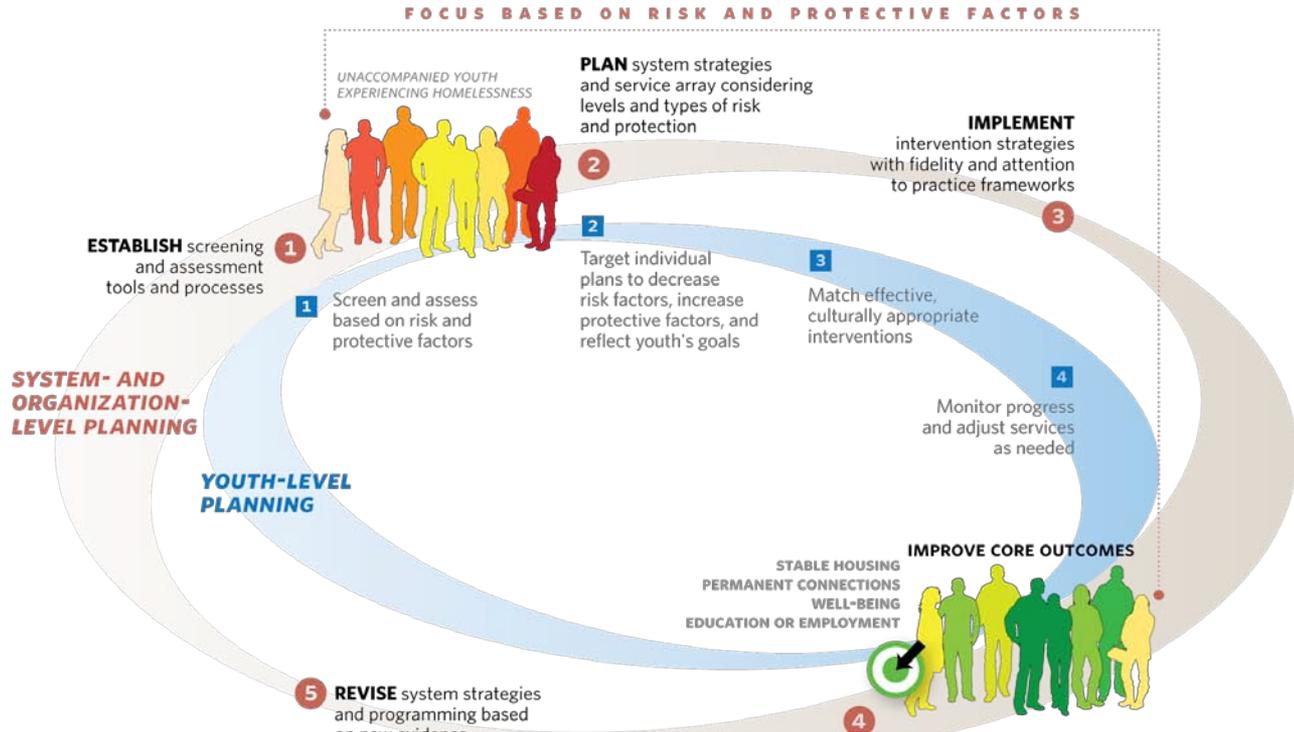


Coming Together to Improve Outcomes for Vulnerable Children and Youth



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USICH INTERVENTION MODEL



1 SYSTEM- AND ORGANIZATION-LEVEL CONSIDERATIONS

LIKELIHOOD OF RISK

Time Experiencing Homelessness and Disconnection

less time more time

LOWER RISK

HIGHER RISK

HIGHER PROTECTION

LOWER PROTECTION

RISK AND PROTECTION GROUPS

RISKY

High risk factors, low protective factors

AT-RISK

High risk factors, some protective factors

LOWER RISK

Low-to-medium risk factors, high protective factors

2 TARGETING PLANS TO FACTORS

RISK FACTORS

Problematic symptoms, behaviors, associations

- Trauma
- Emotional distress
- Sexual risk behavior
- Family problems
- Criminal or delinquent behavior
- Substance abuse

PROTECTIVE FACTORS

Positive skills, attitudes, behaviors, associations

- Family cohesion and support
- School engagement or employment
- Survival skills
- Positive connections
- Positive future expectations
- Decision-making skills
- Self-esteem and self-efficacy
- Health

3 IMPLEMENT

INTERVENTION STRATEGIES

- Housing
- Treatment
- School and community programs
- Family supports

PRACTICE FRAMEWORKS

- Positive youth development
- Trauma-informed

Wellbeing



Core Outcomes

Stable Housing

Education/
Employment

Permanent Connections



SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND CHILD WELFARE

- 5 grantees, 5 years, \$4.5 million (from HHS)
- Public-private partnership between HHS and 4 foundations, providing a total of \$35 million
- Over the course of the 5 years, grantees will:
 - Develop triage procedures for a subset of families who come to the attention of the child welfare system due to severe housing issues and high service needs
 - Implement supportive housing services that integrate community services for housing and other critical services
 - Customize case management services for children and their parents, as well as **trauma-informed interventions and mental health services** through partnerships to access additional services through community-based service provider

GRANTEE SITES

South Florida
San Francisco, CA
Connecticut
Memphis, TN
Cedar Rapids, IA

FOUNDATION PARTNERS

Robert Wood
Johnson Foundation
Annie E. Casey
Foundation
Casey Family
Programs
Edna McConnell
Clark Foundation

IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR YOUTH TRANSITIONING FROM FOSTER CARE

The purpose of these planning grants is make system and practice-level improvements to benefit youth who have experiences with foster care by integrating the core elements of the USICH preliminary intervention framework. Projects will identify the target population, propose plans for reaching the target population, and designed or enhanced a service array that includes interventions for improving outcomes in the four areas.

PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- Identifying youth most at risk
- Analyzing current service array, e.g. Chafee funding
- Reconfiguring service array to get better outcomes
 - Screening & Assessment
 - Evidence-based Interventions

18 planning grants will be awarded in FY 2013; in FY 2015, CB is planning to release a funding announcement for 5-year demonstration projects.

RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH

- President's FY 2014 Budget Proposal for Runaway and Homeless Youth Act reauthorization:
 - Request for \$3 million in new funds for a Prevalence, Needs, and Characteristics of Homeless Youth study
 - Request for programmatic changes including revising the area of demonstration for the next 5-year period to test interventions including services to LGBTQ Youth
- Continued focus on improving program performance
 - ACF has joined with other federal partners that serve homeless populations to discuss moving toward a shared language, shared data elements and data collection instruments.
 - For the past year, ACF has worked to review and identify improved performance measures and program indicators to help assess long term outcomes experienced by youth who use our shelter programs.

RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH

- Examples of how performance can be related to the four core outcomes:
 - Social and Emotional Well-being
 - Youth receive counseling services, with attention paid to whether youth receive individual, family and/or group counseling, the participation rate based on a youth's service plan or treatment plan, and the completion rate based on a youth's service plan or treatment plan.
 - Permanent Connections
 - Contact made with parent(s), legal guardian or other relatives of the youth entering a program to inform them that the youth is safe.
 - Education or Employment
 - Youth engaged in educational advancement, job attainment skills or work activities while in the program.
 - Stable Housing
 - Youth transitioning to safe and appropriate settings when exiting the program.