



## RESPONSE- ABILITY- PREGNANT AND PARENTING PROGRAM PROMISING PRACTICES

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## RAPPP PROGRAM

- Interim housing program for runaway, lock-out or homeless mothers age 14-18 yrs. old and their children in Chicago
- Community case management for precariously housed pregnant and parenting mothers 13-18 yrs. old and their families
- Goals:
  - Increase housing safety and stability for the family
  - Increase time between subsequent pregnancy

Funded by: The Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs, The Family and Youth Services Bureau: Runaway and Homeless Youth & Private Foundations

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## PROGRAM COMPONENTS

- Low Threshold
- Length of Stay
- Addresses Basic Needs, Stabilization and Reintegration
- Service Rich Environment
- Active Referral Network
- Continuum of Care

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## IMPLEMENTATION

- Housing Stability
- Self-Sufficiency
- Financial Stability
- Successful and Engaged Parenting and Attachment
- Healthy Relationships



(Desidero, G. Max J. Bricks, Mortar, and Community: *The Foundations of Supportive Housing for Pregnant and Parenting Teens The Core Components of Supportive Housing, Healthy Teen Network and Child Trends*)

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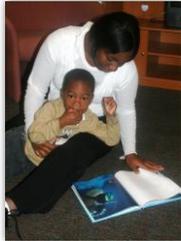
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## IMPLEMENTATION HOUSING

- Home-Like Setting
- Family Reunification
- Prepare for Longer Term Housing
- Partnerships with Other Homeless Youth Providers



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## IMPLEMENTATION SELF-SUFFICIENCY

- Life Skills Curriculum
- Emphasis on Health and Education
- Weekly and Daily Schedule
- Partnerships with Medical Providers



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## IMPLEMENTATION FINANCIAL STABILITY

- Managing Income
- Incentives
- Obtaining and Maintaining Identification
- Employment Skills Training



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## IMPLEMENTATION PARENTING

- Support – Support – Challenge
- Parenting Curriculum
- Collaborations with Child Care Programs



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## IMPLEMENTATION HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

- Daily Interactions
- Groups
- Identify Formal and Informal Support Systems
- Continuum of Care



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## CHALLENGES

- Youth with Mental Health Issues
- Lack of Long Term Housing
- Secure Supportive Child Care
- Balance Employment and Education
- Transient Nature of Participants

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## OUTCOMES

### AS A RESULT OF RAPPP SERVICES:

- 85% of minor youth were reunified with family and/or family agreed housing
- Subsequent pregnancy rate of 11.8%
  
- 81% had set educational goals & of this group
- 63% had achieved their educational goals
- 45% of the infants/toddlers in the program had current immunization records
- 80% of the pregnant youth were current with their prenatal care

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## PARTICIPANTS TRANSITIONED TO

- Family Agreed Upon Placement = 58%
- Homeless Youth Housing Programs= 10%
- Child Welfare System = 3%
- Other = 18%
- Unknown = 11%

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