



ANNUAL REPORT

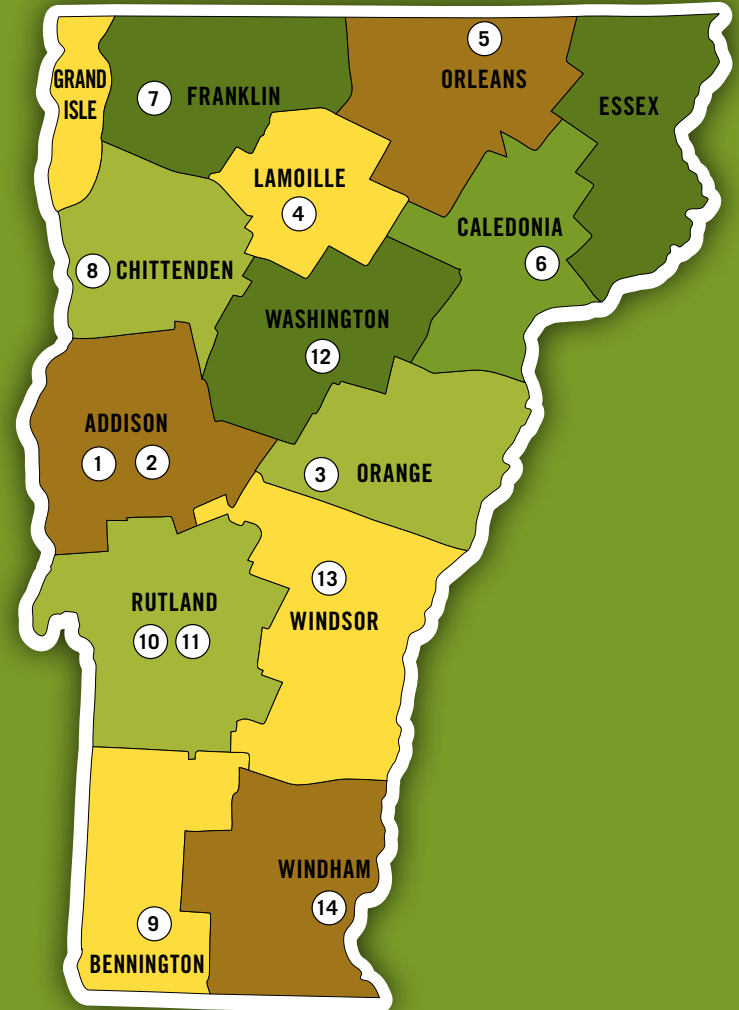
FY2017

VCRHYP: THE COALITION

VCRHYP ensures the existence of a statewide network of local services for Vermont youth who are disconnected from their families, experiencing homelessness, or are at risk of becoming homeless.

All Vermont youth should have a safe place to stay and access to supports as they build permanent connections and skills for long-term stability and well-being.

- 1 Addison County Parent Child Center, MIDDLEBURY
- 2 Counseling Service of Addison County, MIDDLEBURY
- 3 Clara Martin Center, RANDOLPH
- 4 Lamoille Family Center, MORRISVILLE
- 5 Northeast Kingdom Community Action, NEWPORT
- 6 Northeast Kingdom Youth Services, ST. JOHNSBURY
- 7 Northwestern Counseling & Support Services, ST. ALBANS
- 8 Spectrum Youth & Family Services, BURLINGTON
- 9 United Counseling Service of Bennington County, BENNINGTON
- 10 Vermont Achievement Center, RUTLAND
- 11 Rutland County Parent Child Center, RUTLAND
- 12 Washington County Youth Service Bureau Boys & Girls Club, MONTPELIER
- 13 Windsor County Youth Services, LUDLOW
- 14 Youth Services, Inc., BRATTLEBORO





"I didn't know that there was a program that helps people like me. I feel hopeful."

— youth served by Youth Services (Brattleboro)

Letter from the Director:

Coalition work is like a three-legged stool; we are only as strong as our *individual agencies*, our *collective impact*, and our *partnerships*. Each individual leg needs to be attended to and reinforced, and while none need to hold the weight for all, each needs to be steady and responsive to shifts and maintain balance. FY17 was a well-balanced year.

VCRHYP worked diligently this past year to support individual agencies by defining program standards, enhancing training and program support, redeveloping outcomes and performance measures, and our ability to report on them. We completed a transition to a new database and increased capacity to support member agencies at the statewide level through a new database administrator role.

We harnessed our collective strength and sustained a vibrant community of practice. Representatives from Coalition agencies gathered monthly to share resources, learn from each other, and define and further our shared work. We aligned with nationally unifying outcome areas and worked to inform national policy and initiatives with local perspective. We also realized a victory in state policy, lengthening the amount of time VCRHYP agencies can shelter an unaccompanied minor from 7 to 21 days, allowing youth and families to engage in more stabilizing supports and thus reduce the reoccurrence of crisis.

VCRHYP continues to build key partnerships and expand capacity across systems for responding to youth homelessness. In March, we kicked off an exciting new initiative in partnership with the Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness and the Chittenden County Homeless Alliance. Stakeholders, including youth-care workers, housing providers, education and workforce development representatives and more joined together to begin to develop a statewide plan to end youth homelessness, with a projected report release in Summer of 2018, that will look broadly at systems, services and resources.

Each leg of our stool is strong and works with the others to maintain our balance. We end this year looking optimistically towards the next, feeling confident in our foundation. Thank you to all of our supporters who have helped us along the way, and most importantly, thank you to the youth we work with who continue to teach us how best to support them. May we all have a safe place to sleep.

Sincerely;

Bethany Pombar

YOUTH AND FAMILY STABILIZATION SERVICES & RUNAWAY SUPPORTS

VCRHYP works to stabilize youth in crisis and preserve families in order to prevent young people from running away from home and help those who already have. Youth are provided with 24-hour access to safe shelter and supports to meet their basic needs. Member agencies share a commitment to work with the youth and their families through crisis intervention, case management, counseling, mediation and supportive services.

In FY17, **250 YOUTH** received runaway & family stabilization services through VCRHYP.

GENDER

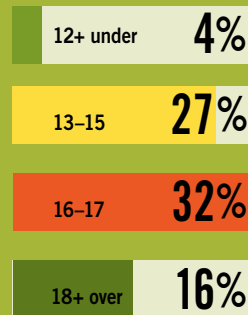


54% female

44% male

<1% transgender

AGE AT ENTRY

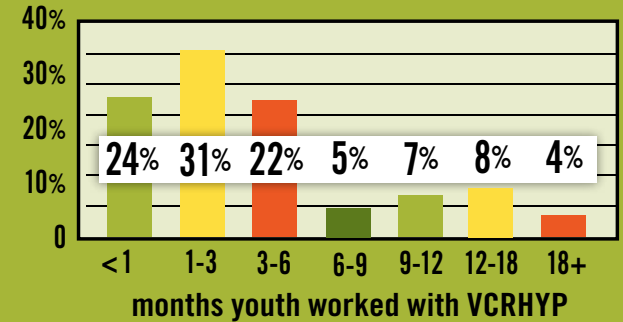


EMERGENCY SHELTER

15 youth were provided with emergency shelter

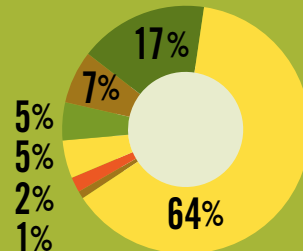


YOUTH PROGRAM ENGAGEMENT



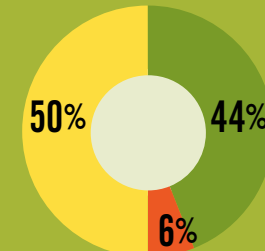
2%	pregnant / regnant partner
4%	Hispanic / Latino
6%	homeless
86%	precariously housed
9%	people of color
18%	LGBQ
24%	involved with DCF
31%	family involved with DCF in the past

89% SAFE EXIT DESTINATIONS



1%	college
2%	transitional housing
5%	independent living
5%	institutional settings*
7%	staying or living with friends
17%	foster care
64%	staying or living with family

11% UNSAFE EXIT DESTINATIONS



50%	unknown
44%	emergency shelter
6%	correctional institution

* (e.g.: psychiatric hospital, substance abuse treatment facility, residential placement)

INDEPENDENT LIVING AND HOMELESS YOUTH SUPPORTS

VCRHYP helps transition age youth up to age 23 who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless make a successful leap into adulthood by helping them re-engage with education, increase employability, and build vital life skills. Youth participating in this program receive housing supports and / or intensive case management to help them achieve sustainable self-sufficiency.

In FY17, **211 YOUTH** participated in VCRHYP's Independent Living Programs.

GENDER



63% female

33% male

<2% transgender/
gender non-conforming

AGE AT ENTRY

15+ under 1%

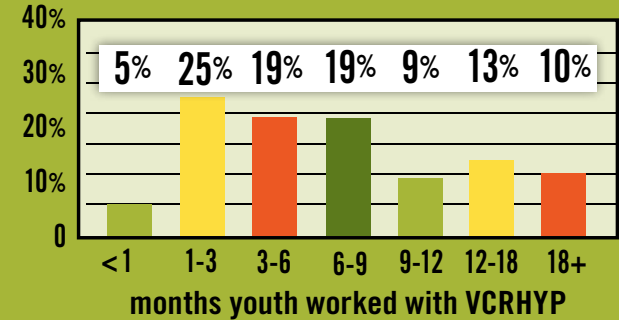
16-17 13%

18-19 51%

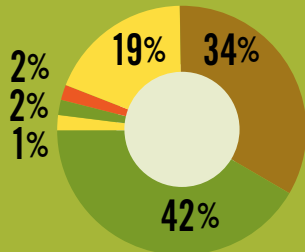
20+ over 35%

4%	Hispanic / Latino
6%	involved with DCF
10%	people of color
12%	LGBQ
12%	family involved with DCF
15%	pregnant / pregnant partner
22%	homeless
71%	precariously housed

YOUTH PROGRAM ENGAGEMENT



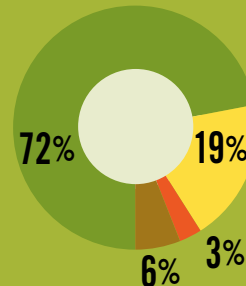
74% SAFE EXITS



- 1% college
- 2% supported housing**
- 2% medical setting*
- 19% staying / living with friends
- 34% independent living
- 42% staying / living with family

(e.g.: hospital, psychiatric facility)
(e.g. permanent & transitional housing for homeless persons)

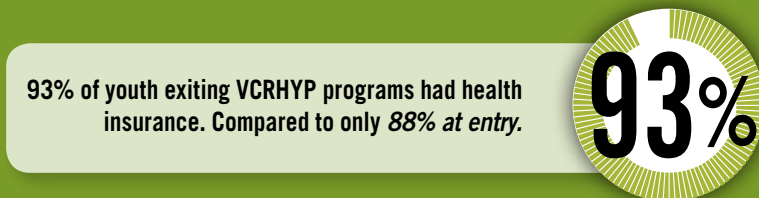
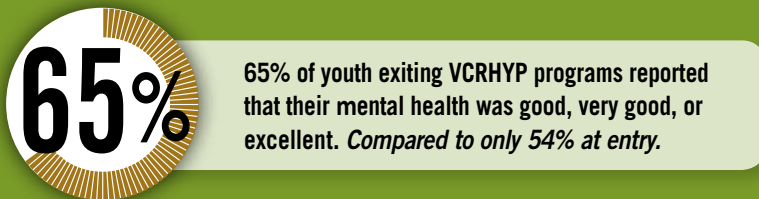
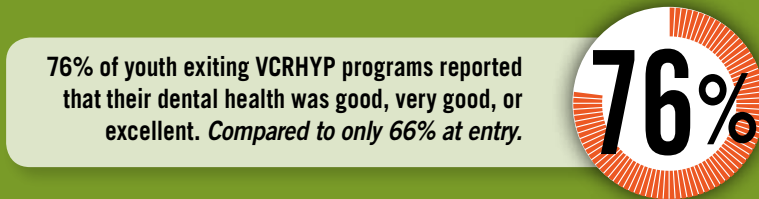
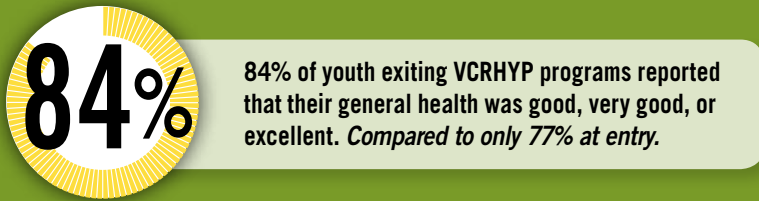
26% UNSAFE EXITS



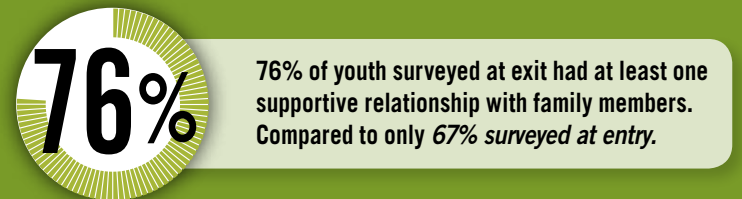
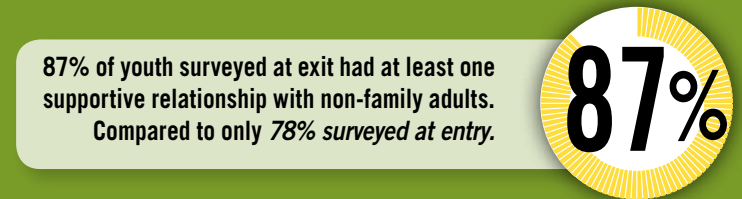
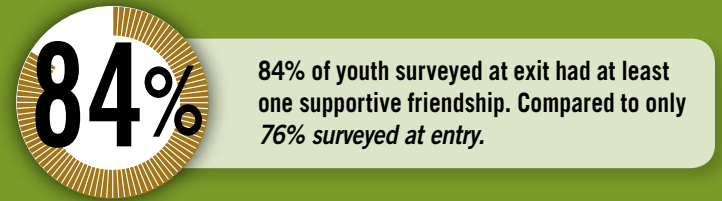
- 72% unknown
- 19% emergency shelter
- 3% correctional institution
- 6% place not meant for human habitation

BUILDING THE RESILIENCY OF VERMONT YOUTH

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING



PERMANENT CONNECTIONS



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017

TOTAL FUNDING	\$3,150,300
Medicaid Reimbursements for Global Commitment To Healthcare	\$2,465,702
Federal Grant for Transitional Living Programs	\$400,000
Federal Grant for Runaway & Homeless Youth Programs	\$199,176
Federal Grant for Pregnancy Prevention	\$80,782
Youth Thrive Implementation Administration	\$4,000
Private Donations	\$640

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3,150,300
Safe Housing, Family Preservation and Crisis Intervention Services	\$1,360,172
Independent Living Program	\$1,359,722
Coalition Administration and Youth Care Worker Training	\$359,006
Pregnancy and STD STI / HIV Prevention	\$71,400



"I have saved enough money to move on my own and I know I can still count on you guys to help when I need it."
– youth served by WCYS (Windsor)

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* VCRHYP contracts with the Washington County Youth
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