

February 2016 ED Report

Some Stats from 2015:

Total Number of Youth Served: **65 youth**

- **37 Male**
- **28 Female**

For Race breakdown:

- **32 White**
- **9 Black / African American**
- **1 Asian**
- **13 American Indian / Alaska Native**
- **1 Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander**
- **7 Multiple Races**
- **2 Information Missing**

Residence prior to project entry:

- **3 Emergency Shelter**
- **4 Place not meant for habitation**
- **1 Hospital (non-psychiatric)**
- **1 Jail, prison, or juvenile detention facility**
- **2 Foster care**
- **5 Hotel / Motel paid by client**
- **33 Staying / Living with family**
- **11 Staying / Living with friends**
- **1 Other**
- **3 Information missing**

This total is only 64 clients...I'm not sure where the one dropped off.

Destination for those who stayed more than 90 days:

- **1 Living with family, permanent tenure**
- **2 Other**

Destination for those who stayed 90 days or less:

- **1 Rental by client, no ongoing subsidy**
- **17 Living with family, permanent tenure**
- **1 Living with friends, permanent tenure**
- **1 Transitional housing for homeless persons**
- **4 Staying with family, temporary tenure**
- **5 Staying with friends, temporary tenure**
- **4 Foster care**
- **5 Other**
- **1 Don't know / refused**
- **17 Information missing**

Disabilities:

- **17 Mental Illness**
- **7 Alcohol Abuse**
- **7 Drug Abuse**
- **8 Developmental Disability**
- **2 Physical Disability**

Age:

- **44 youth ages 13 – 17 years**

- **21 youth ages 18 – 24 years**

The trends we've been noticing -

The majority (more than half) stayed less than a week.

More than half also returned home.

(I'd be interested to see if there's a correlation - whether the kids who stay less than a week are the majority who are going home - and reading through files, I'd say that is definitely true. So multifaceted - the kids who stay longer are both less likely to go home, and more likely to have complex issues keeping them from going home.)

Almost 30% are reporting abuse.

About 20% had dropped out of school at the time of intake.

About 35% report substance abuse, mental health issues, or developmental disabilities.

The greater majority are first time runaways - though I'd need to comb the data better to know how many/what percent.

Personnel:

- 14 staff associated with shelter, Monie is working full-time, shared by CC and FYA.
- Numerous volunteers, 4 interns,
- 1 Vista starting onsite March 1 (need to purchase computer for her)
- Summer Vista Idea... (this is a new UAF program - this VISTA can be direct service)
 - planning outside activities for the youth to participate in
 - accompanying the youth to these planned activities
 - organizing, planning, planting and harvesting our garden with youth
 - participating in our street outreach program
- Changes: Janelle submitted her resignation mid January. She listed a number of things in her resignation email, but essentially she shared with me verbally and I am paraphrasing 1) we needed to be forcing kids to home by refusing them shelter, 2) we needed to force parents and youth to participate in mediation, 3) miscellaneous things like we weren't supporting Care Net Pregnancy Center like we could be and why weren't we praying with the kids.
- We hired Kelli Boyle (former ED of Joel's Place) to take Janelle's Place.
 - In light of this - I am elated. She is an effective leader. The staff already think highly of her and are going to her for help with different projects. She potentially could become a part-time Shelter Manager - (I'm not doing a very good job at this)
- Myself:
 - I have a new G.baby on the way - due March 4 and will be taking a few days to help with kids.
 - Focused on the reports (licensing, etc.)
 - Vista orientation: will occupy me for off and on for a few weeks,
- Staff Meetings & Trainings: These are going well, good attendance, and the team is growing closer.
 - March 9 and 10th, we are bringing up Cove House AK (CHA) trainers (Trauma Informed Care, Culture of Care, & Motivational Interviewing).

- Also, Sarah recently participated in Outreach Training at CHA, & Laquawna visited with HR and youth services at CHA today! During spring break or so - I would like to send Hannah and Kelli to CHA too.
- The VISTA - will visit MyHouse in Wasilla: <http://myhousematsuhomelessyouthcenter.com/>
 - Gathering grounds Cafe
 - Steamdriven Boutique - to gather ideas

Current Events:

- **National School Lunch Program:** Today (due today - accounting for some hours worked while on vacation) we turned in a 100 + page document in response to corrective Action required based on a December review. We get about \$8500 per year for this - so we are jumping through the hoops. Reviewing the Wellness Policy is part of this.
- **Self Monitoring Report:** due February 29th, per our licensing. This is a huge packet and I will be enlisting staff to help pull this information together. It is detailed and indepth looking at all aspects of providing shelter.
- Sarah is compiling data for an annual report/annual newsletter and meeting w/ Patrick in February.
- **VISTA:** Goal of VISTA Project: focused on the development of a youth-centric 'campus' in Fairbanks. The VISTA will work with a local architect, in partnership with local youth, to develop future plans to develop recently acquired properties. A possible project is a clothing store & cafe that will employ and cater to young people, and would also ideally become self-sustainable. This is designed to provide job-training to youth, particularly those served by the shelter, and will be designed as a safe 'hang out' for teens, and a place where low-income youth can get clothes and food they need for free or low-cost. The VISTA would be working with Fairbanks Youth Advocates to develop and kick-start this venture. This will primarily include research, plan and fund development, and community partnership work. The VISTA would also ideally be working with Fairbanks Youth Advocates to develop their social media presence, specifically with regards to reaching youth through social media.
- Click Pick Give Application is due March 31
- Property Tax Exemptions - due March 31

Vision Forward:

We have to have more kids. I personally would like to see our bed ratio at 65%.

This year: Emphasis on Outreach