



## RAPID RESPONSE TEAM REPORT (HB 1905)



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## Executive Summary

The Youth and Young Adult Housing Response Team (YYAHRT) was created in response to HB 1905 (2022) Sec.2, which requires The Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) to develop and implement, in partnership with other state agencies, a rapid response team to appropriately respond to the needs of youth and young adults, ages 12 through 24, exiting publicly funded systems of care who are at risk for homelessness. This report meets the requirement to provide a report to the legislature and the governor, including data and recommendations related to the response team.

*SSHB 1905 (2022) Sec 2(5): By Nov. 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, the department, in coordination with the Office of Homeless Youth Prevention and Protection Programs shall provide a report to the legislature and the governor, including data and recommendations related to the rapid response team created in this section. The report required under this subsection must be submitted in compliance with RCW 43.01.036. The report required under this subsection must include the following:*

- (a) The number of people referred to the rapid response team and the types of people making referrals to the rapid response team;*
- (b) The demographic data of the people served by the rapid response team;*
- (c) The types of services identified as needed for the people served by the rapid response team;*
- (d) The availability of the services identified as needed for the people served by the rapid response team, and*
- (e) The barriers identified to adequately address the needs of people referred to the rapid response team and recommendations to address those barriers.*

The multi-agency Response Team meets weekly to review complex situations involving eligible young people who have not been able to secure appropriate housing prior to or upon their exit from a publicly funded system of care. The response team receives referrals via [email](#) sent to a dedicated inbox used just for this purpose from youth or young adults themselves, family members, advocates, educators, law enforcement, state employees, or service providers. The response team manager follows up on each referral to gather additional information, coordinate with system experts, facilitate YYAHRT meetings, and identify appropriate resources to address a young person's needs for housing and other supports. The response team began receiving referrals in August 2023 after a period of planning that included engaging stakeholders and partners, drafting operational procedures, publishing communications, and hiring agency staff to lead and participate as members of the team.

Since August 2023, the Response Team has received twenty-three referrals with emerging patterns such as young people being involved in multiple systems of care at the time of referral, and needs extending beyond just housing alone. The Response Team's ability to effectively

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respond to these needs is impacted by how imminently the young person is leaving a system of care. Referrals received to date have allowed the Response Team to identify and work to address a few systemic and operational challenges, including a need to clarify eligibility for YYAHRT services to ensure consistency in service delivery and reporting, to consult with Attorney General’s Office regarding each agency’s legal responsibility, authority, and risks for being involved in specific cases, the need to collaborate with other existing multi-system teams, and challenges related to cross-agency data management and sharing. Due to the limited number of young people referred since the Response Team began accepting referrals, service and demographic data will be available in subsequent annual reports.

The Response Team has provided a high level of support for all young people who have been referred. It will monitor its ability to continue providing a high level of support as referral volume increases in the future. The recommendations below may help address several of the systemic and operational challenges noted above, and are further described in this report.

**Recommendations**

1. **Clarify eligibility for YYAHRT services to ensure consistency in service delivery, outcomes, and reporting.** DCYF has taken a broad approach to eligibility to meet the intent of HB 1905. However, this may have implications for reporting and outcomes as there is an inconsistent understanding as to which youth may be referred. [RCW 43.330.720](#) specifies the policy applies to any judicial or custodial proceedings. However, there are situations in which young people exit systems of care, having never been judicially or custodially committed to that system, who may still benefit from YYAHRT services due to their complex needs.
  
2. **Ensure all systems of care from which youth are exiting have dedicated and adequate resources to support cross agency data management, sharing, and reporting for the work of the Response Team.** DCYF does not currently have the resources to support effective cross-agency data management, sharing, and reporting for the work of the Response Team. A lack of personnel, data management systems, appropriate access, and data-sharing agreements with other state agencies impedes cross-agency collaborations.
  
3. **Ensure statewide access to flexible funding to support innovating and effective diversion strategies that address the unique needs of young people to resolve their housing crisis.** For example, the Youth Diversion Infrastructure Project (YDIP) funding through A Way Home Washington is only available in five counties<sup>1</sup>, which limits access

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to this resource for many youth and young adults who may benefit from this innovative strategy yet may be referred to the Response Team from outside of these counties.

## Introduction

In 2022, the Washington State Legislature passed and Governor Inslee signed [HB 1905](#) to further the state's efforts to reduce homelessness for youth and young adults discharging from publicly funded systems of care. HB 1905 created, among other initiatives, a multi-agency rapid Response Team to provide a system-level response to support youth and young adults who are at risk of becoming homeless upon exiting a publicly funded system of care. A publicly funded system of care means the child welfare, juvenile justice, and behavioral health systems, as well as programs administered by the Office of Homeless Youth Prevention and Protection Programs (OHY) in which the youth has been judicially committed to that system of care.<sup>2</sup>

DCYF, in partnership with multiple state agencies, including OHY, the Health Care Authority (HCA), and the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) of the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), have responsibility for implementing the rapid Response Team. DCYF, in collaboration with the other agencies, named the rapid Response Team, created by HB 1905, the Youth and Young Adult Housing Response Team (YYAHRRT) to accurately reflect the intended purpose and target population for these services.

The Response Team meets weekly to review complex cases involving youth or young adults in Washington State who do not have a plan to secure appropriate housing upon exiting a system of care. The goal of the Response Team is to help young people secure appropriate housing and other supports necessary to achieve or maintain safety, stability, and well-being.

## Background

In 2018, the Washington State Legislature passed [SB 6560](#) to develop a statewide plan for ensuring no young person will be discharged into homelessness from a system of care. The bill required DCYF and OHY to jointly develop the plan, culminating in the report *Improving Stability for Youth Exiting Systems of Care*,<sup>3</sup> released in 2020, which outlines many system and community level recommendations for improving transitions and ensuring housing stability upon a young person's exit from a publicly funded system of care. A priority recommendation included new transition planning processes for young people prior to and when exiting systems of care. The report highlighted the need for cross system strategies, data monitoring, and accountability.

Since the report was published in January 2020, OHY has continued to convene a Core Team of 6560 stakeholders to oversee and coordinate the recommendations outlined therein. The Core Team consists of representatives from state agencies, including OHY, DCYF, and HCA; statewide

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<sup>2</sup> [RCW 43.330.720](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Improving Stability for Youth Exiting Systems of Care](#). (2020). Washington State Department of Commerce.

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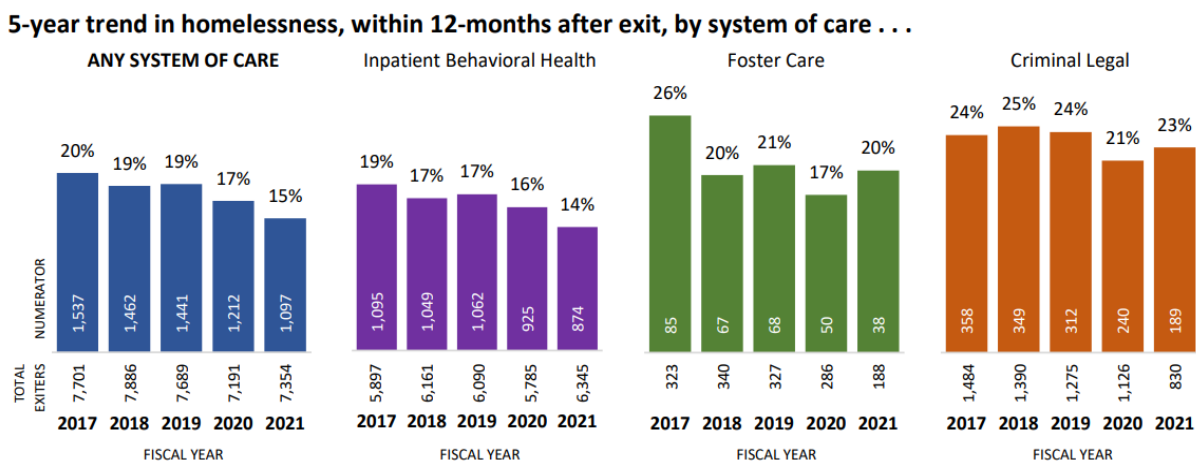
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advocacy organizations such as [Building Changes](#), [A Way Home Washington](#) (AWHWA), [Legal Counsel for Youth & Children](#) (LCYC), [NorthStar Advocates](#), [Team Child](#), [Center for Children & Youth Justice](#) (CCYJ), and [The Mockingbird Society](#); and young people with lived experience with homelessness, housing instability, and/or systems involvement. Prior to SB 6560, initiatives to build cross-system collaborations included the Interagency Workgroup on Youth Homelessness established pursuant to Governor’s Directive [17-01](#). The 6560 Core Team is an evolution of that workgroup, moving toward initiative focused efforts.

Much of the data utilized for the *Improving Stability for Youth Exiting Systems of Care* report was provided by Research and Data Analysis (RDA), a division of DSHS, from their regularly-updated report *Housing Status of Youth Exiting Foster Care, Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice Systems*<sup>4</sup> which showed in FY 2015 26% of youth and young adults were unstably housed within 12 months of exiting a publicly funded system of care.<sup>5</sup> Additionally, this report showed that while black youth made up 15% of all youth exiting systems of care in FY 2015, they were 18% of youth experiencing housing instability within 12 months of exiting a system of care. RDA publishes regular updates to this report,<sup>6</sup> which show a slight downward trend in the percentage of youth and young adults experiencing homelessness within 12 months after exiting a publicly funded system of care.

Figure 1. 5-year trend in homelessness, within 12 months after exit, by system of care, FY 2017-2021



Source: DSHS Research and Data Analysis (RDA). [Homelessness Among Youth Exiting Systems of Care in Washington State](#). (June, 2023)

<sup>4</sup> [Housing Status of Youth Exiting Foster Care, Behavioral Health, and Criminal Justice Systems](#). (2017). DSHS RDA.

<sup>5</sup> Data did not include county juvenile detention facilities.

<sup>6</sup> [Homelessness Among Youth Exiting Systems of Care in Washington State](#). (June, 2023). DSHS RDA

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## Implementation

### Planning and Stakeholder Engagement

In preparation for implementing the new Response Team, OHY, in partnership with DCYF, hired SDM Consulting (SDMC) to conduct a landscape review, co-facilitate planning meetings, conduct interviews and focus groups, and apply other methods for engaging stakeholders, partners, and individuals with lived experience in planning for implementation. SDMC hosted 19 meetings between July and December 2022 with up to 60 stakeholders and partners each. Meetings identified a range of recommendations, including establishing guiding principles, providing training and outreach materials to referents, utilizing escalation protocols, conducting resource scans, using diversion techniques and flexible funding, providing Technical Assistance (TA) to direct services providers, and establishing appropriate data sharing agreements and Information Technology (IT) platforms that are accessible to other systems of care which supports effective cross agency collaborations.

The Response Team currently maintains a list of stakeholders and partners interested in receiving updates and is exploring options for establishing ongoing meetings where stakeholders and partners can ask questions and provide input. DCYF continues to seek individuals with lived experience navigating systems of care to inform efforts to serve young people referred to the Response Team and improve system efficacy to ensure housing stability for youth exiting systems of care.

### Establishing and Strengthening the Response Team's Cross System Partnerships

DCYF's goal is to create strong and healthy partnerships with other state agencies, as well as key community initiatives, to support cross system collaboration, leverage subject matter expertise, and problem-solve complex issues that prevent young people from securing or maintaining appropriate housing. In December 2022, DCYF recruited representatives from the systems of care identified in HB 1905 to start weekly planning meetings. These early meetings were focused on steps to operationalize the Response Team, including drafting standard operating procedures, developing communication and outreach materials, drafting appropriate referral and intake forms, providing relevant trainings to Response Team members, and gaining a better understanding of each agency's capacity for data management and sharing.

In addition to building system partnerships, DCYF sought partnerships with many external organizations, including Building Changes and A Way Home Washington's [Youth Diversion Infrastructure Project \(YDIP\)](#) and The Bridge program of North Star Advocates. Each of these partnerships strengthened the Response Teams understanding of multidisciplinary planning best practices and/or helped establish relationships with programs working with underserved youth. Members of the Response Team received training from A Way Home Washington on how to access YDIP diversion funding to leverage creative approaches to resolving a young person's housing crisis in the few communities where funds are available. The Response Team

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also attended HCA’s statewide [Say it Out Loud Conference](#) in May 2023 to further strengthen the Response Team’s inclusivity of and response to LGBTQIA2+<sup>7</sup> youth.

### **Building Staffing Capacity and Operational Support**

Through early planning meetings, it became clear that DCYF needed to hire staff who could be fully dedicated to the work of the Response Team. All agencies represented on the Response Team increased their staffing capacity to further support the work, enhance cross system collaborations, and improve outcomes for youth and young adults exiting systems of care.

In April 2023, DCYF hired a Housing and Homeless Prevention Supervisor to build DCYF’s continuum of housing supports for youth and families with child welfare involvement, including overseeing the work of the Response Team. In July 2023, DCYF hired a Youth and Young Adult Housing Response Team Manager to coordinate the day-to-day activities of the Response Team, including screening referrals, completing intakes, facilitating meetings, conducting resource navigation, and supporting relationships with agency partners and stakeholders. Additionally, JRA assigned an administrator to join and support the work of the Response Team.

In June 2022, DDA hired a Youth and Community Systems (YCS) Program Manager to design and develop community level system programming that addresses gaps in care for youth with a developmental disability at risk of housing instability or who experience barriers to discharge from inpatient treatment. In April 2023, a DDA Respite Coordinator responsible for statewide program development, implementation, and monitoring of Overnight Planned Respite Services and Residential Habilitation Center Planned Respite Services joined the Response Team. These two team members are integral to ensuring the coordination of wraparound supports for young people served by DDA.

In October 2022, HCA hired an Occupational Nurse Consultant to support Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) exiting publicly funded systems of care by connecting them to appropriate healthcare services that promote their stability. As a member of the Response Team, this Registered Nurse provides clinical consultation and system level expertise to remove barriers for Medicaid-eligible youth. In July 2023, OHY hired a Prevention Program Manager to implement OHY’s strategic plan to prevent youth and young adult homelessness and participate as a member of the Response Team. Each agency has also committed additional resources from other existing positions within their organizations. The combined experience and expertise of all members and supporting staff has been crucial to the team’s progress to date.

### **Referrals & YYAHRT Meetings**

The YYAHRT began accepting referrals on Aug. 7, 2023 and has received a total of twenty-three (23) referrals through Oct. 25, 2023. The Response Team utilizes a low-barrier approach to accepting referrals to ensure the process is accessible to anyone who has concerns about a young person exiting a system of care who may be eligible. A referral can be made by

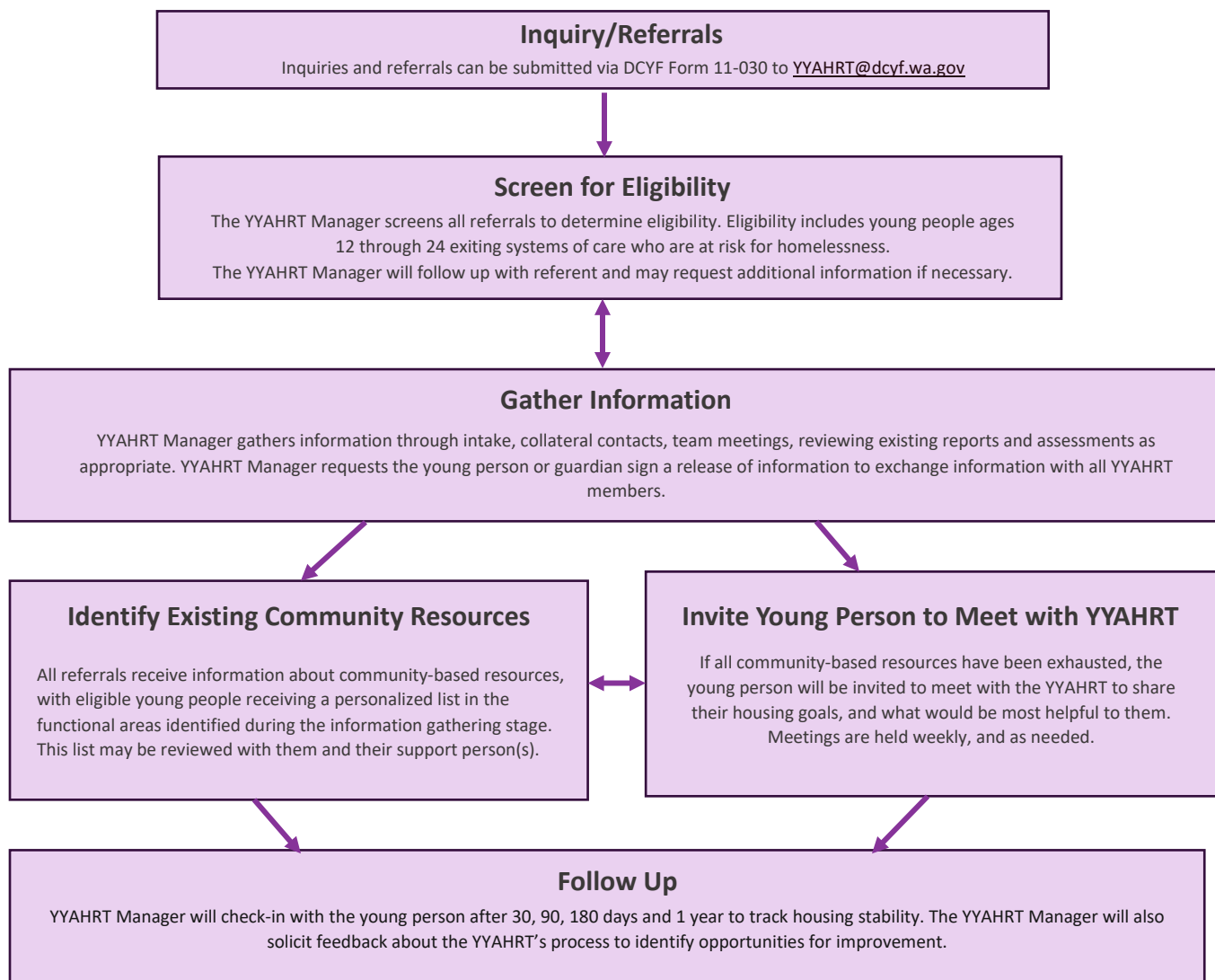
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<sup>7</sup> Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex, asexual, two-spirit



completing the YYAHRT [referral form](#) and emailing it to [yyahrt@dcyf.wa.gov](mailto:yyahrt@dcyf.wa.gov). The YYAHRT inbox is monitored regularly during business hours by DCYF staff.

Figure 2. YYAHRT Referral, Intake, and Process Flow



### Emerging Patterns of Referrals

The types of referrals received show emerging patterns regarding the needs of the young people referred that require further investigation and analysis, including:

- ***The YYAHRT can be successful when referrals are received well in advance of when the young person will exit a system of care.*** One referral was received at least 30 days prior

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to when the young person was expected to exit from a behavioral health facility. The Response Team was able to respond within the cadence of existing team meetings. The Response Team manager scheduled and completed an intake brought information to the Response Team, who identified existing resources and developed a personalized resource list broken down into functional areas (i.e., housing, mental health services, employment, etc.). The Response Team manager worked closely with the young person and the service provider to explain each of the listed resources and will be able to follow up to see how things are progressing as they approach exiting the system of care.

- ***Housing alone may not be sufficient for addressing the complex needs of many young people exiting a system of care.*** Young people come with a history of traumatic life experiences, mental health needs, and developmental disabilities, which may require supervision, caregiving, or other supportive services to be able to maintain safe and stable housing. YYAHR T has served young people with developmental disabilities unlikely to be able to live on their own without continued support with activities of daily living throughout their lives.
- ***Young people referred may be exiting one system of care but are still involved in one or more other systems,*** such as exiting juvenile detention while continuing to receive services from the Developmental Disability Administration (DDA). These systems have programs and services which provide housing to the people they serve. However, the volume of existing services is often already at capacity. Young people must be prepared to wait months for there to be availability in a program that aligns with their needs, preferences, and location.
- ***Young people imminently about to be discharged from a system of care need services quickly and with high intensity due to the urgency of their circumstances.*** For example, young people are spending extended periods at hospitals without medical necessity because they have no viable place to go after discharge. What is demonstrably missing is immediate housing options specifically matched to the needs of young people who cannot reasonably or safely be expected to go to a shelter. The young people referred represent Washington’s most vulnerable and deserve safe housing options when they are most needed. For these referrals, the Response Team worked collaboratively and in real-time through instant messaging, e-mail, and video conferences to adequately and appropriately address these young people’s complex needs.

Although the Response Team’s first goal is to ensure young people exit systems of care into safe and stable housing, we know existing resources do not always meet the complex needs of real people and circumstances. When this is the case, the YYAHR T provides a space to center the youth’s voice and experiences and work on a transition plan to ensure their basic needs are met, even in an unstable environment. During meetings, the YYAHR T also provides an

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opportunity for young people to give feedback, which can be used to inform systemic improvements. This approach is influenced by DCYF's experience utilizing shared planning meeting practices which support young people in participating in their own case planning.

The Response Team has been successfully able to provide a necessary level of support for all young people for whom a referral has been received. The team will be monitoring its ability to continue to provide a high level of support as referral volume increases. This is anticipated to occur as the availability of YYAHRRT services becomes more widely known amongst stakeholders, community members, and service providers.

## Barriers and Challenges

### Defining Systems of Care

[RCW 43.330.720](#) defines a publicly funded system of care as “the child welfare system, the behavioral health system, the juvenile justice system, and programs administered by the office of homeless youth prevention and protection programs” where “the youth has been committed to the publicly funded system of care or in any collateral proceeding that involved custody of the youth in that system.” As part of implementing SB 6560, reporting from DSHS Research and Data Analysis (RDA) on young people exiting systems of care has included state-funded residential facilities where there is custodial responsibility for the young person as specified in Appendix A.

These RDA reports do not include young people released from county-based juvenile detention or adult jail facilities even though these young people are judicially or custodially committed to these facilities, perhaps because RDA does not have access to this administrative data. However, the statute also leaves out cases where youth may be at risk for homelessness upon exiting a system of care where there has not been a judicial or custodial proceeding committing the youth to that system. This may often be the case for voluntary placements or services.

Consistent with what DCYF believes to be the intent of the legislation, the Response Team has been intentional not to restrict which young people exiting systems of care at risk of homelessness can be referred, recognizing additional information may be needed to determine eligibility. In specifying adjudicated youth in the statute however, the boundaries of eligibility leave room for confusion regarding which youth can be referred. For example, youth participating in OHY programs are typically not adjudicated, nor are youth who have experienced voluntary placement agreements in the DCYF child welfare system. Yet clearly youth exiting OHY programs and DCYF's child welfare system are intended beneficiaries of the legislation. The Response Team manager reviews each referral individually to identify if other, more appropriate referrals should be made, including future referrals to the response team created by [HB 1580](#) (2023).

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## Hospital Emergency Departments

The Response Team has received inquiries and several referrals related to high-need young people residing in a hospital emergency department without medical necessity due to a lack of adequate housing options suitable to meet their daily care needs. Per the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) ([42 U.S.C. § 139dd.](#)), Emergency Departments (ED) are required to screen, stabilize, and transfer patients if needed. EDs can retain a patient for an unlimited amount of time without hospital admission. This limits adequate assessments for housing options as treatment recommendations are often needed from providers. When a hospital ED is ready to release an individual, there is a lack of mobile diversion to provide a place for patients who need connections to housing and support services to go. Access to safe discharge planning and connection to other resources can help prevent homelessness.

## Cross Agency Legal Support

The YYAHRT is a resource available for complex situations in which standard single-system responses are unable to adequately meet the needs of the young person being served. The Response Team has encountered some situations which have required consultation from the Attorney General's Office (AGO). For example, the YYAHRT was involved in a situation in which a vulnerable adult was being discharged from a hospital to their Title 11 Guardian without a safe discharge plan. Members of the Response Team convened with an Assistant Attorneys General (AAGs) to gain a better understanding of the applicable laws so that YYAHRT members were better equipped to proceed in a way that met the obligations of each state agency.

Early consultation with the AGO also helps Response Team members to be aware of areas that are at highest risk for litigation and in what ways state agencies should be involved. Given that the YYAHRT includes membership from multiple state agencies and is highly involved in situations which include a wide array of programs and specialties, it has become necessary for the YYAHRT to begin establishing relationships with AAGs from several units. Currently, there is no unit at the AGO which is situated to provide legal advice to all YYAHRT member agencies in all scenarios.

## Coordinating with Other Multi-System Teams

The YYAHRT will operate in concert with other multi-system teams, including Multi-System Rounds (MSR) and Youth Behavioral Health Navigators (YBHN) hosted by HCA, as well as the response team created by HB 1580, once implemented. Each of these teams has their own set of objectives, strategies, and scopes of work. Over the next year, the YYAHRT will continue cross agency collaborations to further understand the overlap between these teams.

The Response Team has been participating in Multi-System Rounds meetings hosted by HCA, which provide an opportunity to resolve complex barriers, including stabilization, treatment planning, etc., not just housing. Leaders from state agencies (DCYF, DSHS' DDA, HCA) are required to participate and have been attending regularly. Leadership support and presence provide expertise for unique solutions and decision making around systemic barriers.

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Young people themselves are not present at Multi-System Rounds meetings. In contrast, the YYAHRT provides a place where the voices, desires, and plans of young people are centered. The YYAHRT aims to make decisions about youth with those youth present and include them in the decision-making process. When the YYAHRT has exhausted all options without a solution, those situations can be escalated to Multi-System Rounds. Highly complex and urgent situations may benefit from dual involvement with MSR and YYAHRT.

## Data Management

HB 1905 directs DCYF to report annually to the Legislature and governor data and recommendations related to the rapid Response Team, including:

### HB 1905. Sec. 2 (5):

- (a) The number of people referred to the rapid response team and the types of people making referrals to the response team;
- (b) The demographic data of the people served by the rapid response team;
- (c) The types of services identified as needed for the people served by the rapid response team;
- (d) The availability of the services identified as needed for the people served by the rapid response team; and
- (e) The barriers identified to adequately address the needs of people referred to the rapid response team and recommendations to address those barriers.

The scope of work for the Response Team includes serving youth and young adults exiting systems of care beyond the state child welfare or juvenile justice systems, therefore, it is paramount to DCYF's efforts to have effective data sharing agreements and management systems in place with each partner agency to support effective collaboration. DCYF is in the process of establishing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with all the partner agencies, on the Response Team that will specify how data will be collected, managed, and shared for the purpose of serving youth and young adults referred in a manner consistent with state and federal laws that protects each young person's privacy and confidentiality.

Currently, DCYF does not have an adequate data management system in place with the capacity to support the work of the Response Team. The department is reviewing options for utilizing IT platforms to create a centralized workspace where all members of the team can provide, review, edit, and exchange information to support each other and the young people served. This review includes ensuring any data collected and stored can be adequately protected from unlawful or inappropriate disclosures. In the meantime, DCYF is using internal excel spreadsheets for tracking Response Team service delivery, coordination, and reporting the data elements specified in HB 1905.

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In addition, HB 1905 directs DCYF to develop a system for “Identifying youth and young adults that should be served by the rapid Response Team.” If the intent is that youth and young adults at risk for homelessness upon exiting a system of care are identified by the Response Team prior to when an appropriate referral is made, then additional resources would be necessary to support that work in collaboration with RDA and other relevant agencies.

## Recommendations

The following recommendations further support the work of the Response Team by clarifying eligibility for YYAHRT services, ensuring systems have the capacity for making informed decisions and reducing barriers to housing by providing access to flexible financial support.

1. **Clarify eligibility for YYAHRT services to ensure consistency in service delivery, outcomes, and reporting.** DCYF has taken a broad approach to eligibility to meet the intent of HB 1905. However, this may have implications for reporting and outcomes as there is an inconsistent understanding as to which youth may be referred. [RCW 43.330.720](#) specifies the policy applies to any judicial or custodial proceedings. However, there are situations in which young people exit systems of care, having never been judicially or custodially committed to that system, who may still benefit from YYAHRT services due to their complex needs.
2. **Ensure all systems of care from which youth are exiting have dedicated and adequate resources to support cross agency data management, sharing, and reporting for the work of the Response Team.** DCYF does not currently have the resources to support effective cross-agency data management, sharing, and reporting for the work of the Response Team. A lack of personnel, data management systems, appropriate access, and data-sharing agreements with other state agencies impedes cross-agency collaborations.
3. **Ensure statewide access to flexible funding to support innovating and effective diversion strategies that address the unique needs of young people to resolve their housing crisis.** For example, the Youth Diversion Infrastructure Project (YDIP) funding through A Way Home Washington is only available in five counties<sup>8</sup>, which limits access to this resource for many youth and young adults who may benefit from this innovative strategy yet may be referred to the Response Team from outside of these counties.

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### Appendix A: Population of Youth and Young Adults Exiting Systems of Care

The table below shows which programs or facilities are included in RDA’s definition of a system of care for the purpose of identifying the study population included in their report *Homelessness Amongst Youth Exiting Systems of Care in Washington State (2023)*.

System	Includes	Does Not Include (Examples)
<b>Child Welfare</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth exiting a kinship, congregate, or foster care out of home placement who do not return to care</li> </ul>	Open child welfare cases without an out of home placement, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family Voluntary (FVS) or Family Reconciliation Services (FRS)</li> <li>Family Assessment Response (FAR) or CPS Investigations</li> </ul>
<b>Juvenile Justice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Juvenile Rehabilitation Institutions</li> <li>Department of Corrections Facility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>County based juvenile detention facilities</li> <li>County based adult jail facilities</li> </ul>
<b>Behavioral Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State or federally funded treatment in an inpatient psychiatric facility</li> <li>Inpatient substance use disorder treatment</li> <li>Medical detoxification facility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outpatient MH or SUD treatment services</li> <li>Young people residing in hospital Emergency Departments who do not meet behavioral health or medical necessity for admission even when the young person’s needs cannot be met in their home.</li> </ul>
<b>Office of Homeless Youth</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OHY contracted providers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Homeless system providers not contracted with OHY (i.e., overnight youth shelters, host homes, etc.)</li> </ul>
<b>Physical and Developmental Well Being Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not explicitly included as a system of care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individuals exiting DSHS’s DDA home and community-based settings and RHCs, including ICF or nursing facilities.</li> <li>Individuals exiting DSHS’ HCS home and community-based settings.</li> </ul>

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**Appendix B: Youth and Young Adult Housing Response Team Membership**


<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Division</b>
<b>Shannon Quinn</b>	Youth and Young Adult Housing Response Team Manager	DCYF	Partnership, Prevention, and Services
<b>Cole Ketcherside</b>	Housing and Homeless Prevention Supervisor	DCYF	Partnership, Prevention, and Services
<b>Gavyn Tann</b>	Adolescent Transitions Program Manager	DCYF	Partnership, Prevention, and Services
<b>Jedd Pelander</b>	Program Administrator	DCYF	Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration
<b>Nicole Murphy</b>	Occupational Nurse Consultant - Quality Oversight and Program Alignment	HCA	Medicaid Programs
<b>Rachel Baxter</b>	TAY Stable Housing Policy Lead	HCA	Division of Behavioral Health & Recovery
<b>Matt Davis</b>	System Change Manager	Department of Commerce	Office of Homeless Youth
<b>Isaac Fall</b>	Prevention Manager	Department of Commerce	Office of Homeless Youth
<b>Jeni Forrest</b>	Youth and Community Systems Program Manager	DSHS	Developmental Disabilities Administration
<b>Jaimee Scheffler</b>	Respite Coordinator	DSHS	Developmental Disabilities Administration

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## Appendix C: Youth and Young Adult Housing Response Team Referral Form

This referral form is available via the DCYF forms [webpage](#) (Form # 11-030)



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### Youth and Young Adult Housing Response Team Referral Form

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**SECTION 1: To Be Completed by the Person Making Referral**

Today's Date:

**Person Making the Referral Information:**

First Name:  Last Name:  Pronouns (ex. he/him, they/them, she/her, ze/zir):

Title (if applicable):

Agency (if applicable):

Phone:  Email:

Relationship to the youth or young adult for whom you are making the referral?

<input type="checkbox"/> Youth or young adult (Self)	<input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement
<input type="checkbox"/> Family member	<input type="checkbox"/> Advocate
<input type="checkbox"/> Service Provider	<input type="checkbox"/> Educator
<input type="checkbox"/> State Employee	<input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: <input type="text"/>

**Youth or Young Adult's Information:**

Name (if different than legal name):

Legal First and Last Name:

Pronouns (ex. he/him, they/them, she/her, ze/zir):  Date of Birth:  Age:

Phone Number:  Alternate Phone Number (after exit date):

Email:

Current Address (Place Name – if applicable, Street, City, County, State):

Is the young person sleeping at their current address?  Yes  No

If no, where are they sleeping at night?

How long have they been sleeping there? Months  Days

What system of care will the youth or young adult soon be exiting from?

Child Welfare  Juvenile Justice  Behavioral Health  Programs of the Office of Homeless Youth

What is the anticipated date the youth or young adult will be exiting that system of care?

Does the youth or young adult have a stable place to live after they exit?  Yes  No

If no, what housing resources have been explored prior to making this referral?

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