



**northwest**  
youth services



## **about us**

Since 1976 Northwest Youth Services, a non-profit organization, has been serving young people ages 13-24 experiencing or at-risk of homelessness in Whatcom and Skagit Counties.



## What We Do

Provide services such as emergency and short-term housing, basic needs and hygiene care, employment and education navigation, case management, and identity-specific care.

# our impact

**1,205**

unaccompanied young people with many engaging in multiple services. \*

**28%**

Identified as Black, Indigenous or People of Color (BIPOC), and 32% identified as LGBTQ+\*

**100%**

of young adults who completed our Rapid Rehousing Program transitioned to safe, stable housing.\*

\*2023 data (2024 under audit)

# our impact

**4,115**

Meals served from our Food Truck Program while also distributing essential supplies such as socks, tents and sleeping bags.

**401**

Youth in the last six months of 2024 received services and resource navigation at our Ground Floor drop-in center.

**115**

New youth applied for housing in 2023.

# outreach

- we meet homeless youth where they are or welcome them to our outreach spaces.
- provide basic needs and connect youth with housing and services.
- collaborate with youth to help them set and meet their goals.



# emergency housing

- short term housing for youth and young adults for up to 90 days.
- The PAD – a licensed, 24-hour care facility for up to 16 minors, ages 13-17.
- HUSLY Emergency Shelters – eight beds for young adults, ages 18-24.
- T-RAP Rental Assistance for past-due rent & utilities



# transitional & permanent housing

- Transitional – up to 18 months of independent housing for young adults.
- Permanent – help finding an affordable apartment and rental assistance
- Support from case managers to help youth meet their goals.



# behavioral health

- mental health and substance abuse support and referrals for at-risk youth.
- wraparound services for youth who suffer from mental illness.
- collaborate with all programs to enhance crisis intervention and prevention efforts



# employment & education

- help youth with their resumes, job searches, job applications and interviewing.
- connects youth with internships, through which they gain skills and references.
- connect youth with community partners (WorkSource, DVR) who provide specialized employment support.



# teen court

- restorative justice and diversion program for juvenile offenders.
- high school-aged program participants serve as judge, jury and advocates.



# queer youth project

- stigma-free events for LQTbQ+ and questioning youth.
- family reunification counseling and safe community medical referrals.
- LGBTQ Youth Safety & Resiliency training for community groups.





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**Thank You!**