

Who Are The Homeless?

Homeless youth are temporarily living in emergency shelters, on the streets, with relatives, or acquaintances.

Runaways are youth who have chosen to leave their home, their parents, their relatives, a foster home or an institutional placement without permission.

Unaccompanied homeless youth are children or adolescents who are homeless and not with parents or family surrogates.

Accompanied youth are those who are homeless and are accompanied by one or more guardians.

Programs of the Rumford Group Homes, Inc.

Greenleaf House

Roy House Treatment Program

Strafford Ave. Independent Living Program

Semi-Independent Living Program

Transition House

Western Maine Treatment Foster Care

Turner Family Support Center

Leeds Bridge Home

A Member of:



United Way



Maine Association of Mental Health Services

National Independent Living Association (NILA)

Maine Coalition for the Homeless

Maine Association Group Care Providers

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History and Philosophy

The Homeless Youth Outreach Program of Rumford Group Homes, Inc. was developed as part of a collaboration between Home Counselors Inc. of Rockland, Youth and Family Services of Skowhegan and New Beginnings of Lewiston. By combining the strengths, experience, and links to the community resources of these four organizations, services are provided to a nine county area.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Homeless Youth Outreach Program is to stabilize youth who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The goal is to establish trust and act as a resource linking youth with community services. The Homeless Youth Outreach Caseworker works in Bridgton and all towns in Oxford County to link youth to services.

Program Description

The Homeless Youth Outreach Program provides community support services to youth up to 21 years old who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. We work as an outreach model providing services in the least restrictive manner.

Services Provided Include:

- Resource connection for housing, food, and medical care
- Referrals for mental health counseling and support groups
- Access to personal and housing needs
- Access to education and
- Family mediation and referrals for family counseling

Youth voluntarily participate in developing their own goals and support plans. Services are designed to encourage healthy growth in making decisions within the youth's environment. Whenever possible, the youth will be helped to remain in their family environment with support through early intervention, including family reunification, alternative housing, and educational assistance.

Program quality is closely monitored and assessed on the basis of client outcomes. Youth will evaluate their level of satisfaction with and recommended changes of program and services by completing satisfaction surveys.

The caseworker is available Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm. These hours are flexible to allow the caseworker to work with youth and families.

“Children must have at least one person who believes in them. It could be a counselor, a teacher, a preacher, a friend. It could be you. You never know when a little love, a little support, will plant a small seed of hope.”

*- Marian Wright Edelman
“The Measure Of Our Success”*

