

YOUTH IMPROVEMENT SERVICES



2021 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

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Youth Improvement Services has been changing lives for 3 years! We are grateful for everyone who joined us along the journey. We spent 2021 strengthening our relationships in the communities that we serve. This was accomplished through active participation in change efforts led by the HUD Continuum of Care in Central Mississippi and in Tampa Bay.

YIS operates virtually. We connect our clients to youth-friendly service providers offering in-person services for healthcare, workforce development and other needs related to the social determinants of health. We look forward to continuing to expand our services to meet emerging needs. Thank you for your continued support!

2021 IMPACT SUMMARY

Temporary Housing & Full Services - 17 young adults

**Homelessness Diversion and Financial Assistance Only -
12 young adults**

**74% of clients resolved their housing instability
and homelessness in 30 days or less.**

FINANCIALS & IMPACT

2021 Revenue
\$55,550.15



236

Bed Nights of Safe and Stable
Housing Provided at a Hotel or Motel



\$21,152

Direct Cash Assistance to Youth for
Basic Needs to Support Preventing
and Overcoming Homelessness

Average Investment to Improve the Life of 18- to 24 Year-Old Clients = \$1,980.94

Homelessness continues to be a difficult problem to solve. We work hard to empower and assist the young people who knock on our virtual doors.

We prioritize flexible support to our clients through direct cash transfers.

Young adults are trusted to use the cash and electronic gift cards to meet their basic needs as they take steps to improve their situation, while we provide non-intrusive case management and optional supports.

Our mission is to empower youth to develop the skills, resources and resilience needed to live independently.

STORIES FROM THE FIELD

Our housing justice work has the greatest impact on minority youth who have been disproportionately impacted by stigma, disparities and inequality. Helping youth to thrive is important because youth are the future of our community.

Description of Need During Intake

I'm unemployed, it's been hard to find employment because of the pandemic, and because I don't have employment, I also cannot find housing.

– Braedn

I am struggling with hygiene and barely getting any sleep while worrying about my safety sleeping in the car. – Elena

Testimonial After Exit

I just signed a lease. Thanks for your help.

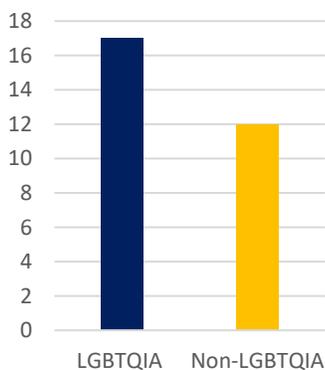
– Braedn

Thanks to YIS, I was able to finally sleep comfortably and take showers every day until I got into permanent housing.

– Elena

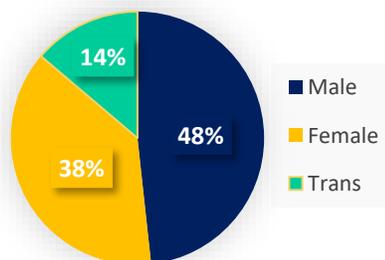
WHO WE SERVED IN 2021

Gender & Sexual Orientation

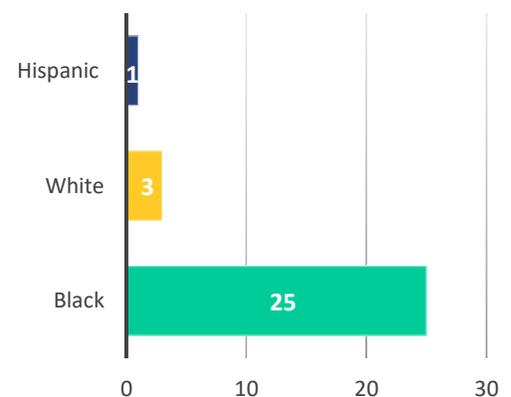


Trans and Non-Binary = 4

Gender Identity



Race & Ethnicity



We envision communities where youth homelessness is brief, rare, and non-recurring.

THANK YOU TO DONORS, SPONSORS, PARTNERS

Charitable donations from individuals, foundations and corporations were investments in the lives of young adults experiencing housing instability. We sincerely appreciate each gift as it allowed us to make a meaningful difference.

There was much effort to expand our capacity in 2021. This meant needing more unrestricted funds to support hiring of staff and other administrative expenses. The need continues as the demand for our services grows.

Partnerships with workforce development agencies such as The Refill Jackson Initiative and healthcare providers including the Ybor Youth Clinic, allowed us to significantly improve the lives of youth. We appreciate our partners and look forward to creating more linkages to benefit young adults and the community.

Would you consider making a charitable donation to change the life of a young adult who is experiencing homelessness?

Please donate through our website at www.youthimprovement.org.

SOME OF OUR 2021 SPONSORS AND DONORS



DONATE TODAY

Our work involves addressing housing instability, while collaborating with community partners to address the social determinants of health and well-being of low-income youth. We truly appreciate your support!