

## FUP & FYI WEEKLY FORUM

# OVERVIEW AND CROSS- SYSTEMS PARTNERSHIP

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# TODAY'S AGENDA

- Introductions & Welcome
- Overview of FUP & FYI
- The Jefferson County, CO Team: Tips for Cross-systems Collaboration
- Questions





## HOW MANY YOUTH EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS EACH YEAR?

- Aggregations do not capture the enormity of the problem. And homelessness impacting even one young person is a catastrophe to that person. Prevention and response efforts must be customized to that person.
- Estimates vary widely from 56,000 homeless youth each year to 1.6 million. There are many reasons why this range is so vast. This imprecision in quantifying homelessness has persisted for more than 40 years.
- Thus, it is important that you find out what these numbers look like in your state, city, and even in your neighborhood in order to solve the problem. HUD's Youth Homeless Demonstration Program is designed to quantify and catalogue a "by name list of youth". FYI is designed to ensure that youth aging out of foster care do not end up on that list and instead build a future for themselves that involves affordable housing, stability, and economic success.
- Let's take a look at some of the causes of youth homelessness according to Chapin Hall's Voices of Youth Count.



RESULTS SHOW

**1 in 10**



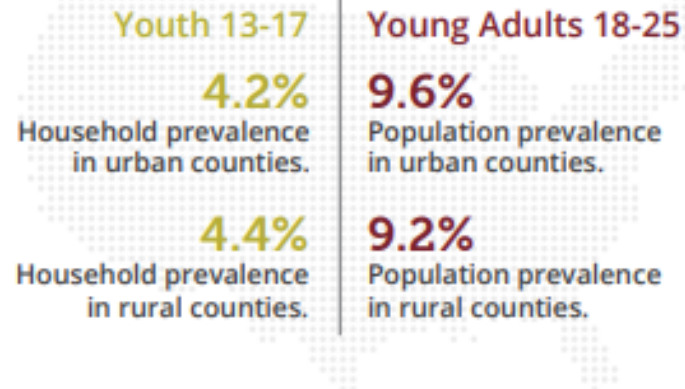
young adults ages 18 to 25 endures some form of homelessness in a year. Half of the prevalence involves couch surfing only.

**1 in 30**



adolescent minors ages 13 to 17 endures some form of homelessness in a year. A quarter of the prevalence involves couch surfing only.

Rates of youth experiencing homelessness were similar in rural and nonrural areas.



About half of the youth who experienced homelessness over a year faced homelessness for the first time.

Particular subpopulations are at higher risk for homelessness



**346%**

Youth with less than a high school diploma or GED had a 346% higher risk

**162%**

Youth reporting annual household income of less than \$24,000 had a 162% higher risk

**83%**

Black or African American youth had an 83% higher risk

**120%**

LGBT youth had a 120% higher risk

**33%**

Hispanic, non-White youth had a 33% higher risk

**200%**

Unmarried parenting youth had a 200% higher risk



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# FYI CAN BE AN IMPORTANT TOOL FOR COMBATTING HOMELESSNESS AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- Research Indicates that foster care is a feeder system but can be a protective factor as well – when done properly
- Many victims are never identified, therefore, once youth are identified we must do everything we can to help.
- Distributing resources in an on-demand manner, whether that be services or shelter, will vastly improve the ability of Law Enforcement to respond – it will also, overtime, reduce exposure to trafficking.
- Homeless youth and foster care alumni have determined that services and housing must be provided in a manner that is universal, predictable, and synchronized
- Uncertainty and a lack of predictability/transparency about available services lead youth into dangerous circumstances and cause unnecessary trauma and anxiety.

# The Evolution of FYI

## Youth added to FUP

Senator Bond adds youth as an eligible population to FUP at the request of the CWLA YAC.

1990

2000

## TPV, FUP, FSS

Pres. Bush signs the Cranston Gonzalez Affordable Housing Act establishing FUP as an eligible use of the Tenant Protection Account and codifies "Operation Bootstrap" as the Family Self Sufficiency Program.

## FUP-FSS Demo

Sen. Murray creates the FUP-FSS Demo allowing youth to extend FUP vouchers for two years by enrolling in FSS.

2014

2015

## FUP Youth Study

HUD-funded study reveals serious synchronization problems with FUP for youth which deter PHAs and youth from participating.

## HOTMA passes

Rep. Leutkemeyer extends FUP from 18 to 36 months for youth, Allows project-basing of FUP vouchers.

2016

2017

## FSHO Introduced

Reps. Turner & Bass work with youth to design & introduce HCV guarantee for foster youth

2019

## FYI established by HUD

Youth discover HUD has the regulatory authority and funding available to implement FSHO (FSHO = TPV+FUP+FSS)

## HUD'S FOSTER YOUTH TO INDEPENDENCE (FYI) INITIATIVE EMERGED DIRECTLY FROM YOUTH

- The Fostering Stable Housing Opportunities (FSHO) Coalition, led by ACTION Ohio, includes more than 55,000 foster care alumni and allies. Most of whom have been trained by the vast network of Youth Advisory Boards.
- For over six years, The FSHO Coalition worked in partnership with the National Center for Housing & Child Welfare, foster youth champions on the Hill such as Reps. Turner (R-OH), Bass (D-CA), and Sen. Brown (D-OH) to synchronize HUD's Family Unification Program with Chafee Independent Living Service to eliminate the gaps through which foster youth fall into homelessness.
- FYI implemented on July 26, 2020 and expanded on Oct. 6, 2020 capitalizes on the best services that child welfare, coordinated entry systems, and housing agencies have to offer – as well as the industriousness of the youth themselves.





WE ARE INFINITELY GRATEFUL TO HUD'S REGIONAL AND HQ STAFF FOR IMPLEMENTING FYI SO QUICKLY!

- You can vote for the HUD FYI Team for a “Peoples Choice Award” here: <https://servicetoamericamedals.org/peoples-choice-award/>



ABOUT ▾ HONOREES VOTE DONATE

**MICHELLE DANIELS, CHARLES D. ELDRIDGE, RYAN E. JONES** and the Office of Public and Indian Housing Foster Youth to Independence team

**2021 FINALIST**  
MANAGEMENT EXCELLENCE

Created an innovative program offering housing assistance and social services to young people aging out of foster care to prevent them from becoming homeless and to provide an opportunity for self-sufficiency.







## SPEAKING OF HUD...

- HUD has a webpage dedicated to FYI with all the tools you will need to apply for FYI.

[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/programs/hcv/fyi](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/fyi)



# RECENT DEVELOPMENTS: HUD Leadership & Congressional Appropriators expanded FYI to all PHAs on Oct. 6 2020

- Many folks are aware that the original Foster Youth to Independence Initiative FYI excluded public housing authorities that have a history with the Family Unification Program (FUP).
- Per HUD [Notice PIH 2020-28](#) issued on October 6, 2020, HUD made some important changes to FYI:
  - Expanded FYI to all PHAs that administer Housing Choice Vouchers, bringing FYI into alignment with the youth's original proposal to universalize access to FYI and eliminate geographic disparities.
  - Vouchers continue to be offered “on demand” meaning that a PHA should only request a voucher for a young person who is ready to rent. And those vouchers can be requested in increments as small as one.
  - Increased the limit on vouchers per PHA from 25 to 50
- HUD will announce the awards of the FYI Competitive NOFA soon.
- Meanwhile, FYI non-competitive vouchers remain available to all PHAs including FUP PHAs that have a lease-up rate that is 90 percent or better. The competitive & non-competitive programs coexist.

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## WHAT IS A “LEASE UP RATE” AND HOW WOULD I KNOW WHAT MY PHA’S LEASE UP RATE IS?

- The voucher **lease-up rate** is the **percentage** of an agency's “authorized housing vouchers,” whose number is set by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (**HUD**), that households are using to **lease** units (typically in a month or year).
- If the FUP lease-up rate is below 100 percent this generally means that your PHA can accept referrals for families or youth. Having a good relationship with your PHA is important because they can keep you informed. If all of the PHAs available vouchers are utilized, your community can order “on demand” vouchers through the FYI non-competitive line item.
- HUD also publishes this information in the form of a somewhat reliable publicly available dashboard.



# HUD OFFERS AN HCV DASHBOARD

- [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/programs/hcv/dashboard](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/dashboard)

## HCV - Special Purpose Vouchers

Current Special Purpose Voucher Utilization as of February 2021. Special Purpose Vouchers are included in the ACC of a Public Housing Authority with the exception of Mainstream.

Select a State: All | Select a Public Housing Authority: All | MTW?: All | Clear All Filters: ✕ | Data is current as of February 2021.

### Mainstream Vouchers

PHA Name	PHA Code	MS Total Effective Awards	MS Total Leased	MS % Leasing
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation	AK901	65	41	63.08%
Housing Authority of the Birmingham District	AL001	103	67	65.05%
Mobile Housing Board	AL002	198	86	43.43%
The Housing Authority of the City of Huntsville	AL047	65	0	0.00%
HA Auburn	AL050	20	0	0.00%
Sheffield Housing Authority	AL068	79	37	46.84%
Jefferson County Housing Authority	AL086	50	34	68.00%
Walker County Housing Authority	AL129	205	94	45.85%
The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Smi	AR003	110	83	75.45%
Housing Authority of the City of Little Rock	AR004	156	125	80.13%
Housing Authority of the City of Conway	AR006	39	36	92.31%
<b>Total</b>		<b>59,741</b>	<b>35,642</b>	<b>59.66%</b>

### Family Unification Program Vouchers (FUP)

PHA Name	PHA Code	FUP Total Effective Awards	FUP Total Leased	FUP % Leasing
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation	AK901	22	10	45.45%
Housing Authority of the Birmingham District	AL001	9	5	55.56%
Mobile Housing Board	AL002	32	33	103.13%
Housing Authority of the City of Montgomery	AL006	2	0	0.00%
The Housing Authority of the City of Huntsville	AL047	2	1	50.00%
HA Tuscaloosa	AL077	2	1	50.00%
Jefferson County Housing Authority	AL086	71	65	91.55%
Housing Authority of the City of Pine Bluff	AR017	25	9	36.00%
Hope Housing Authority	AR068	49	6	12.24%
Jonesboro Urban Renewal HA	AR131	45	42	93.33%
Fayetteville Housing Authority	AR181	3	0	0.00%
<b>Total</b>		<b>26,196</b>	<b>20,756</b>	<b>79.23%</b>

### Non-Elderly Disabled Vouchers (NEDs)

PHA Name	PHA Code	Total NED Awards	Total NED Leased	NED Leasing %
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation	AK901	45	38	84.44%
Mobile Housing Board	AL002	122	84	68.85%
Housing Authority of the City of Montgomery	AL006	100	55	55.00%
HA Leeds	AL069	1	1	100.00%
Jefferson County Housing Authority	AL086	175	150	85.71%
Walker County Housing Authority	AL129	34	34	100.00%
Jonesboro Urban Renewal HA	AR131	100	94	94.00%
Conway County Housing Authority	AR161	125	115	92.00%
White River Regional Housing Authority	AR197	100	100	100.00%
City of Mesa Housing Authority	AZ005	150	119	79.33%
<b>Total</b>		<b>54,727</b>	<b>48,534</b>	<b>88.68%</b>

### Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Vouchers (HUD VASH)

PHA Name	PHA Code	VASH Total Effective Awards	VASH Total Leased	VASH Leasing %
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation	AK901	332	278	83.73%
Housing Authority of the Birmingham District	AL001	331	305	92.15%
Mobile Housing Board	AL002	60	56	93.33%
Phenix City Housing Authority	AL005	10	9	90.00%
Housing Authority of the City of Montgomery	AL006	180	153	85.00%
The Housing Authority of the City of Huntsville	AL047	208	180	86.54%
HA Auburn	AL050	18	14	77.78%
HA Opelika	AL061	34	31	91.18%
HA Tuscaloosa	AL077	267	218	81.65%
Jefferson County Housing Authority	AL086	60	52	86.67%
<b>Total</b>		<b>102,803</b>	<b>78,315</b>	<b>76.18%</b>

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1	State ▼	PHA Code & Name	Sum of Units Count ▼
12	CA	CA048- Regional Housing Authority	25
13	CA	CA052- Housing Authority of County of Marin	5
14	CA	CA053- Kings County Housing Auth	10
15	CA	CA061- City of Crescent City Hsg Auth	0
16	CA	CA067- Alameda County Hsg Auth	25
17	CA	CA093- Housing Authority of the City of Santa Ana	50
18	CA	CA123- Housing Authority of the City of Pomona	5

## CA PHAs with FYI (thus far)

- Any PHA capable of administering Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers can apply for FYI vouchers, on demand, in increments as small as one.
- You can get the current FYI list from [NCHCW.org](http://NCHCW.org)

# HOW DO I FIND MY PHA? HUD LISTS ALL PHAS & THEIR PORTFOLIOS ON THE WEB

<a href="#">Aitkin County HRA</a>	<a href="#">Dakota County Community Development Agency</a>	<a href="#">Koochiching County Mankato EDA</a>	<a href="#">Owatonna HRA</a>	<a href="#">St. Cloud HRA*</a>
<a href="#">Albert Lea HRA</a>	<a href="#">Douglas County HRA*</a>	<a href="#">Meeker County HRA</a>	<a href="#">Pipestone HRA</a>	<a href="#">St. Louis Park HRA</a>
<a href="#">Austin HRA</a>	<a href="#">Duluth Housing &amp; Redevelopment Authority</a>	<a href="#">Metropolitan Council Minneapolis Public Housing Authority</a>	<a href="#">Plymouth HRA</a>	<a href="#">Stevens County HRA</a>
<a href="#">Becker County EDA</a>	<a href="#">Faribault County HRA</a>	<a href="#">Mora HRA</a>	<a href="#">Radias Health</a>	<a href="#">South Central Minnesota</a>
<a href="#">Bemidji HRA*</a>	<a href="#">Fergus Falls Housing and Redevelopment Authority</a>	<a href="#">New Ulm HRA</a>	<a href="#">Red Wing HRA</a>	<a href="#">Stearns County HRA</a>
<a href="#">City of Bloomington HRA</a>	<a href="#">Itasca County HRA</a>	<a href="#">Northwest Minnesota Multi-County HRA</a>	<a href="#">Renville County HRA</a>	<a href="#">Swift County HRA</a>
<a href="#">Brainerd HRA*</a>	<a href="#">Kandiyohi County HRA</a>	<a href="#">Olmsted County HRA</a>	<a href="#">Rice County HRA</a>	<a href="#">Todd County HRA</a>
<a href="#">Cass County HRA</a>		<a href="#">Otter Tail County HRA</a>	<a href="#">Richfield HRA</a>	<a href="#">Virginia HRA</a>
<a href="#">Chippewa County HRA</a>			<a href="#">Saint Paul Public Housing Agency</a>	<a href="#">Wadena HRA</a>
<a href="#">Clay County HRA*</a>			<a href="#">Scott County CDA</a>	<a href="#">Washington County CDA</a>
<a href="#">Cloquet HRA</a>			<a href="#">Southeastern Minnesota Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority</a>	<a href="#">Winona HRA</a>
<a href="#">Crookston Housing and EDA</a>				<a href="#">Worthington HRA</a>

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development





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FYI ENDS  
HOMELESSNESS  
FOR YOUTH BY  
SYNCHRONIZING  
EXISTING FEDERAL  
PROGRAMS AND  
ELIMINATING  
GEOGRAPHIC  
DISPARITIES.

Predictability



Synchronization



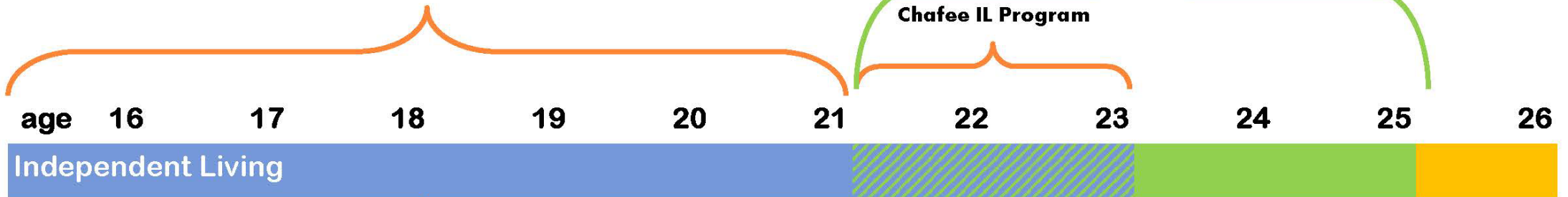
Universalization



# Closing the Gaps Through Which Youth Fall Into Homelessness and Human Trafficking

Funding source for housing options for youth under the age of 21 should be drawn from state and federal child welfare funds. HUD funding must not supplant funds available for foster care placements.

Funding Source is Housing Choice Voucher



- Foster Care
- Kinship Care
- Host Homes
- Group Home
- Homelessness
- RHYA TLP
- Other RHYA
- Dual Juvenile Justice

In VPA states, Title IV-E can be used to extend foster care placements including rental assistance in private apartments, ongoing case management, and savings accounts. Per ACYF guidance, youth must work or go to school 80 hours per month to remain eligible.

Chafee Independent Living Assistance can be used to support case management, job training, transportation assistance, emergency cash assistance for youth until the age of 23 per the Family First Act. Chafee does not have a work requirement. ETVs were extended to 26 per FFPSA as well.

For a youth transitioning to HCV, this funding can also be used for first month's rent, security deposit, furniture, moving costs, and landlord recruitment.

HCV for youth drawn from FUP or TPV, Title IV-E self sufficiency efforts are maintained. Chafee IL services continue through age 23 to assure youth's momentum towards self-sufficiency. All youth interested in FSS are offered spots when available at the PHA. Young people in non-FSS jurisdictions are connected to local CAP agency.

- Private apt
  - LIHTC
  - Permanent Supportive Housing
  - Roommate
  - Other subsidy
  - Adult Services
- \*\* the young person and the public system have had, at this point, potentially as many as ten years to plan for the transi-

# What is the difference between FUP and FYI?

	FUP		FYI (FYI is basically a distribution mechanism for FUP)	
	FUP for Families (estb. 1990)	FUP Youth/FYI Competitive (periodic/unpredictable)	FYI TPV (estb. 2019)	FYI (FYI 2.0) (estb. Oct 6, 2020)
Purpose	Family Preservation/Reunification	Ease the transition to adulthood & independence	Ease the transition to adulthood & independence	Ease the transition to adulthood & independence
Eligible Households	Families for whom housing is a primary risk for separation or barrier to reunification	Youth 18-25* who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, including parenting youth	Youth 18-25* who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, including parenting youth	Youth 18-25* who are homeless or at risk of homelessness after age 16, including parenting youth
Time limit	No limit if family is income eligible	36 months	36 months	36 months
Services	Recommended for a year (post placement in housing), FSS encouraged.	Chafee-like IL 36 months, FSS encouraged	Chafee-like IL 36 months	Chafee-like IL 36 months
Eligible PHA	ACC	ACC	ACC, does not administer FUP	ACC
Distribution	Competitive NOFA. Do not sunset. Can be reallocated if PHA no longer needs for families or youth elsewhere. Has a "waiting list" provision.	Competitive NOFA. Can be reallocated if PHA no longer needs for youth elsewhere. Has a "waiting list" provision.	Non-Competitive ("on demand"), drawn from Tenant Protection Act, sunset	Non-Competitive ("on demand"), do not sunset but can be reallocated – youth only. Adds a "waiting list" provision.
Notice length	47 Pages <a href="#">(link)</a>	47 Pages	10 Pages <a href="#">(link)</a>	12 Pages <a href="#">(link)</a>





## Youth Entering Care Age 18+

- 5,229 youth (0.8%) in care in 2019 entered care at age 18+
  - Of these:, 48.9% had a diagnosed disability
  - 91.4% had at least one prior removal
  - 8.2% had been adopted previously
  - 61.8% were removed voluntarily
  - 41.4% entered because of “parental inability to cope”
  - 6.8% entered because of inadequate housing

## The FYI Distribution Mechanism in the Community

IL coordinator and young person file FUP paperwork with PHA about 6 months prior to leaving care.

1

The Public Child Welfare Agency  
Independent Living Coordinator



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PHA requests FUP/FYI from HUD.

2

The Public Housing Authority



PHA Waiting List



\*FYI is conducted without further disadvantaging waiting list households

HUD



HUD dispenses the funds "on demand."

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Once the youth graduates, funding is recycled or re-allocated by HUD.

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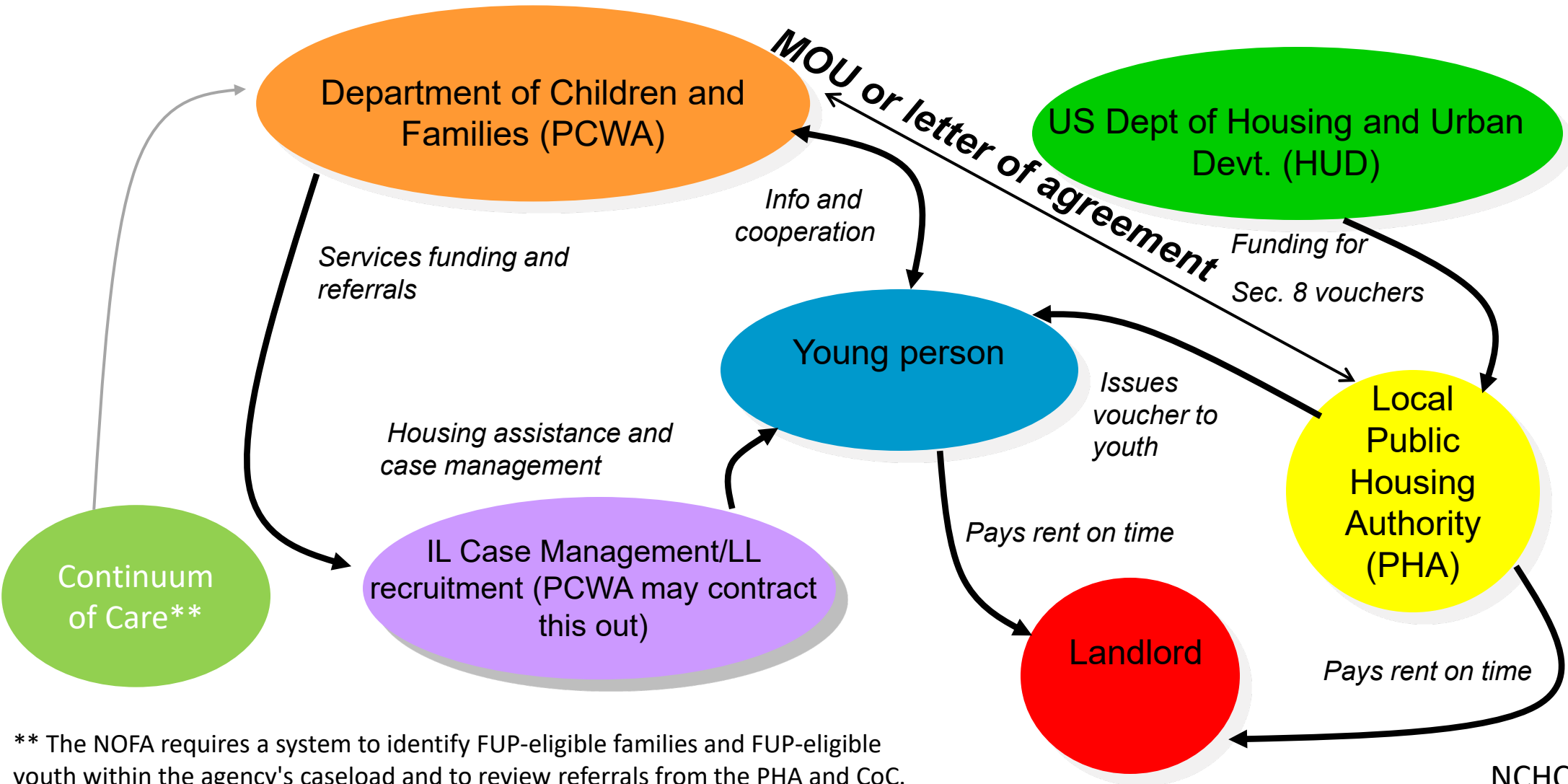
The PHA administers FUP-FSS to landlord and youth pays their portion of rent.

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PCWA provides (or identifies a community-based entity to provide) a Chafee-like menu of services for the duration of the voucher.

# FYI Agency Partnership (based on FUP)



\*\* The NOFA requires a system to identify FUP-eligible families and FUP-eligible youth within the agency's caseload and to review referrals from the PHA and CoC.



# A LETTER OF INTENT IS AN ACCEPTABLE VERIFICATION OF SERVICES\*\*

\*\* PCWAs do not have to be the service provider, nor do they have to fund services.

FYI Sample Letter of Intent with a Co-Signing Organization that will make services available

PCWA Letterhead

[Type here]

Date

First Name Last Name, Executive Director

PHA Name

Street Address

City, State, Zip

- Providing written certification to the PHA that a youth is FUP-eligible.
- Providing or secure a commitment for the provision of required supportive services.

Again, please accept our deepest appreciation as we all move forward to improve the lives of youth in our community who are transitioning to adulthood alone, without the support of a permanent family. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our public child welfare agency (PCWA) FYI point of contact: Contact Name, Position at 301-600-2639 or case management agency name point of contact, Contact name at contact telephone #.

Respectfully,

Name, Director

PCWA

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Name, Director

Name of Agency

Street Address

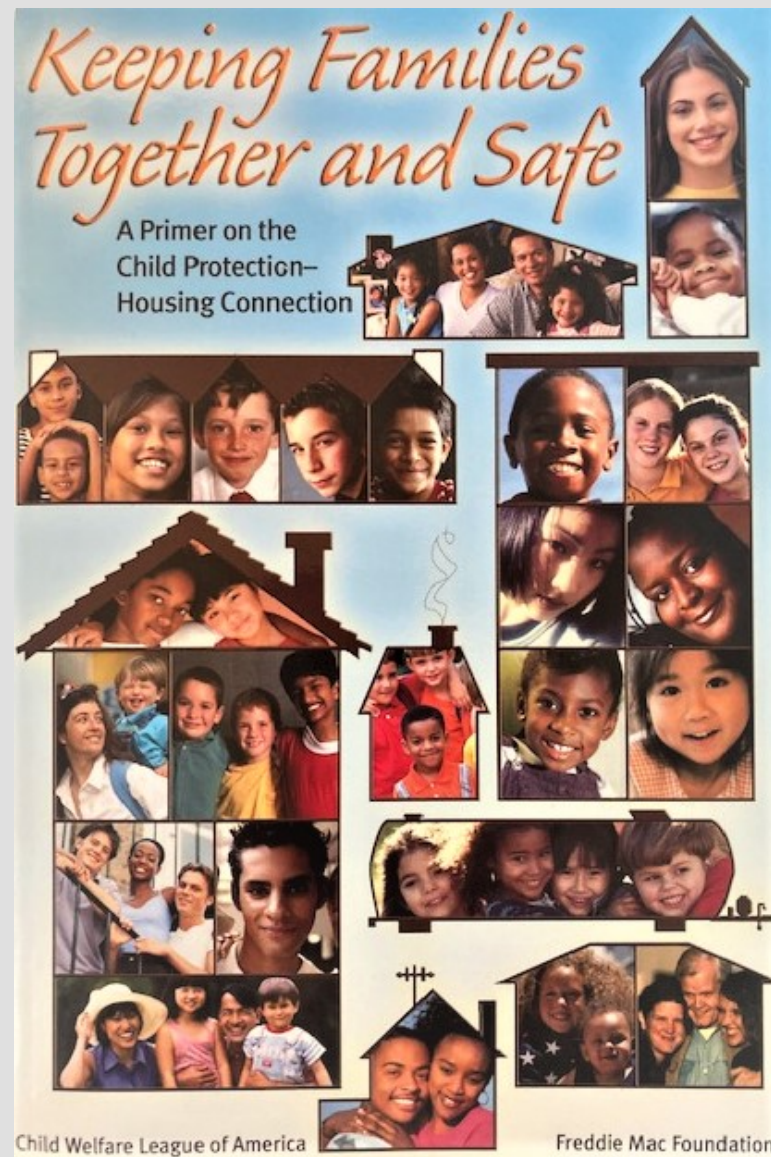
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- Counseling on compliance with rental lease requirements and with HCV program participant requirements, including assistance/referrals for assistance on security deposits, utility hook-up fees, and utility deposits.



# Cross Systems Partnerships

CWLA 2005 Cross-  
Training  
Curriculum/Primer







The Jefferson  
County Team:

Creating &  
Nurturing your  
Partnership

# What role does the PHA play in the FUP/FYI partnership?



Establish a FUP/FYI Point of Contact & meet regularly with your partner



Administers the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program.



Accept referrals from the PCWA



Determine eligibility.



Update the Administrative plan



Monitor waiting list for eligible households



Encourage and offer FSS participation if available and appropriate

# What is the role of the public child welfare agency in FUP?



Establish a FUP/FYI Point of Contact & meet regularly with your partner



Identify and prepare eligible youth & families, recruit landlords



Provide referrals and written certification, help folks apply



Provide (or arrange) Supportive Services

# Nurturing your partnership/ friendship



Take your PHA director to lunch



Bring information about the services you can provide (these should include the services listed in the FYI Notice)



Identify a point of contact for questions and referrals



Plan for regular communication



Build and nurture the relationship – provide cross-trainings



PCWAs can and should use tools for forecasting the youth who will need vouchers and when. This will be covered at length





# Questions





# Questions

# Upcoming Weekly FYI Briefings

May 25, 2021 Noon EST

Preparing Youth for Housing Success

([register](#))

June 1, 2021 Noon EST

Independent Living Services and Landlord Recruitment

([register](#))

June 8, 2021 Noon EST

FSHO: A Pathway to Economic Success

([register](#))

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