

Making the Best of Your Brighter Days Services

- Employment is not required for access to services but is encouraged to achieve financial stability as Brighter Days' YHDP only provides temporary financial support.
- Partner with your Youth System Guide or Case Manager to access community resources.
- Partner with your Youth System Guide or Case Manager to access educational resources, employment and job training to meet long term stability goals.
- Your determination to be self-sufficient will aid in your success, which will make the best of your YHDP services. You are the key to your success in the program.

Eliminating barriers and creating a path to housing; one **KEY** at a time.



Brighter Days Program (YHDP) Overview



What is Brighter Days' YHDP?

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) is a community initiative to help youth and young adults (ages 18-24) experiencing homelessness get connected both to housing and the opportunities they need to change the trajectory of their lives. As a participant in the YHDP program, here is what you can expect:

- **Youth Service Providers:** A Youth System Guide or Case Manager will work with you to ensure you are connected to all the support and resources needed for successfully completing the program. They will be your guide and advocate.
- **Housing Search:** We will assist you with searching for a housing unit for you and your family.
- **Temporary Rental Assistance:** In this program, we will assist you by paying a portion of your rent for a short period when rental funds are available.
- **Diversion Supports:** One-time financial assistance to assist with eligible expenses.
- **Temporary Housing (TH)**
- **Roles & Responsibilities:** It is important to work together to solve problems so that the best services possible can be provided. It is expected during your time in navigation the assigned roles

and responsibilities will be followed by you and your System Guide.

Myth vs. Facts

Myth: YHDP is the golden ticket! You don't have to work once housed and your rent will be paid.

Fact: Although employment is not a requirement to access YHDP services, youth who enter the program must be able to afford their rent when the temporary program assistance ends.

Myth: In the YHDP Program you can expect your rent to continue to be paid in full.

Fact: You will be expected to pay a portion of your rent while in the YHDP program. During your time in the program, your portion of rent will increase.

Myth: YHDP is the end all, be all of assistance programs.

Fact: YHDP does not end poverty or the challenges that may have led to homelessness. Once youth are housed, they are in better position to be able to address their challenges.

Myth: YHDP is a long term, permanent housing solution

Fact: YHDP is a time limited (up to 2 years) supportive service that creates a steppingstone for securing and maintaining housing.

Myth: Youth can choose any size unit they want in YHDP.

Fact: A families unit selection is determined by apartment size, number of rooms, family composition, housing quality standards and fair market pricing.

Myth: You don't have to be experiencing homelessness for YHDP services.

Fact: Youth must be experiencing literal homelessness or be at imminent risk (within 14 days) to access YHDP services.

Myth: Only Unaccompanied youths can be served in the YHDP program.

Fact: Unaccompanied youths and youth families (HoH being between 18-24 years old) can be served by the YHDP program.

Myth: YHDP is the only program within the Continuum of Care (CoC) serving youth and young adults.

Fact: There are several supportive housing and community resource programs, outside of YHDP, that are available for youth and youth families (18-24 years old).