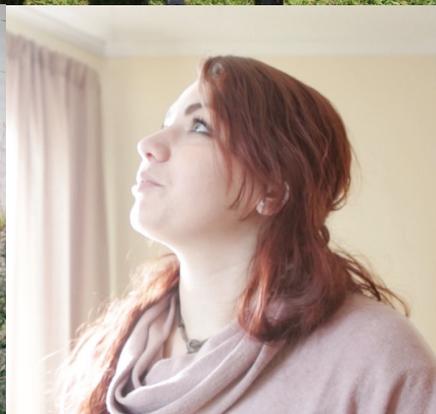


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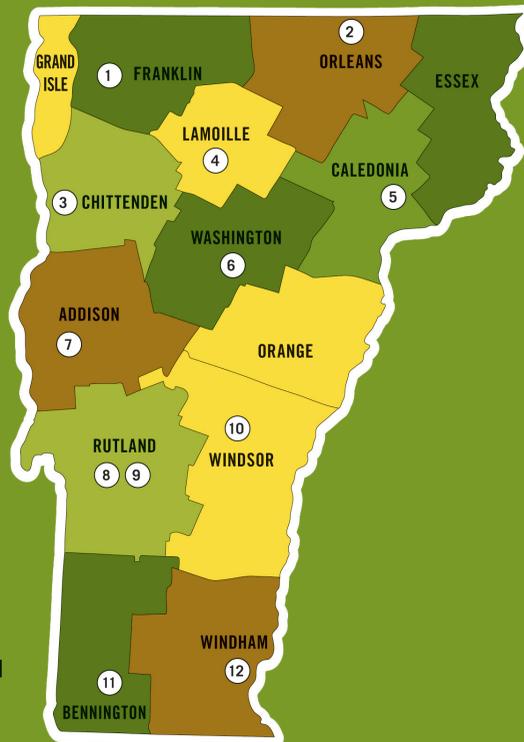
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VERMONT COALITION
OF RUNAWAY & HOMELESS YOUTH PROGRAMS

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.**

VCRHYP: THE COALITION

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



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

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



What works best for the people who come to us for help?

How are we working with other responders to align services? What does the landscape of adolescent supports look like and how do we fit in? What do youth really want from us?

In last year's annual letter, I talked about a new collaboration VCRHYP was spearheading, working closely with the VT Coalition to End Homelessness, the Chittenden County Homeless Alliance, the VT Department for Children and Families, and the U.S. Department for Housing and Urban Development to create a plan to address youth and young adult homelessness. Through the course of the past year, collaborators have asked these questions broadly; we have interviewed stakeholder groups, surveyed community members, and talked to youth directly. While the final plan is still in the works, responses overwhelmingly hit on some key themes:

- Services need to address young people holistically. We cannot keep asking youth to go to so many doors to get the support they need. We have to consolidate service provision.
- An adaptable array of services is most helpful. Not every person needs the same thing; let's look at how we plan for an individualized approach to adolescent care.
- Young people need and want adult supporters. They need to have consistent and caring adults in their lives, both through their own personal network of support and through connections to service providers. Youth told us how connections to one solid adult could be transformative.

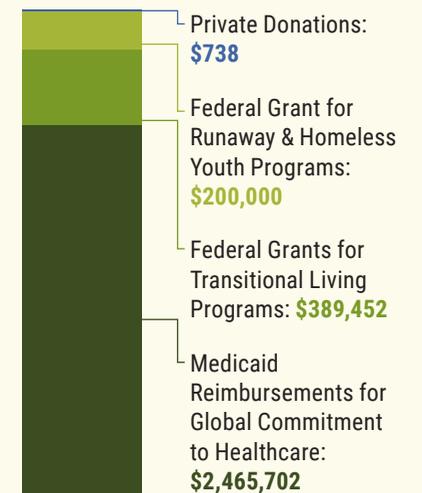
We have to reduce the stigma attached to young people and their families who need a little extra support. Too often youth aren't reaching out because they fear negative reactions, or they have been called lazy and told they made the bad choices that led them to needing help, or they have internalized these stereotypes. We have to change this story.

Responding to these calls for action will not be quick and easy. They will take thoughtful consideration, planning and a lot of working together. VCRHYP is excited to be in the middle of this process with our partners and we are all looking forward to where we will be in another year.

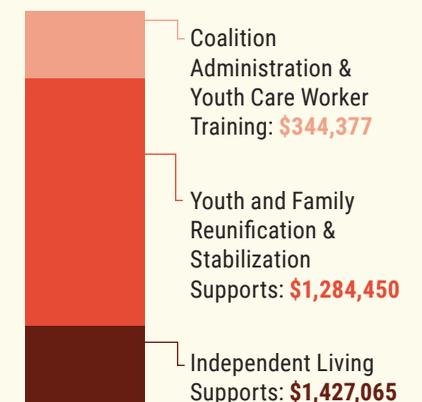
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

Total Funding
\$3,055,892



Total Expenditures
\$3,055,892



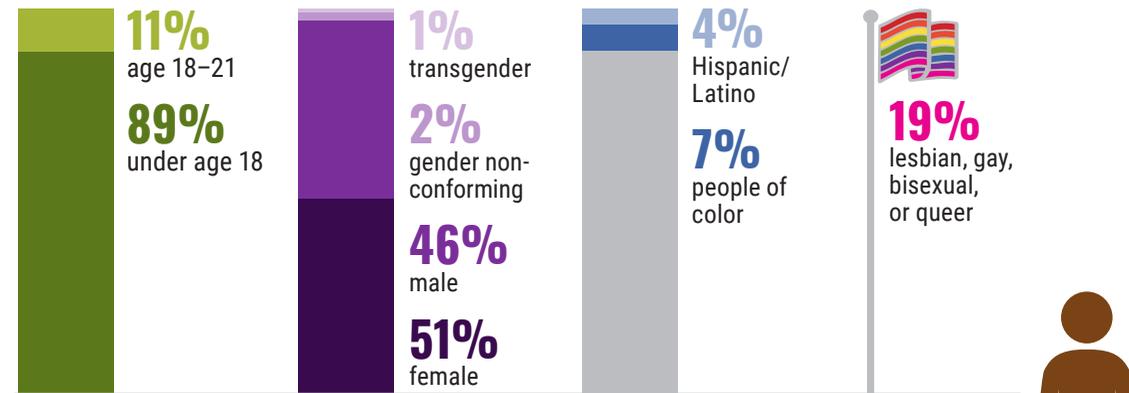
89% goes directly to agencies to support **services**
11% is used for **administrative expenses**

YOUTH AND FAMILY REUNIFICATION & STABILIZATION 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.



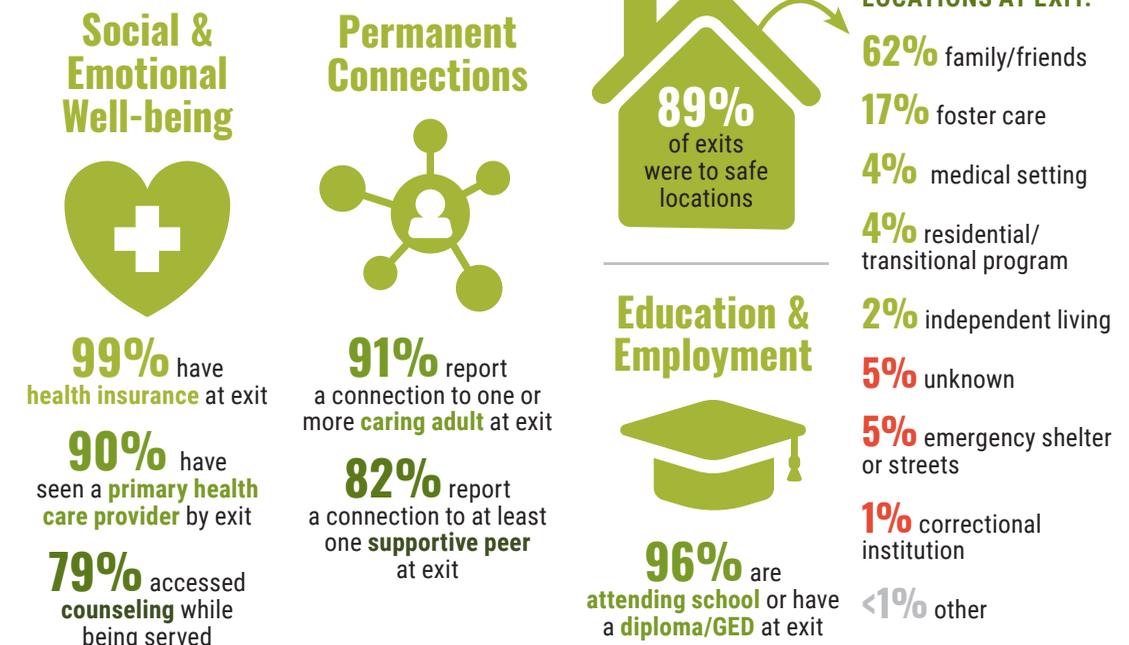
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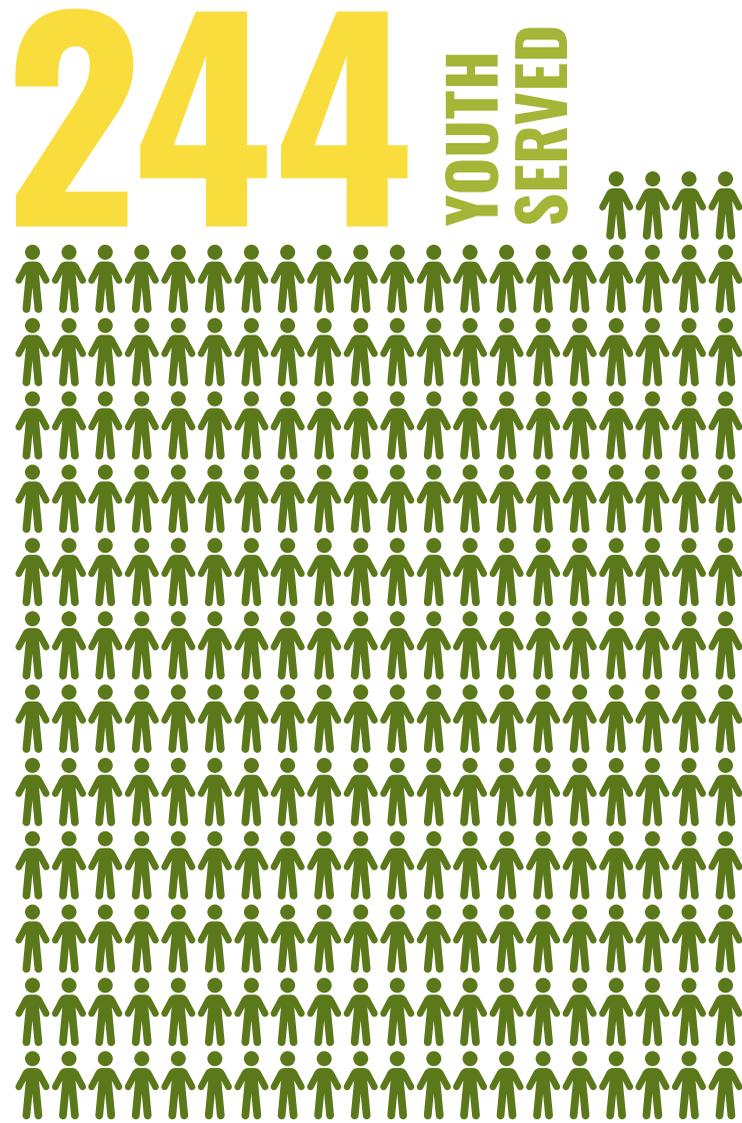
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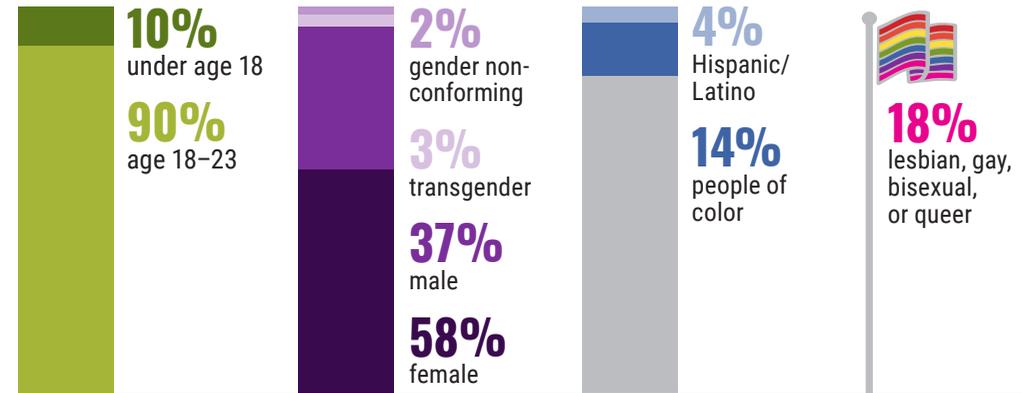
VCRHYP helps transition age youth up to age 23 who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless make a **successful leap into adulthood** by helping them re-engage with education, increase employability, and build vital life skills. Youth participating in this program receive housing supports and/or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



“Everyone deserves to have someone in their corner. Sometimes, for reasons out of their hands, youth don’t.”

—youth served by NEKCA (Newport)

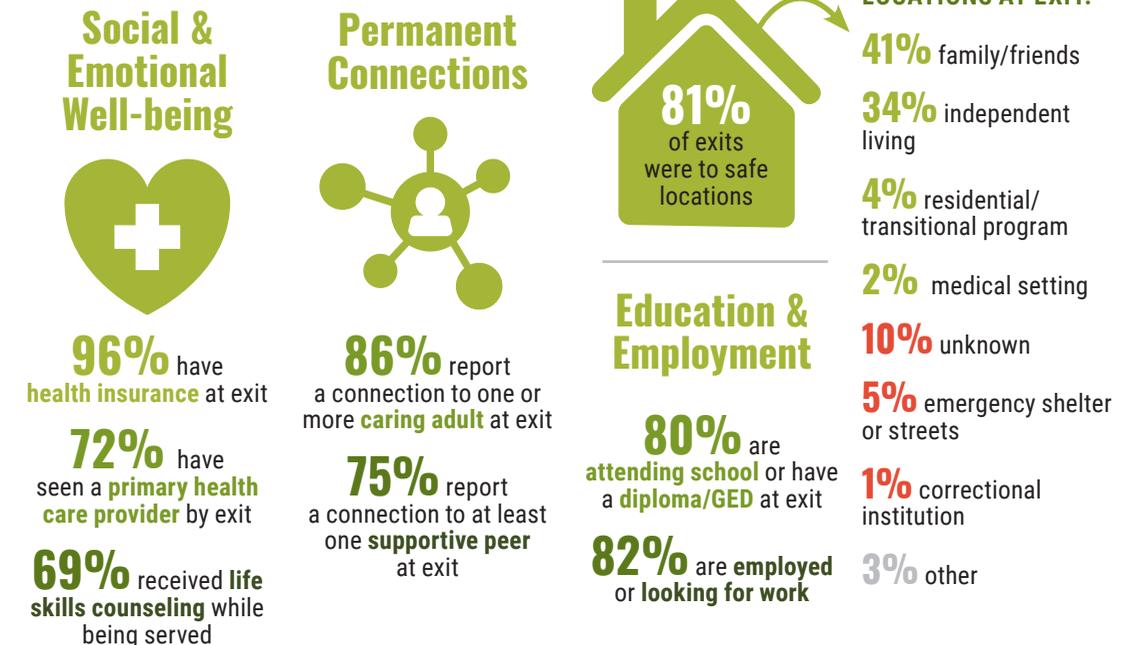
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"I don't know where I'd be in life if you guys weren't around. Just knowing that I have someone who can give me a ride, help with paperwork, answer questions and in general help me live my life is great."

—youth served by UCS (Bennington)