

Preble Street

- **Mobile Diversion and Navigation**

Our Mobile Diversion and Navigation team provides intensive casework services to unaccompanied youth ages 12-24, who are currently experiencing homelessness, at imminent risk of experiencing homelessness, or are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence and have minimal options for support. Upon referral, we begin providing supportive services, with the intention of rapidly resolving episodes of homelessness in a young person's community of choice through connection to the critical resources needed outlined by the participant. Also embedded in this model is the opportunity to work with a peer mentor, an individual with lived experience. This team serves a large geographic scope and seeks to leverage already-present resources to ensure a streamlined and complementary approach to diversion and outreach work across Maine. This service maintains involvement for about 1-3 months, with the intention of connecting to longer-term supports.

This outreach team accesses Youth Coordinated Entry to ensure participants can access all eligible housing resources across Maine. Full intakes are completed with youth interested in working with a Mobile Diversion and Navigation Caseworker for the 1–3-month period, which includes a brief HMIS Intake packet & homelessness certification, along with paperwork outlining Preble Street's commitment to their service.

- **Transitional Housing-Rapid Rehousing**

Supportive services for Preble Street's Transitional Housing - Rapid Rehousing model begins after a young person paired our services through Youth Coordinated Entry. Upon referral, youth are connected with an intensive caseworker, ensuring they have support in both obtaining and maintaining housing.

The Transitional Housing program is comprised of two, 2-bedroom units master-leased by Preble Street, located within Cumberland County. Youth and young adults will have the opportunity to reside in these emergency housing units for 2-6 months, with access to supportive services up to five times each week. Supportive services include intensive case management and housing support. All participants accessing the Transitional housing Program will be offered Rapid Rehousing Services.

Preble Street's Rapid Rehousing program works with youth and young adults to address immediate housing instability through connection to long-term housing options, supportive services, and financial assistance.

Rapid Rehousing caseworkers work collaboratively with participants to secure a unit in the young person's community of choice. The YYA is the primary leaseholder on the unit and have access to both financial assistance and supportive services for up to 24-months. All youth residing in the Transitional Housing Unit are eligible for Rapid Rehousing, however it is not necessary for a youth to have resided within the Transition Housing unit to access Rapid Rehousing.

Shaw House

The enrollment process for youth in Shaw House & ACAP's low-barrier TT to RRH projects begins when a youth is referred through the Youth Coordinated Entry System. At enrollment, youth complete basic intake and homeless declaration documents and are then opened in the agency's corresponding HMIS project.

Support services for both programs begin at enrollment and their scope is limited only by the limitations described in the COC interim rule. The most common activities we have been seeing are assessments, transportation, medical/MH/SA referrals, landlord engagement & negotiation, housing searches & lease-up, vital document acquisition and employment support.

Penquis

Penquis Host Homes program is a supportive service offered to youth/young adults (aged 12-24) who are experiencing housing insecurity in the greater Piscataquis region (Dexter included). PHH recruits safe, stable community-based homes provided by individuals or families that are interested in providing a safe space for a youth/young adult as they gain resources to either- return to their parent/guardian for family reunification or gain independent living skills while working on goals for greater self-sufficiency.

We will be counting a YYA as enrolled once eligibility is determined, start date will be the day they meet eligibility requirements.

Resources include case coordinating for the YYA, matching YYA with host, support in identifying goals, accessing additional identified resources (MaineCare, SNAP, medical needs, etc.), coordination-based on goals, such as educational goals, employment goals and housing stability. Ongoing support while YYA is enrolled in the program.

Volunteers of America

A Youth is enrolled in our program only when they are approved by housing for a voucher.

Services Provided: Developmentally appropriate social services to promote housing stability. Case managers will complete individual services plans, recruit landlords, and secure housing opportunities. Once housed case managers will work with Youth to achieve housing stability by referrals to community-based resources including but not limited to educational supports, employment supports, behavioral health treatment, legal representation, restorative justice, family reunification supports, transportation assistance, medical treatment, and reproductive and sexual health guidance. VOANNE will honor and incorporate the constructive feedback of YYA and the Youth Advisory Board in the implementation and management of this RRH program social services.