



MATERNITY GROUP HOMES FOR PREGNANT AND PARENTING YOUTH PROGRAM

PROGRAM HISTORY

The Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, passed in 1974, authorized the Transitional Living Program (TLP), which enabled community-based organizations to operate short-term, emergency shelters to provide crisis care to runaway and homeless youth (RHY) not already receiving services from the child welfare or juvenile justice systems. TLP funding also supported the Maternity Group Homes for Pregnant and Parenting Youth program.

Today, the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) funds the Maternity Group Homes Program, under the provisions of the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018 (Public Law No: 115-385), still part of the TLP.

The Maternity Group Homes for Pregnant and Parenting Youth (MGH) Program promotes long-term, economic independence and stability for pregnant and parenting youth who are contemplating running away or experiencing homelessness or housing instability.



The MGH Program supports community-based, adult-supervised, transitional living arrangements for pregnant or parenting young people between the ages of 16 and under 22, as well as their dependent children. Services are provided for up to 21 months or until a young person turns 18 years old if they enter a program at age 16. MGH grantees are required to provide young people resources to learn and practice effective parenting skills focusing on well-being and healthy child development, family budgeting, health and nutrition, and other skills.

SERVICES

MGH program grantees are required to offer the following services, either directly or by referral:

Extended Residential Shelter

- Maternity group homes
- Host family homes
- Supervised apartments



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Basic Life Skills and Counseling Services

- Money management, budgeting, consumer education, use of credit
- Parenting skills
- Interpersonal skill-building
- Educational advancement
- Job attainment skills
- Individual or group counseling and parent and child counseling
- Referral to social and health care services,
- Leisure activities, aftercare, and, as appropriate, childcare, and child nutrition



Service Coordination Plan

- Referral to social services, law enforcement, educational services, vocational training, legal services, health care programs, and affordable childcare or child education programs.

Outreach Plan

- FYSB requires grantees to incorporate elements of Positive Youth Development (PYD) and Trauma-Informed Care (TIC), which suggest that the best way to prevent risk and trauma is to help young people achieve their full potential. Youth development strategies focus on leadership, trauma counseling, skill-building, and community involvement.

GRANT AWARD PROCESS

FYSB funds the MGH program under the provisions of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-415), most recently reauthorized by the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018 (Public Law No: 115-385).

FYSB solicits applications for the MGH program by posting funding announcements on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and the [FYSB Funding Opportunities](#) page. Applications are competitively reviewed, and successful applicants receive three-year grants.

In Fiscal Year 2022, FYSB awarded \$8,789,843.00 to MGH program grant recipients.



Division of Runaway and Homeless Youth

Click [here](#) for a full list of MGH program grant recipients funded by FYSB.

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