



REPORT CARD FY2021

YOUTH SERVICES OF TULSA

It's in the name. We serve Tulsa's homeless and at-risk youth. Why? Because we believe that the youth we're investing in today are going to be the adults of tomorrow. By providing them with a support network, we set youth on a path to independence.

YST is the only Tulsa-area non-profit exclusively serving adolescents and young people, ages 12-24.

Why do we do this? Because they need us.

OUR MISSION

To value and accept all youth, supporting and challenging them to embrace their potential.

OUR VISION

Empowered youth who grow and achieve.

OUR VALUES

INCLUSIVE:

Celebrate diversity and honor the unique strengths, needs and relationships of all people.

COMPASSIONATE:

Foster a safe and welcoming environment built upon trust, respect, kindness and honest communication.

DEDICATION:

Fearlessly support and empower people to find hope, opportunities and solutions for a promising future.

COLLABORATIVE:

Learn, grow and thrive through partnerships, innovation and the use of information.

YOUTH-DRIVEN:

Partner with youth and rely on their voice and insight to guide our work.



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ENTERING A SECOND YEAR OF COVID-19

Adapt and overcome! That's been our mantra for FY21 at Youth Services of Tulsa. As we navigated the ever-changing conditions of the COVID pandemic while maintaining client and staff safety, YST spent the last year adapting our services to meet the needs of youth and their families.

In pivoting to virtual with some of our services, we learned that while many of our youth benefited from this approach, others lacked access to technology and/or needed that face-to-face interaction. Moving forward we plan to incorporate both approaches.

We learned our homeless youth were at greatest risk for contracting and spreading the virus, so we worked with community partners to facilitate vaccination opportunities and increased housing options.

We encountered challenges in delivering our evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention curriculum with closed school campuses and remote learning, so we developed a virtual approach to teaching this much needed medically accurate information to continue the trend of reducing teen pregnancy rates in Tulsa County.

These are just a couple of examples of how YST adapted to overcome the challenges of the past year.

Thanks to staff, Board, donors, and community stakeholders for your continued support. Working together, YST will remain on the front line serving Tulsa-area Youth

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YST reaches thousands of youth and their families every year. This would not be possible without the support of the Tulsa-area community and our generous donors. Thank you for all you do!

To donate, text GiveYST to 41444.

RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS SERVICES

Safe Place | Adolescent Emergency Shelter | Street Outreach Services
Transitional Living | T-Town Tacos | True Safety

345

YOUTH SHELTERED
OR STABLY HOUSED

Our Runaway and Homeless services lift youth out of crisis, meet their needs, then sets them on a path to safety, stability, and independence.

ADOLESCENT EMERGENCY SHELTER

211

YOUTH TEMPORARILY
HOUSED

90%

YOUTH
DEMONSTRATED
PROGRESS ON
THEIR GOALS



TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM

110

YOUTH
HOUSED

89%

Maintained
Housing for At
Least 6 Months
Post Program

1186

YOUTH REACHED

8

YOUTH EMPLOYED

237

YOUTH SERVED



DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

First Offender Diversion | Youth Court | Re-Entry

Everyone makes mistakes, including youth. It's a part of growing up and these mistakes shouldn't ruin a bright future. Partnering with parents, juvenile justice, and service providers allows YST to help give youth the second chance they deserve.



118

YOUTH WERE ASSISTED
IN RETURNING TO THE
COMMUNITY

10%

RECIDIVISM
RATE

25

YOUTH WERE TRIED
BY THEIR PEERS

327

YOUTH PARTICIPATED IN SKILL
BUILDING TO PREVENT FUTURE
COURT INVOLVEMENT



82%

DISPLAYED POSITIVE
CHANGES AND IMPROVED
DECISION MAKING SKILLS

”

The First Offender
Program helped me
feel like I can move
on in my life.

”

COUNSELING SERVICES

Individual and Family | Substance Abuse | Community-based

” My counselor listens to me and helps me see solutions to problems that I couldn't see on my own. “

Sometimes, you just need a little help. YST counseling assists youth and their families through the twists and turns of adolescence and helps smooth the transition into adulthood. Counseling plays a role in nearly all YST programs.

86%

YOUTH
DEMONSTRATED
PROGRESS ON
GOALS

COMMUNITY-BASED
COUNSELING 142
YOUTH

SUBSTANCE ABUSE
COUNSELING 152
YOUTH

INDIVIDUAL / FAMILY
COUNSELING 367
YOUTH



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Health Education Services | Sexual Health Awareness Services
LGBTQ+ Services | Coffee House | Health Navigation

A little preemptive education goes a long way, and we offer it through a number of services. By utilizing our Youth Development Programs, young people have an outlet for their self-expression and a path to success.

454

YOUTH WERE
CONNECTED WITH
HEALTH SERVICES

347

YOUTH WERE
SUPPORTED THROUGH
LGBTQ+ SERVICES

70

VIRTUAL LGBTQ+
SUPPORT GROUPS

2245

YOUTH
PARTICIPATED
IN PREGNANCY
PREVENTION
EDUCATION

71%

YOUTH COMMITTED TO
SAFER SEX PRACTICES