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RYSE

Rehousing Youth for Success in Education

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WHY?

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Let's Say...



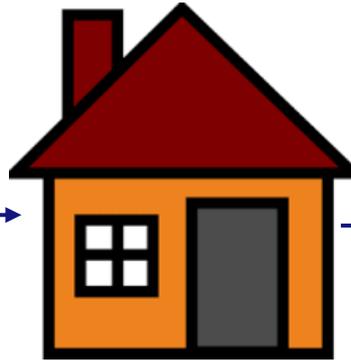
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594 RCPS
students are
homeless



RAPID HOUSING



Stable family,
brighter future

Our job...

Coordinate

Invest

Holistic support

Academics
supported

Health
needs met

Income
stabilized

What if the problem is not addressed?



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- Inconsistent attendance leads to significant gaps in skill development
- Unmet medical, dental and mental health challenges emerge
- Student's ability to be prepared for school is severely impaired by the absence of privacy and personal space
- Social and behavioral concerns commonly arise as students become wary of developing close relationships with peers and teachers

And ultimately...



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Fewer than
25%
of homeless high school
students in Virginia graduate
from high school



“No child should be homeless, we can do better than this and we will with the help of United Way.”

- Dr. Rita D. Bishop, Ed.D Superintendent,
Roanoke City Public Schools

The goals of RYSE:

Help families through affordable, stable housing



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- Helps stabilize kids and their families, ensuring students are better prepared to learn and succeed
- Holistic support goes beyond a single need, offering support for the entire family
- Solutions are customizable to target each family's unique situation
- Addresses challenges that are interrelated

WHAT? Afira DeVries



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Partners address family's unique needs



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1. Builds on close partnership with school system to address this critical need
2. Consistent and committed case management helps each family become and remain stable
3. Builds on the growth of existing programs; pools and targets resources
4. Centralized data tracking improves collaboration among service providers
5. Partnerships allows community trends to be more quickly identified
6. Continuous review process ensures efficiency and effectiveness of the program

HOW?

Local Coordinated Assessment and Entry System

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How does the system work?



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- A collaborative partnership with the Blue Ridge Continuum of Care (CoC)
- Provides a central access and referral system
- Offers a no wrong door approach to and access to services
- Facilitates navigation of the broader community service system
- There is a sharing of data

How do we know that it works?



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- Success of the Veteran's initiative
- Bi-Weekly meetings and development of partnerships and continuous communication
- By-name list (BNL) was created to identify and track systemic barriers and strategize solutions across multiple providers

Framework already in place



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- The Community Education Homeless Student Financial Assistance Prevention program
- Administered by the City of Roanoke in partnership with the Roanoke City Schools
- The program was developed to assist families in the Roanoke City Public Schools with financial resources to gain and/or maintain housing stability.

Questions?