

Brighter Days’ YHDP Program Guide

This guide outlines the different program options and services offered to youth and young adults (18-24) in Brighter Days’ Navigation. It is for internal use only, as Youth System Guides are meeting with prioritized youth, assessing their needs, and discussing the different program opportunities. The language used to discuss the level of support is key and should align with the provided criteria without ensuring any guarantee of services or prioritization.



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Brighter Days /YHDP Rapid Rehousing

What: A short-term supportive housing program (up to 2 years) for youth who have been successfully navigated, reviewed and determined as eligible by the Systems-Coordination team, to be enrolled in the YHDP Navigation enrollment. From here, the youth will be assigned to a YHDP Housing Case Manager for ongoing housing support and wraparound services.

Who can access: Youth and young adults ages 18-24 who have been assessed and prioritized through Coordinated Entry (CE) and are currently enrolled in the YHDP Navigation project working with a youth system guide.

Note: Please be advised, rental assistance is fully maximized until further notice. We are not making any assignments for this track currently.

Brighter Days /YHDP Temporary Housing (TH)

What: Brighter Days TH (Temporary Housing) offers short-term housing for youth experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Our goal is to help young people transition off the streets and into safe housing, allowing them to stabilize and focus on creating a permanent housing plan. System Guides provide ongoing navigation and case management support, with progress reviews conducted every 60 to 90 days to monitor housing stability and self-sufficiency plans. Extensions for housing will be based on individual needs and assessed progress. Youth are required to meet program expectations and remain in communication with their assigned case manager weekly and make continuous progress towards self-identified goals.

Locations: The program has multiple Extended-Stay Hotel locations spread across Orange, Seminole, and Osceola counties. Additionally, there is a five-bedroom house in the Pine Hills area (ZIP code 32808) that offers both individual and shared rooms, specifically for male-identifying youth only. Furthermore, there are three efficiency units with a shared laundry area, designated for individual youth only (families are not permitted), located near Camping World Stadium.

Who can access TH? Youth and young adults ages 18-24 who have been assessed and prioritized through Coordinated Entry (CE) and are currently enrolled in the YHDP Navigation project working with a youth system guide or assigned to a Brighter Days case manager.

How: In navigation, when there is an opening in TH, the Systems-Coordination team will prioritize the next youth on the list and notify the system guide. The system guide will then

coordinate the referral process. Please note that this does not guarantee a transfer to YHDP-RRH, as the program is currently at full capacity until further notice. The system guide will use the TH request form to send a request to Systems-Coordination based on the location of the opening. Once approved, the team will respond with confirmation and instructions.

YHDP Host Homes:

What: The Host Homes program connects youth and young adults experiencing homelessness with safe, temporary housing through community support. Host Homes is intended to serve as a short-term (*up to 1 year*) housing solution through stable housing placements with caring and willing host volunteers.

Like Temporary Housing (TH), Host Homes are not permanent, as the end goal is to move youth towards permanent-stable housing solutions. Please note that this does not guarantee a transfer to YHDP-RRH, as the program is currently at full capacity until further notice.

Types of Host Home matching: Community volunteers and Kinship placements.

Who can access Host Homes? Youth and young adults ages 18-24 who have been assessed and prioritized through Coordination Entry (CE) and assigned to a youth system guide for navigation support.

How: System guides will initiate the workflow by submitting a referral through the Host Homes request form ([Here](#)) for Systems-Coordination review. Once approved, the Impower team will complete a screening and matching process. The system guide will coordinate the documentation process if the youth is interested in a Host Home opportunity.

Options outside of Brighter Days/ YHDP

Please note: Accepting these assignments into the following programs will remove the youth from the Brighter Days/YHDP program and transfer them to the traditional HUD RRH or ROPAL program track.

HUD/ Orange County - Rapid Rehousing for Families:

RRH for Families requires Category 1 literal homelessness at program entry. This navigation track entails extensive documentation (Valid ID, SS card, proof of guardianship,

proof of income, and proof of literal homelessness) for eligibility for housing case management.

What: RRH supports families by providing short-term (up to 24 months) rental assistance, help with move-in costs like security deposits, and case management services. The core components are housing identification, financial assistance, and case management.

Locations: Scattered site units located in Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties.

Who can access RRH for Families? Youth who have a minor (17 and under) in the household who have been assessed and prioritized through Coordinated Entry (CE). When there is an opening in RRH for families, Systems-Coordination will prioritize the next youth on the list and notify the System Guide. The system guide will coordinate the referral process.

How: The System Guide will collect all documentation required for RRH for Families and send a Record Keeping Request to Systems-Coordination through the request form. Once approved, the Systems-Coordination team will respond with approval and directions on next steps. The Youth family would then be connected to an RRH case manager.

HUD Rapid Rehousing for Unaccompanied Individual Youth:

Please be advised, case management is fully maximized until further notice. We are not making any assignments for this track currently.

RRH for Unaccompanied Youth requires Category 1 literal homelessness at program entry. This navigation track entails extensive documentation (Valid ID, SS card, proof of guardianship, proof of income, and proof of literal homelessness) for eligibility for housing case management.

What: HUD RRH supports Unaccompanied Youth by providing short-term (up to 24 months) rental assistance, help with move-in costs like security deposits, and case management services. The core components are housing identification, financial assistance, and case management.

Locations: Scattered site units located in Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties.

Who can access RRH for Unaccompanied Youth? Youth and young adults ages 18-24 who have been assessed and prioritized through Coordinated Entry (CE). When there is an opening in RRH for Unaccompanied Individual Youth, Systems-Coordination will prioritize

the next youth on the list and notify the System Guide. The system guide will coordinate the referral process.

How: The System Guide will collect all documentation required for Unaccompanied Youth and send a Record Keeping Request to Systems-Coordination through the request form. Once approved, the Systems-Coordination team will respond with approval and directions on next steps. The Youth family would then be connected to an RRH case manager.

Covenant House ROPAL: Transitional Housing

Covenant House' Rights of Passage Apartment Living (ROPAL) program requires Category 1 literal homelessness at program entry. This navigation track entails extensive documentation (Valid ID, SS card, proof of guardianship, proof of income, and proof of literal homelessness) for eligibility for housing case management.

What: This Transitional Housing program offers youth a placement in a 2-bedroom/2-bathroom apartment with another young adult (ages 18 –24, gender specific units) and individualized case management services to prepare youth for self-sufficiency and independent living.

Youth can be served in ROPAL for up to 2 years and can choose to exit anytime. Youth are required to meet program expectations and remain in communication with their assigned case manager weekly and make continuous progress towards self-identified goals.

Locations: Units located in Orange and Seminole county.

Who can access TH? Youth and young adults ages 18-24 who have been assessed and prioritized through Coordinated Entry (CE). With this being a two-year program, Covenant House requests that youth 23 and under be referred so that they get the opportunity to utilize the entire length of the program.). This program serves unaccompanied youth and youth families (*with a minor 5 and under*).

How: When there is an available opening, Systems-Coordination will prioritize the next youth on the list and notify the System Guide. If the prioritized youth decline the opportunity, Systems-Coordination will send out a notice of opening and take requests. The requests will then be prioritized if needed.

The System Guide will collect all documentation required and send a Record Keeping Request to Systems-Coordination through the request form. Once approved, the Systems-

Coordination team will respond with approval and directions on next steps. The Youth family would then be connected to an RRH case manager.

Points of contact Systems-Coordination Team

Systems-Coordination@hsncfl.org

- For all questions regarding Coordinated Entry,
- Prioritization,
- By Name Lists,
- Navigation, Eligibility
- and Housing Program Referrals,