

We collaborate with at-risk, runaway and homeless youth to foster self-reliance.

As the only local organization dedicated to serving young people ages 13-24 at risk of or experiencing homelessness, Northwest Youth Services serves a critical need in Whatcom and Skagit Counties.

We support youth in identifying their personal goals for the future and building the skills necessary to reach their own sense of stability.

Northwest Youth Services offers outreach to homeless youth, housing programs, help finding a job or enrolling in school, wrap-around mental health services, support for LGBTQ youth, restorative justice for juvenile offenders, and referrals to other services in our community.

The holistic well-being of young people is a core principle in our program and determines how Northwest Youth Services' staff approach our work with young people. We seek to engage youth in thoughtful and creative approaches that inspire them to discover and build upon their strengths.

We believe that all young people need a place to belong; to be safe, heard, and valued.



Outreach

- Welcome youth to our day center, The Ground Floor
- Provide basic needs and connect youth with housing/services
- Build relationships with youth to help them realize their goals



Emergency Housing

- Short term housing for youth and young adults for up to 90 days
- The PAD - a licensed, 24-hour care facility for minors, 13 - 17
- HUSLY Emergency Shelters - eight beds for young adults, 18 - 24



Transitional & Permanent Housing

- Transitional - up to 18 months of housing for young adults
- Permanent - help finding an apartment and rental assistance
- Support from case managers to help youth meet their goals



Behavioral Health

- Mental health and substance use support and referrals for youth
- Wraparound services for youth who suffer from mental illness
- Support programs to enhance crisis intervention and prevention



Vocational Readiness

- Help with resumes, job searches, applications and interviewing
- Youth are connected with internships, gaining skills and references
- The WeGrow Garden tended by youth and volunteers



Teen Court

- Restorative justice and diversion program for juvenile offenders
- High school aged volunteers serve as judge, jury and advocates
- Summer job opportunities for former offenders



Queer Youth Project

- Stigma-free events for LGBTQ+ youth
- Family reunification counseling and safe medical referrals
- LGBTQ Youth Safety & Resiliency training for community groups