

PASS THE RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH AND TRAFFICKING PREVENTION ACT (RHYTPA)

The Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA) funds three key pillars of prevention and intervention to help youth at-risk of and experiencing homelessness. RHYTPA would make critical updates to plug youth experiencing homelessness into networks of support that power their growth and success.

- Clarifies that providers can serve more than 20 youth per program and have more than 20 beds in a building
- Increases the allowable length of stay from 21 to 30 days or the max as allowed by state law for BCPs
- Increases the age of eligibility from 21 to 25 for TLPs
- Increases authorized appropriations levels to \$362 million annually
- Extends TLP services to survivors of sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, and trafficking, as practicable.

PROVIDE ROBUST FUNDING IN FY23 TO PREVENT + END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

Every young person in America should have a safe place to call home and multiple opportunities to succeed. Young people are on the cusp of adulthood: their lives are inherently transitional. Moreover, research indicates that their brains are still developing and do not reach maturation until age 25. Implementing these recommendations is critical to ending youth homelessness and vital to stopping their trajectory into chronic adult homelessness.

Our priority FY23 funding requests are:

- \$300 million for the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act program administered by HHS, plus report language requests
- \$800 million for the Education for the Homeless Children and Youth program administered by ED
- \$100 million for the Youth Homeless Demonstration Program administered by HUD, plus report language requests

PASS THE NO-COST TO FIX THE LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT (LIHTC) “STUDENT RULE”

Too often youth and young adults who have experienced homelessness must choose between stable housing or obtaining full-time education. Due to a limitation in the eligibility criteria for the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program, individuals who are experiencing or have experienced homelessness would otherwise qualify to live in low-income housing are not eligible for LIHTC rental units if they attend school full-time. Congress should fix this issue by including the bipartisan Housing for Homeless Students Act in the final FY2022 omnibus appropriations package to expand access to housing for homeless youth and veterans. Visit our [website](#) to learn more.

PASS THE HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACT (HCYA)

The Homeless Children and Youth Act (HCYA) is a bipartisan and bicameral bill that restores local decision making and improves the ability of communities to meet the unique developmental needs of youth and young adults (YYA) experiencing all forms of homelessness. HCYA will allow communities to serve some of the most vulnerable YYA by aligning federal definitions of homelessness.

It will ensure flexibility for local communities to use available resources to meet the needs that they identify, by ensuring that housing and services are tailored to the unique needs of each homeless population, including YYA. Further, it will increase the visibility and awareness of YYA experiencing homelessness through transparent and accurate data collection that will lead to helping communities leverage and attract more public/private resources to address homelessness. Visit our [website](#) to learn more about HYCA.