

Youth Service Provider Survey 2008

The River Valleys Continuum of Care (CoC) and the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Programs (FHPAP) in Regions 9 and 10 of Southeast Minnesota conducted a Youth Services Provider Survey and a Youth Needs Survey in Spring, 2008 for the purposes of determining the services available to youth ages 10-21 and the services that they use and the needs that both the youth and the providers have for these services.

The data committee of the CoC and additional individuals representing providers of youth services developed the surveys. The committee sent the youth provider surveys first with a request for them to participate in implementing the youth survey. When they returned their survey, they requested the number of youth surveys that they would distribute. The providers then gave the surveys to the youth in their programs and the youth returned them to the data committee anonymously in a self-addressed stamped envelope. The committee sent 372 provider letters and surveys out. It received back 52 provider surveys. Of those 52 providers, 29 requested youth surveys. The committee sent 392 youth surveys to providers to distribute. The committee received back 103 youth surveys. Please see the Youth Needs Survey 2008 Summary and Survey results for details of the youth survey results.

Barriers to providing services to youth seem to be wide and varied but they include limits of specific youth to be served either by age, gender, court-order, purpose etc.; lack of staff to provide services; lack of transportation for youth to get to services; funding for services available and services needed; time constraints; lack of volunteer; lack of specialized services; ability to contact youth; and qualifications for services required.

Various providers have seen a total of 132 homeless unaccompanied youth and 344 homeless youth in families in the last year.

Please see the Provider Responses attached for details of provider location, services available to youth and program capacity and service area.

The River Valleys CoC and data committee make this Youth Provider Survey 2008 available to all providers who participated to download for future program planning and development purposes through its website at www.threeriverscap.org.

Thank you to those who participated!