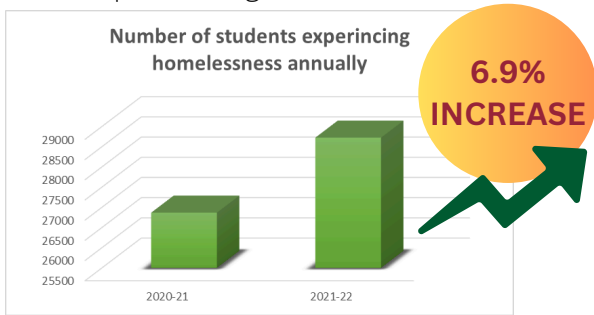


# Youth Experiencing Homelessness

In the 2021-22 school year, Michigan's public schools identified 28,724 students who experienced homelessness in K-12 schools. Close to 3,800 of these children were youth experiencing homelessness on their own, without a parent or guardian



The academic outcomes for students experiencing homelessness are significantly different from their housed peers. In 2021-22, 18,373 of the 28,724 students experiencing homelessness were chronically absent. Only 56% of Homeless youth graduated in 2021-22 school year. Failing to meet the needs of youth experiencing homelessness has impacts that go beyond education. These youth face greater risks to their health and well-being.

The pandemic has left youth experiencing homelessness even more isolated. School data shows that since 2019, levels of disconnection have increased with the number of youth accessing shelter declining by 40% with no rebound. Meanwhile, the number of unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness increased by 11% during the same time period.

## Primary Reasons for youth homelessness

- family dysfunction
- rejection and conflict
- economic hardship
- lack of employment
- residential instability
- incarcerated parent(s)
- LGBTQ+
- abuse
- neglect

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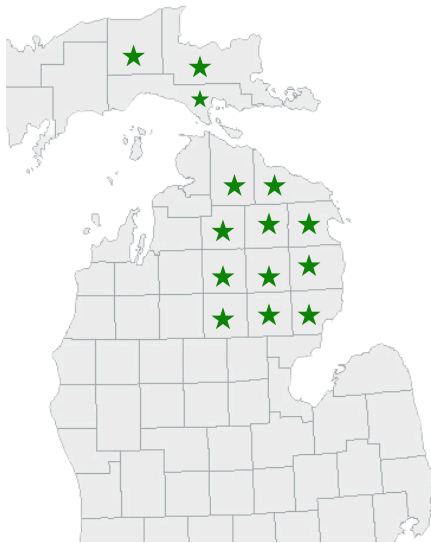
# COMPASS NORTH Runaway & Homeless Youth Program

### WHOM WE SERVE:

Homeless and runaway youth or those that are at risk of becoming homeless or runaways.

### COUNTIES SERVED:

- Alcona
- Alpena
- Crawford
- Cheboygan
- Chippewa
- Iosco
- Luce
- Mackinac
- Montmorency
- Ogemaw
- Oscoda
- Otsego
- Presque Isle
- Roscommon



### AGES SERVED:

#### Transitional Living Program (TLP):

- 16-24 years old

#### Youth & Family Outreach

- 12-24 years old

#### Basic Care Center

- 12-17 years old



All Services are completely voluntary, FREE, and confidential.

### TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM (TLP):

This is a hands-on approach working with youth ages 16-24, providing up to 18 months of programming to assist youth with achieving success in areas of:

- Education
- Employment
- Housing
- Independent Living Skills

A host home situation is also available to TLP youth who are living with any one other than a parent or guardian. Households that enter into this agreement are eligible to receive a \$20/day compensation in the form of a monthly payment according to the following guidelines:

- Everyone 18 and over in the household must pass a background check
- Youth 16 & 17 years old need parental/guardian consent



### YOUTH & FAMILY OUTREACH:

The goal of this program is for family reunification whenever possible. Services are provided in home for 90 days to reduce conflict and lessen barriers to keep child from running away or being kicked out. Crisis management is provided to youth & families to help address: Substance use/abuse, mental health, truancy, identity, etc.

### BASIC CARE CENTER (BCC):

Prevention & reunification services are provided to youth, ages 12-17, and their families for up to 90 days to reduce conflict in the home. Youth may be temporarily sheltered for up to 21 consecutive days in a licensed or host home. If reunification is not possible, the youth may be transferred to TLP, if age appropriate.

**If you would like to know how you can help outside of providing shelter or referring youth please check out our Amazon wish list below. We are always taking donations for gas cards, grocery gift cards, and items for our survival kits. Contact Program Supervisor with questions or to arrange drop off.**



### Survival Kit Items

- |                    |             |                 |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Shampoo            | Conditioner | Winter Hat      |
| Body Wash/Bar soap |             | Blanket         |
| Deodorant          |             | Body Lotion     |
| Dental Hygiene     |             | Hand sanitiz.er |
| Wet Wipes          |             | First Aid items |
| Hair Brush/comb    |             | Lip balm        |
| Razors             |             | Washcloth       |
| Socks              |             | Bath towel      |
| Gloves             |             | Flashlight      |

