**WHAT WE DO**

LifeWorks serves youth and families who want to change the direction of their lives. We offer an aligned network of services ranging from education & workforce development, counseling, and affordable housing - all focused on achieving real, sustainable, and measurable results for the clients we serve.

We are specifically dedicated to meeting the immediate, temporary and long-term needs of youth and young adults experiencing homelessness.

Through a combination of research-based practices and innovative treatment options, LifeWorks strives to ensure that the needs of each client are met with compassion coupled with a plan to move toward self-sufficiency.

LifeWorks is a fearless advocate for youth and families seeking self-sufficiency. We are committed to innovative problem solving, shared accountability and relentless focus on achieving real, sustainable and measurable results for the clients we serve.

**WHO WE SERVE  October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2017**

**HOUSING & HOMELESS SERVICES: 893 CLIENTS SERVED**

Offers a pathway from life on the streets to self-sufficiency for runaway and homeless youth, young parents, and youth who are aging out of the foster care system. LifeWorks housing continuum is the most comprehensive program in our community spanning from a nationally-recognized Street Outreach program to Permanent Supportive Housing.

**COUNSELING: 2,112 CLIENTS SERVED**

Provides support for individuals and families who are struggling with issues such as family conflict, abuse, trauma, anxiety, depression, and the stress of everyday life. LifeWorks is one of the largest providers of affordable/free mental health services in our community. Services are available in English and Spanish.

**EDUCATION & WORKFORCE: 1,470 CLIENTS SERVED**

Focused on breaking the cycle of illiteracy and poverty by helping youth develop knowledge and skills needed to navigate the social and emotional challenges of adolescence. Through these programs, youth and adults can dramatically improve their literacy levels, obtain their GED, increase their employability, and start their path to self-sufficiency.
**PREVENTING & ENDING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS**

As the city’s thought-leader in providing homeless youth services, LifeWorks uses carefully curated data to transform its services into scalable programs that result in a clients’ self-sufficiency and eventual exit from the social services system.

LifeWorks is committed to making youth homelessness **rare**, **brief** and **non-recurring** by 2020. Through a three-year, multi-agency initiative, LifeWorks will serve as the lead in developing and implementing city-wide systems and protocols to:

1. Identify youth at risk of falling into **(rare)** homelessness and divert them to housing options,
2. Provide transitional **(brief)** shelter, and
3. Scale an existing Rapid Re-housing model that provides temporary assistance, apartment location, and workforce support so youth access permanent housing and the skills/income to sustain it **(non-recurring)**

LifeWorks is proud to be a leader in this initiative along with ECHO, Caritas of Austin, SAFE Alliance, and numerous other community partners.

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**HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED**

**GROUP PROJECTS:**

Get a group together and assist with projects at several of our locations or even at your office.

- Beautification and landscaping at one of our shelters or administrative offices
- Work together as a group to create handmade inspirational cards for the youth and deliver them to the shelter. This can be done around any holiday (Valentine’s Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.).

**DIRECT SERVICE:**

LifeWorks utilizes volunteers to assist staff in numerous education and housing programs.

- Prepare and serve a meal to our youth experiencing homelessness on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., through our Street Outreach Program
- Provide a Community Meal to 20 youth on Wednesday mornings from 11:00 a.m. to noon at our Youth Resource Center
- Present to our GED/Workforce classes and help build resumes, teach interviewing skills, and/or share about your professional experience
- Tutor students enrolled in our GED/Workforce classes, Monday–Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**DONATION DRIVES:**

Work together with your co-workers, family, and friends to host a drive of needed items from our ongoing wish list of items, which include:

- Diapers - all sizes, cribs (highly needed item), socks, sleeping bags & backpacks, pop-top canned goods, and gift cards (Walmart, Target, VISA, etc.)

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