

Livingston County Human Services Collaborative Body
Workgroup Charge
Approved: February 2006

Workgroup Name: Youth in Transition

Lead Agency: Livingston Family Center

Chairperson: Angela Parth, Livingston Wraparound

Responsibilities: 1. Chair regular meetings
 2. Report activities to the HSCB
 3. Represent workgroup at appropriate meetings

Vice Chairperson: Vacant

Responsibilities Fill in for chair in their absence. Serve as chair in next term.

Clerical Support (if different from staff): Rotate among members of the group

Issue to be Studied and/or Acted Upon: Youth transitioning to adulthood is the primary target population for this workgroup. These youth are defined as ages 16-21 and as needing additional assistance in their transition to adulthood. This group could also include high risk youth (under-educated, unemployed, substance abuse issues, mental health issues, court involvement, pregnant or young parents, foster youth aging out of system), homeless and runaway/throwaway youth, youth with limited or no natural supports of family, and young people transitioning to adulthood outside of the “system” – youth falling through the cracks.

Workgroup Goal(s): To ensure necessary services and supports are available for youth transitioning to adulthood (ages 16-21)

Workgroup Objective(s):

- To share information between agencies regarding new and existing services
- To develop cross-agency protocols to better streamline and integrate services
- To link youth in crisis situations with services
- To fill gap and need areas in services to these youth in conjunction with other HSCB workgroups when applicable:
 - Increase private transportation options (Transportation Coalition)
 - Increase housing options (Homeless Continuum of Care)
 - Increase life skill building options
 - Increase substance abuse services (Substance Abuse workgroup)

Key Data to be Collected/Tracked:

- Unduplicated number of homeless and runaway youth
- Housing and transportation options
- Health care coverage data

Meeting Schedule and Time line for Completion (if applicable): The group will meet on the second Wednesday of every odd month beginning in January 2010. Meetings are from 10:00 am – 11:30 am.

Reporting Mechanism and Frequency: The Youth in Transition Workgroup will report to the HSCB at least quarterly in writing and present to the HSCB when there are action items, specific needs, or major accomplishments achieved. The group will also report at the HSCB annual meeting.

Membership:

- Livingston Family Center
- Department of Human Services
- Michigan Works!
- Juvenile Court
- Health Services Access
- Wraparound
- Community Education
- LESA, alternative education
- Homeless liaisons
- Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency
- The Arc of Livingston
- Substance abuse prevention and treatment providers
- Common Ground Sanctuary
- Community Mental Health
- Youth

Responsibilities of HSCB: Provide support for grant applications, defer identified needs and gaps for these youth to the workgroup, and provide support and response to identified needs/gaps.

Other Relevant Information: The Youth In Transition ad hoc workgroup was formed in October 2004 to identify the needs of youth transitioning to adulthood and to provide short and long term recommendations to the HSCB. A report was provided to the HSCB in May 2005. The HSCB decided to make the group a HSCB workgroup and that the charge of the group would be to implement the recommendations presented.