

STAR HOUSE:

SERVING RUNAWAY

AND HOMELESS

YOUTH



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YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

Each year:

- Up to two million homeless youths
- One child in eight runs away prior to age 18
- 5,000 street-living youth die each year
- An estimated 1,500 in central Ohio

Also:

- Mortality ratio is 11.67% compared to the expected mortality ratio of 0.86%
- Leading causes for death:
 - *Suicide for males*
 - *Drug overdose for females*



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Not all homeless youth are alike.



Street *vs.* Shelter- recruited
Service-connected *vs.* Not service-connected

SOME COMPARISONS (14-17)

	Drop –in Youth	Shelter Youth
Average # lifetime runs	9	3
Age of first run	13.2	13.7
Ever in foster care	30%	17%
Ever in group home	33%	18%
Ever ward of the state	26%	15%
Ever in shelter	38%	
Ever stayed on streets		7.8%
Enrolled in school	39%	49%

SOME COMPARISONS (14-24)

	Drop –in Center Recruited	Street Recruited
Sex work	7.8%	12.5%
Ever injected drugs with a needle	4.1%	27.5%
Spent some time outside	15.3%	57.5%
Longest period of time without shelter	113 days	146 days
Problem getting enough to eat	50.4%	82.2%
Problem getting clothes	53.4%	77.5%
Problem getting medical care	41.4%	60%
Problem finding a place to clean up	29.1%	66.2%

WORKING WITH STREET-LIVING YOUTH (AGES 14-24)

Outreach and service connection



**Finding
youth**



**Approaching
youth on the
streets**

WORKING WITH STREET-LIVING YOUTH (AGES 14-24)

After outreach – Drop-in center

**Unconditional
positive
regard**

**Build
trust**

**Open door/
come as you
are policy**

STAR HOUSE

Drop-in center | 1220 Corrugated Way Columbus, OH 43201

- Drop-in center for homeless youth, ages 14-24
- Open 24/7
- Serves 60-80 kids per day
- Served 805 unduplicated youth in 2015



SERVICES: STAR HOUSE

Basic needs: Food, clothing, showers, safe respite from the streets.

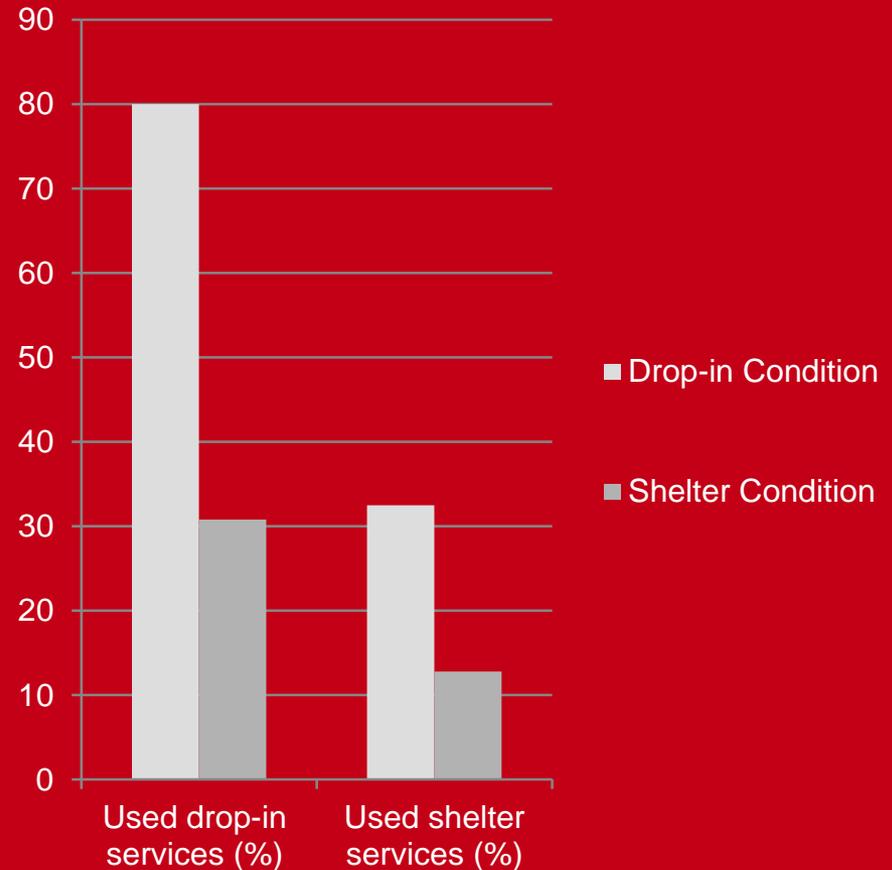
Resources: Access to educational, employment, housing, mental health and substance abuse services, benefit bank site.



Drop-in centers work

80% of youth in the drop-in linkage condition accessed the drop-in, while 12.8% youth in the shelter condition accessed a shelter.

- In fact, more youth in the drop-in condition accessed shelter services (32.5%) than youth assigned to the shelter condition (12.8%).



QUESTIONS?

Interested in getting involved?

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