



## CT BOS YHDP-related revisions to the Connecticut CAN Policies and Procedures Manual

*Approved by CT BOS Steering Committee 4/16/21*

Pg. 33 – replace existing YHDP Crisis Transitional summary with:

### **4. YHDP Short-Term Crisis Transitional Housing:**

YHDP Short-Term Crisis Housing is a modified transitional program originally funded under the HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program, which provides low-barrier, temporary housing and support services targeted to assist youth with rapidly exiting out of the program into stable housing. Supportive services must be offered throughout the duration of the stay in short-term transitional housing. Projects may serve young adults age 18-24 at program entry, who are experiencing HUD Category 1 or 4 homelessness immediately prior to program entry. Young adults must be screened for diversion and admitted only if they are without a safe place to stay that night. YHDP Short-Term Crisis Housing must follow local CAN prioritization within funding guidelines. Applicants must be able to be safely maintained in the program, including not posing any danger to other participants.

Pg. 44 – add highlighted portion regarding YHDP crisis transitional referrals:

### **3. Referrals to Transitional Housing or Rapid Rehousing**

When issuing a referral to Transitional Housing or Rapid Re-housing when there are no vacancies, the Coordinated Access Network will assign the person/household seeking services to the priority list for TH or RRH using the prioritization criteria described above.

When a vacancy becomes available, the Coordinated Access Network will, at the next Housing Solutions Meeting Committee Meeting, based on the prioritization criteria, determine the next individual or family on the applicable priority list and refer them to the program. To ensure that vacancies are promptly filled, the CAN may, at its discretion, issue up to three referrals per vacancy. When a vacancy becomes available in an YHDP crisis transitional housing project, a referral can be made outside the Housing Solutions meeting, based on local prioritization to ensure timely matches for this immediate housing.

Pg. 47 – add crisis transitional projects to this section to clarify that these projects do not need to hold beds open for referrals for 7 nights like other transitional housing projects.

#### **H. Holding Beds/Units - Emergency Shelter and YHDP Crisis Transitional**

Once a referral is made to emergency shelter or YHDP crisis transitional project, the provider is required to hold a bed until the shelter curfew or the latest time possible given staffing limitations.

In the event an admitted client does not return for their bed, shelters may adopt their own policies to hold that bed for up to 2 additional nights.

Pg. 50 – replace existing YHDP Diversion/Rapid Exit summary with:



## **K. YHDP Diversion/Rapid Exit Fund**

The YHDP Diversion/Rapid Exit Fund is a modified rapid rehousing program originally funded under HUD's Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program that provides short-term financial assistance to young adults aged 18-24 at program entry and are experiencing HUD Category 1, 2, or 4 homelessness to assist them with avoiding entering emergency shelter or to quickly exit from emergency or transitional housing. Young adults will be served on a rolling basis based on the date their application for assistance is submitted to the fund administrator until the Fund is depleted or expires. Youth do not need a VI-SPDAT or Next Step Tool assessment score to be eligible for this program but must be screened for diversion through a CAN appointment before accessing this funding.