5,000

high school students are homeless and alone each year in Massachusetts

(According to four-year average of MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education data)

These youth are the most underserved segment of the population

- Full-time students, even high school students, do not qualify for subsidized housing
- They cannot go to family housing programs because they are alone
- These students are too young for adult shelters

If there is no intervention...

- They are 87% more likely to drop out of high school (compared to their housed peers)*
- Youth have higher risks of drug addiction, incarceration, trafficking, violence and death
- Cost to the state - approx. $467,000 in services (welfare, housing etc.) over their lifetime
- Youth who find employment will earn at least $200,000 less than graduates in their lifetimes

Provide housing and caring adult support for students who are homeless and alone

- Students learn independent living and financial literacy skills
- Students receive counseling, tutoring and educational/ vocational planning assistance

Rediscovery's Solution

YouthHarbors

Housing. School. Success.

Cumulative This Year:
96 served, 52 fully enrolled

98% Housed

96% Graduated

MALDEN:
100% Housed
100% Graduated

23 served

10 officially enrolled into the program

10 youth graduated or on-track to graduate

EVERETT:
100% Housed
95% Graduated

35 served

21 officially enrolled into the program

20 youth graduated or on-track to graduate

BOSTON (BDEA):
89% Housed
89% Graduated

19 served

9 officially enrolled into the program

8 youth graduated or on-track to graduate

SOMERVILLE:
100% Housed
100% Graduated

19 served

12 officially enrolled into the program

12 youth graduated or on-track to graduate

* America's Promise Alliance Center for Promise. (2014). Don't Call Them Dropouts: Understanding the experiences of young people who leave high school before graduation. A Report from America's Promise Alliance and its Center for Promise at Tufts University.