



Youth and Young Adult (YYA), Ages 18-24 Homeless Response Resources

WHAT IS YOUTH HOMELESSNESS?

An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. This includes if they are living in places not meant for habitation or emergency shelters, are about to lose housing within 14 days, or are fleeing domestic violence with no safe alternatives or support.

COMMON TERMINOLOGY

- **Access Points:** Locations in San Antonio and Bexar County connecting to Homelink.
- **Assessment:** Completing a Homelink enrollment to determine specific client needs.
- **Diversion:** A strategy that helps individuals who have just lost housing find a quick, alternative financial solution to avoid entering the homeless response system.
- **Drop-in Center:** A place where youth experiencing unsheltered homelessness or housing instability can obtain food and services.
- **Emergency Shelter:** A facility providing temporary housing for individuals or families experiencing homelessness.
- **Homeless Response System:** Everyone in our community who is working toward preventing and ending homelessness.
- **Homelink:** San Antonio & Bexar County's Coordinated Entry connects people experiencing or at risk of homelessness to housing and services through a unified community system.
- **Low Barrier Shelter:** A shelter with few to no requirements for entry.
- **Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP):** initiative to reduce the number of youth and young adults experiencing homelessness.

HOW TO ACCESS SERVICES



Call the Community
Connections
Hotline at
210-207-1799



Visit the YASS Center;
1919 NW Loop 410,
San Antonio, Texas
78213



Visit Haven for Hope;
1 Haven for Hope Way,
San Antonio, Texas 78212
Visit Access points or
enroll in emergency
shelter



Engage with Street
Outreach workers



YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT (YYA) RESOURCES

HOMELINK & YHDP PARTNERS

SAMM YASS Center

The Young Adult Stability and Support Center (YASS) is a drop-in center that provides a safe space for youth and young adults (YYA) ages 18-24 experiencing homelessness. YASS Center is a one-stop shop that connects YYA to shelter/housing, case management, education, employment, therapeutic services, and overall basic needs.

<https://yasscenter.org/>

* In-Person Homelink Access Point

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

SAMM Special Youth Joint TH-RRH SAMM YHDP Joint TH-RRH

Serving individuals ages 18–24 experiencing homelessness (as defined by HUD). Participants may enter either site-based transitional housing with the option to transition in place or move directly into permanent housing through rapid re-housing. The program includes intensive case management and wraparound services such as mental health care, medical support, education, job training, life skills classes, and transportation.

*Homelink Referral required, walk-ins not accepted

Thrive Youth Center

Thrive Youth Center provides emergency shelter and rapid rehousing services to LGBTQ young adults who are experiencing homelessness aged 18 to 24. They provide wraparound case management services to include education/workforce, life skills and mental health services.

For emergency shelter services, visit

<https://thriveyouthcenter.org> or call 210.212.2935

*Homelink Referral required, walk-ins not accepted

Endeavors - Youth Resiliency Project (YRP)

The program provides one-on-one case management to youth and young adults ages 18 to 24 to find permanent housing, mental health counseling, parenting education, employment assistance, educational services, life skills training, mentorship, childcare, and assistance with basic needs.

<https://endeavors.org/housing-assistance-homelessness-prevention/>

Email: txhousing@endeavors.org

*Homelink Referral required, walk-ins not accepted

Bexar County Fostering Educational Success Housing First & H.E.A.R.T. (Housing, Empowerment, And Relationship Transitions)

Provide rapid re-housing and supportive services for young adults, ages 18-24, with lived experience of foster care and homelessness. Participants receive rental assistance and individualized support to promote housing stability, healthy relationships, and pathways to postsecondary education.

*Homelink Referral required, walk-ins not accepted

A Homelink enrollment or assessment is initiated by walking into or calling an Access Point during designated hours. For more information about access points, visit closetohomesa.org/find-resources/

ADDITIONAL PARTNERS

Community Connections Hotline

Has a Youth Case Manager that assists Youth and Young adults aged 18-24 facing homelessness or at risk. They provide housing stability plans, budgeting guidance, employment support, ID recovery, and connect to resources. Depending on funding, monetary aid for rent, utilities, and transportation may be available.

*Homelink Access Point

Call-In Assessment

210-207-1799

Haven for Hope – Youth and Young Adult Programming

Haven for Hope offers shelter with beds, meals, clothing, hygiene items, storage, laundry, medication storage, and gender-neutral facilities. Assists with employment and education, financial planning, housing, ID recovery, connection to behavioral health support, and offers partner services like medical, eye, dental care, psychiatric services, and counseling.

*In-Person Homelink Access Point

Emergency Shelter

1 Haven for Hope Way, San Antonio, TX 78207

The Spot - Chrysalis Ministries

The Spot at Chrysalis Ministries is a youth resource and support program for Opportunity Youth ages 16–24, offering individualized services such as case management, education and GED support, job readiness, life skills, peer support, and connections to basic needs and mental health resources.

Youth can access support, referrals, and resource navigation during program hours. The program focuses on those who are justice-involved, housing insecure, or disconnected from school or work, with an emphasis on stability, re-engagement, and long-term success.

509 San Pedro Ave., San Antonio, TX 78212

Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

210-299-4540

<https://www.chrysmmin.org/>

Youth Action Board (YAB)

YAB is a youth-led board composed of youth with lived experience in homelessness. The YAB focuses on providing feedback through the youth lived expertise lens to inform local Homeless Response System policy decisions, initiatives, and local Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) priorities. The YAB is critical in ensuring that local service delivery is strategically coordinated to meet youth and young adult needs.

Scan the QR code to fill out an interest form if you are interested in joining. For questions, email data_performance@closetohomesa.org

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicants must be 18 – 24 years old

