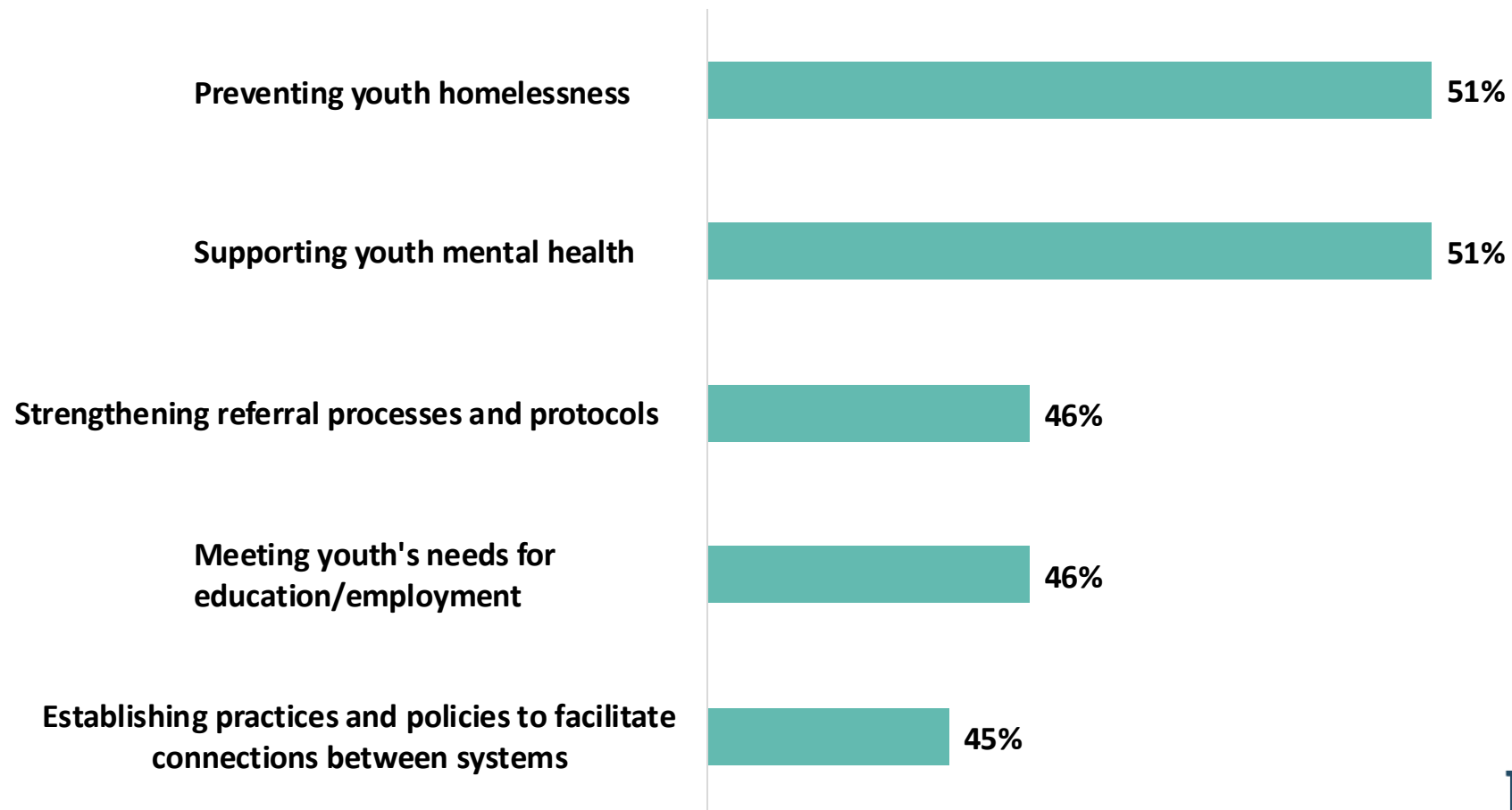
FYSB Monitoring

Most grant recipients agree that TTA to help them prepare for and understand what to expect during a monitoring visit would be helpful.



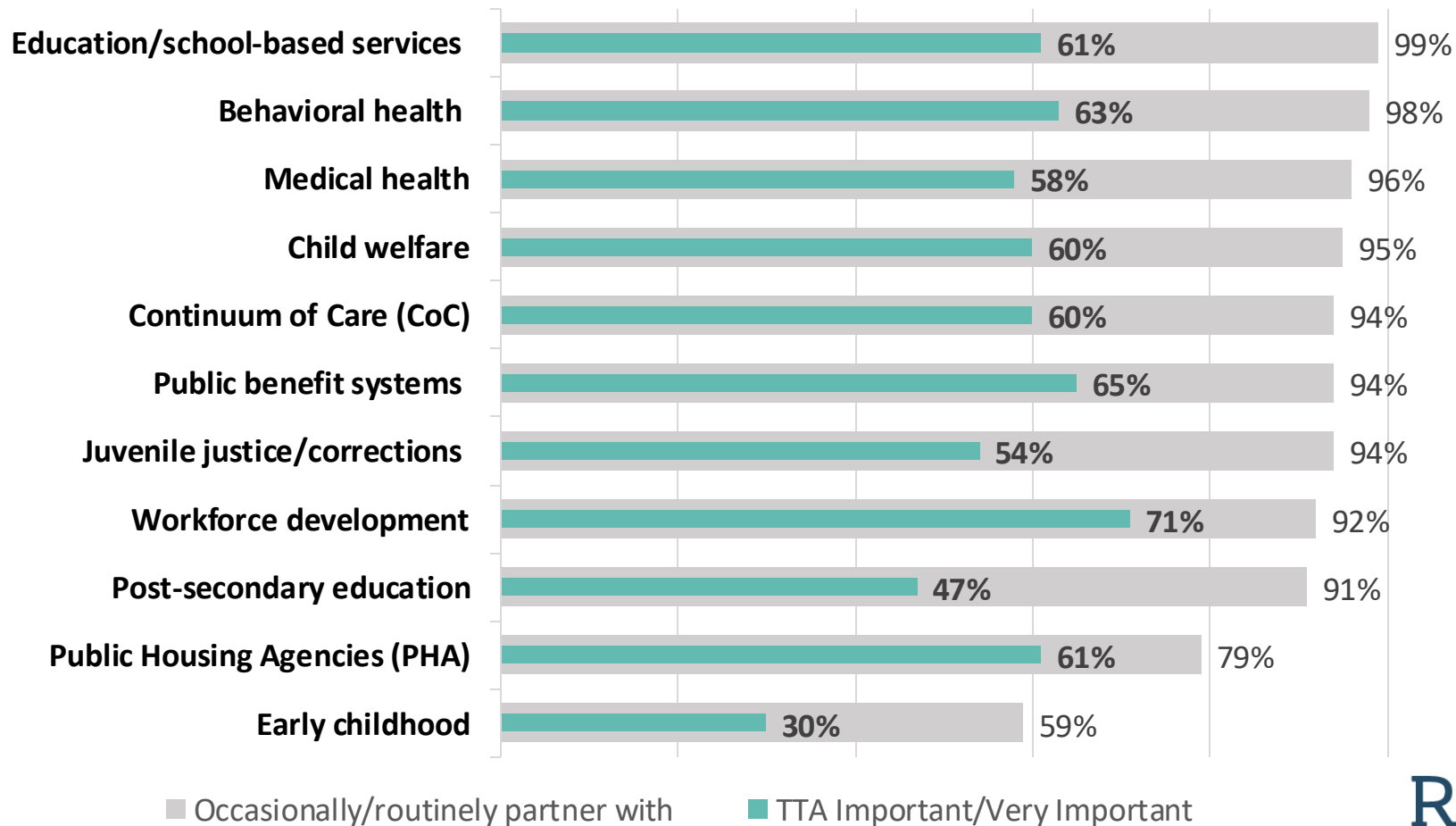
Cross-system Collaboration

Grant recipients highlighted the importance of TTA on strengthening cross-system collaborations to better meet youth's mental health and housing needs.



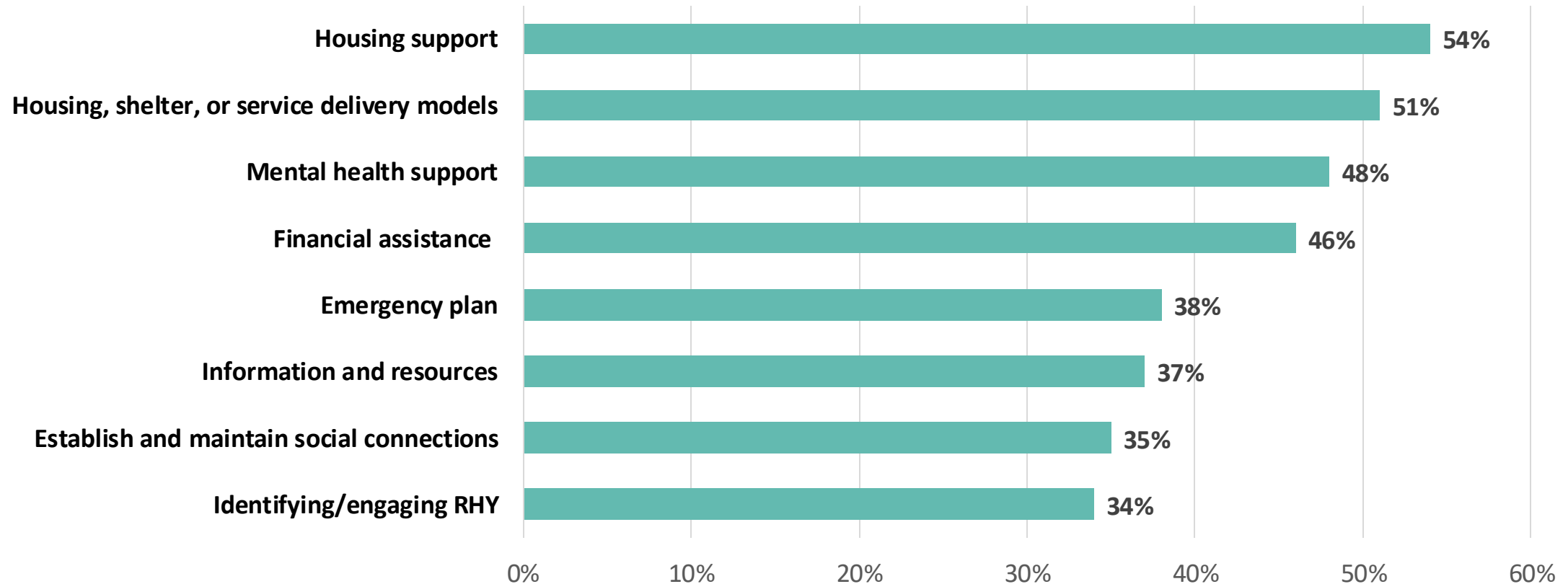
Cross-system Collaboration

RHY grant recipients routinely collaborate with most key community systems that also engage the young people they serve.



Delivering Services During Public Health Emergencies

Most requested TTA to aid in delivering services during a public health emergency:

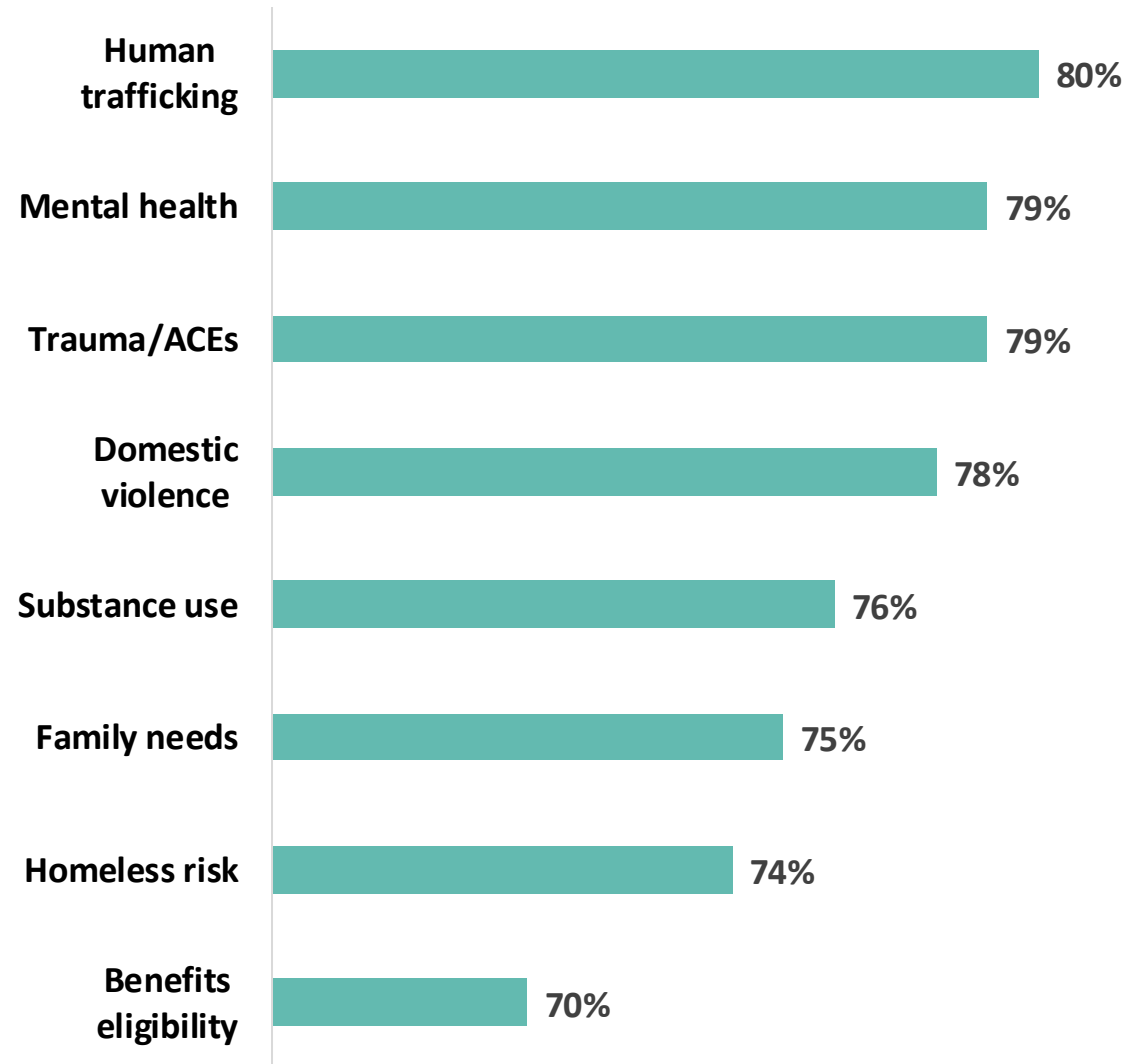


Assessments & Screening Tools in Practice

Most grant recipients use between two and five assessment tools in practice. Grant recipients most often use these tools to assess for:

- General functioning and well-being (83%)
- Mental and behavioral health (68%)
- Trauma and resilience indicators (66%)

Grant recipients report needing TTA to help them screen for:



Evidence-Based/Informed Practices Offered

- Most grant recipients (60%) implement between two and five evidence-based or evidence-informed practices.
- One in five grant recipients offer one or no evidence-based practices.
- The most commonly offered approaches are Trauma-responsive Care (75%) and Motivational Interviewing (70%).
- Among grant recipients implementing evidence-based practices, approximately 40% to 50% report interest in technical assistance to strengthen implementation.

Continuous Quality Improvement TTA Needs

Grant recipients reported seeking guidance to implement quality monitoring of their programmatic and assessment practices.

- Overall, more than half of grant recipients (51%) reported they need TTA to support their implementation of the EBPs they provide.
- Nearly all grant recipients (90%) would participate in TTA on continuous quality improvement tools and best practices.
- Over half of grant recipients (53%) reported using fidelity or implementation monitoring tools.
- Most grant recipients (74%) reported that TTA on using implementation and fidelity monitoring tools for assessment and screening practices is important or very important.

Key Takeaways



FYSB RHYTTAC's Response to 2024 Recommendations

Topic	2024 Recommendation	FYB RHYTTAC Response
<p>Consistent priority topics</p>	<p>Develop train the trainer resource to empower grantees to retain knowledge gained from TTA within their workforce.</p>	<p>"Screening and Assessment Tools and Best Practices for RHY Grantees" - webinar, briefing paper, and infographic delivered and live in e-Learning Hub.</p>
<p>Prioritize TTA to meet needs of program staff</p>	<p>Assemble and maintain a staff wellness resource center on the e-Learning portal.</p>	<p>"Breaking Through Burnout" workshop focused on staff wellness and retention</p> <p>"SHIFT Wellness and Resiliency Training: Understanding and Mitigating Vicarious Trauma and Traumatic Stress" training provided.</p> <p>Staff wellness prompts in the Community of Practice</p>

FYSB RHYTTAC's Response to 2024 Recommendations

Topic	2024 Recommendation	FYB RHYTTAC Response
Family Strengthening	Develop TTA event that highlights evidence-informed family strengthening interventions	"Lifting Voices: Findings from a National Survey Conducted by, With, and For Youth Facing Complex Conditions and their Families" workshop provided.
Youth trauma and mental health	Create a TTA series or focused topical event on youth trauma.	"Creating Trauma-Informed Systems: Exploring Trauma and Healing in the Youth Homelessness Field." training provided.
		"Trauma to Triumphs!!!" training provided.
		"Building Resilience Through Positive Youth Development: Understanding ACEs and Mitigating Negative Outcomes for Runaway and Homeless Youth" workshop provided.
Career pathways	Highlight best practices in collaborating with workforce agencies.	RHYTTAC continues to highlight and promote workforce agencies resources in the RHYTTAC roundup.
		Via RHYTTAC website, grantees can easily access the Job Corps website for updates and job opportunities.

2025 TTA Topics of Greatest Priority

Aftercare Services or Counseling

- Most requested topic to improve young people's housing outcomes (49%), and most requested cross-cutting TTA topic (60%).

Staff Development, Retention, Health and Well-being

- Requested TTA on staff training and retention (53%), staff mental health and well-being (46%), and how to avoid staff burnout (50%).

Family Strengthening / Counseling

- TTA to strengthen relationships between families and youth to improve youth's housing (29%) and permanent connections (37%) outcomes.

Mental Health Supports for Youth

- TTA around coping strategies for youth (46%), youth trauma (38%), and mental health programs/practices to improve youth's social-emotional well-being (31%).

Outcomes Measurement

- Half of grant recipients highlighted a need for TTA around measuring each of the core outcomes, and outcomes measurement (48%) was one of program leadership's most requested TTA topics.

Key Takeaways

“RHYTTAC is a great support system for our organization.”



Priority topics for TTA remain consistent year over year.



Grant recipient organizations prioritize TTA that helps them meet staff support needs.



Aftercare services remain a major area of need.



Grant recipients look for guidance to implement practices and assessment tools with fidelity and to measure the impact of their work.



Grant recipients operate in diverse contexts yet share common needs.

Questions?

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