

Research-to-Practice Partnership to Develop the Youth Housing Stability (YHS) Model for Juvenile Courts

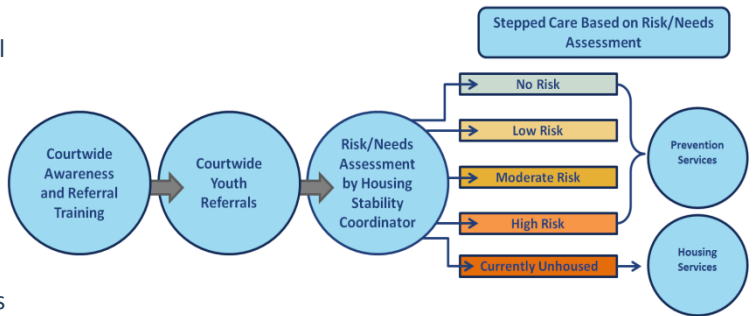
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More than 75% of homeless youth will have contact with the police and more than 50% will be arrested. In Washington State, around 40% of youth screened for court services had a history of housing instability through running away. To identify better solutions to address the intersection of youth housing instability and court involvement, our team partnered with Snohomish and Kitsap County workgroups to develop the Youth Housing Stability model for juvenile courts.

Youth Housing Stability (YHS) Model Components

- 1 Regular, court-wide **awareness and referral trainings** including education on risk factors and identifiers for youth homelessness
- 2 A court-wide **identification and referral system** wherein all court employees are expected to use routine data flags to identify and refer youth
- 3 A dedicated **housing stability coordinator** to receive referrals, conduct housing stability assessments with youth, connect youth with relevant community providers based on assessments, and follow up on referrals
- 4 A **stepped care model of prevention services** to provide the right dose of intervention based on youth/family need
- 5 **Coordinated housing services** for youth experiencing homelessness.



Risk/Needs Levels and Associated Services

Risk and need levels identified by the housing stability coordinator via the housing stability assessment are broken down into no risk, low risk, moderate risk, high risk, and currently unhoused. See below for associated services for each risk/need level.

No Risk	Low Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk	Currently Unhoused
*Close case	*Telehealth support services *Phone consultations *Parent coaching	*Selective preventative programs (e.g. Strengthening Families, Guiding Good Choices)	*In home interventions, (e.g. Family Functional Therapy, Multidisciplinary Wraparound Teams)	*McKinney Vento services *Foster care services *Coordinated care through local shelter agencies *Civil legal services