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Welcome to the inaugural issue of RHYOutreach, a quarterly newsletter brought to you by the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), [National Clearinghouse on Homeless Youth & Families](#). Each quarter, we provide you with the latest news, information and valuable resources related to prevention and intervention services for youth experiencing homelessness or those at risk of becoming homeless. Please share this newsletter with others to grow the community of support for young people and stay connected with us on Facebook and Twitter. We welcome your feedback and suggestions. You can send feedback and questions via email at GetRHYi@nchyf.org.



Each year, thousands of U.S. youth run away from home, are asked to leave their homes or become homeless. Through the Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Program, FYSB supports Basic Center, Street Outreach, Transitional Living and Maternity Group Home programs to provide safety, shelter and comprehensive support services for these youth. [Learn more](#) about these programs.

Meet Kimberly A. Waller, Associate Commissioner, FYSB

In December 2021, Kimberly A. Waller was appointed as the Associate Commissioner for the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB). Under Waller's leadership, FYSB is strengthening its commitment to data-driven policy making and helping to ensure that program services are responsive to the needs of youth and communities served by FYSB's programs. Just two months after her appointment, FYSB launched an initiative to develop a Racial Equity Action Plan, ensuring that FYSB's work is grounded in Equity and Inclusion. Waller is also working to enhance FYSB's coordination and collaboration efforts with Federal, state, and local partners, and individuals with lived experience with homelessness and housing instability which recipients of FYSB's programs and services. Read more [here](#).



The Director's Corner – Dr. Sanzanna Dean

RHY Resources:

- RHY Literature Database
- Chapin Hall
- HUD Exchange
- HUD Youth Homeless Demonstration Program
- National Center for Homeless Education
- Human Trafficking

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National Runaway Safeline



- [Home Free Program](#)
- [Intimate Partner Violence and Sexploitation](#)
- [Education and Outreach Materials](#)
- [NRS Crisis Services for Youth and Teens](#)

FYSB Family & Youth Services Bureau
Runaway and Homeless Youth Training & Technical Assistance Center

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- [RHYTTAC Roundup](#)
- [Training Opportunities](#)
- [Tips for RHY Grantees](#)
- [Evidence-Based Practices](#)



Funding Opportunities

The National Clearinghouse on Homeless Youth and Families understands the importance funding plays in ensuring effective, uninterrupted implementation of programs provided by youth-serving organizations. Each year, FYSB announces funding opportunities for the Runaway and Homeless Youth program. Be sure to [subscribe](#) to our mailing list to learn specifics about applying. In addition to FYSB funding, the Clearinghouse also provides a listing of nearly 50 organizations that provide [funding opportunities](#) related to youth homelessness prevention and response, family stabilization, and other relevant funding opportunities to support children, youth, and families. To help you get started, we've provided a few currently open opportunities below.



- **The W.K. Kellogg Foundation** accepts applications from organizations nationwide who are focused on community and family engagement initiatives that address education, health, and income barriers for children. There are no grant application deadlines - applications are accepted any time! Learn more here: <https://bit.ly/3SyUMdD>.
- **CostCo Wholesale Charitables** supports 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that focus on supporting children, education, and/or health and human services. Funding requests are accepted and reviewed throughout the year. Learn more here: <https://bit.ly/3EeO6gE>.
- **The Coca-Cola Foundation** accepts applications and awards grants throughout the year focused on a variety of services that support youth development. Learn more here: <https://bit.ly/3C6R1F8>.

Research Summaries Database

Did you know that the National Clearinghouse on Homeless Youth and Families has a Research Summaries section offering the latest evidence and interventions focusing on youth homelessness? Updated quarterly, this section provides a broad range of research related to the issues and solutions surrounding runaway and homeless youth, as well as programmatic materials such as toolkits, research papers, briefs, factsheets, and brochures provided in a searchable database.



These resources can be useful in identifying best practices and strategies for serving youth and families of youth experiencing homelessness or housing instability. Check out these and other resources in the Research Summaries section [here](#). We've also provided some of our latest resources published in 2022 below.

Can't find what you are looking for? You can always email us at GetRHYi@nchyf.org if you have suggested resources to add to the Clearinghouse database or if you need assistance finding a specific resource.

Year	Title	Type
2022	Commentary Health, Safety, and Well-Being of Adolescents and Young Adults in the United States: What Is at Stake Beyond 2021?	Journal Article
2022	Heterogeneous trajectories of suicidal ideation among homeless youth: predictors and suicide-related outcomes.	Journal Article
2022	Homeless youth shelters and services for transgender and gender non-conforming (TGNC) clients: Results from a nationwide survey.	Journal Article
2022	Promoting Healthy Attitudes and Behaviors in Youth Who Experience Homelessness: Results of a Longitudinal Intervention Study. <i>Journal of Adolescent Health</i>, 70(6), 942-949.	Journal Article
2022	Research on Adolescent Predictors of Young Adult Homelessness and Food Insecurity Reveals Opportunities for Prevention. [Editorial].	Journal Article



November is National Runaway Prevention Month (NRPM), a public awareness campaign spearheaded by the [National Runaway Safeline \(NRS\)](#), with the support of the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB).



NRPM is designed to “shine a light” on the experiences of runaway and homeless youth that too often remain invisible. It also provides an opportunity to spotlight the resources available to support youth in crisis throughout the nation.

As part of the campaign, individuals, organizations, and communities across the nation are encouraged to work together to prevent youth homelessness. Learn more about NRPM and how you can get involved at <https://www.1800runaway.org/prevention-education/nrpm>.

Check out the [2022 NRPM](#) website to get an idea of what to expect for this year’s event!

Here’s just a sample:

- Toolkits for partners and youth
- National Live Twitter Chat
- Lunch and Learn online series
- Wear Green Day
- Landmark buildings across the U.S. lit up in green

Be sure to stay connected with us on Facebook and Twitter (@NCHYFGov) and with NRS (@1800runaway) to get immediate updates about NRPM 2022!

RHY Grantee Spotlight: Open Arms, Inc.



Founded in 1991, Open Arms is the only agency for runaway and homeless youth in Albany, Georgia, a city of about 70,000 people. Every year, Open Arms serves about 200 non-residential youth and 50 residential youth, of whom about 90 percent are African American. A RHY program grantee, Open Arms provides emergency shelter, transitional living services (including for pregnant and parenting youth), and conducts street outreach to help young people get off the streets. [Click here](#) to learn more.

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