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Mission Statement: To provide a safe, supportive environment where at-risk and homeless youth may have their immediate needs met as well as have positive opportunities to reconnect with their community.

Last year, about 800 youth visited HOME; about 20% were recently homeless. Nearly 10,000 meals were served.

Community Support:

HOME is a program of Community Action Agency and our funding comes from a variety of sources including government and foundation grants, events as well as individual donors. HOME receives thousands of dollars' worth of in-kind and volunteer support. Join us!

Services include but are not limited to:

Eligibility:	Youth ages 11 through 17 years, 18 if still working towards GED or HS
Day-Shelter:	Open daily from 12:00-7pm lunch, snacks, dinner, showers, clothing, toiletries, laundry, phone, caring adults
Assistance:	Job hunting, help with family & friends, tutoring, life skills
Referrals:	Health, shelters, mental health, abuse
Activities:	Games, crafts, computers, sports, community service
Employment:	Entry-level job experience
Peer groups:	Youth-lead and adult facilitated peer groups provide a safe place to discuss a variety of topics as well as have positive social interactions and opportunities to get involved in the community.
Runaway	Reaching out to, connecting with and providing services for runway
& Homeless Youth Program:	and homeless youth.
Youth Empowerment Program:	Skill building, financial literacy and job preparedness program in partnership with local community organizations.

Our continuum of care...



working together to build stronger youth!

"HOME helped get my life back together. Made me open up my eyes" - HOME youth

HOME Youth & Resource Center does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, age or disability.

Youth Empowerment Program (YEP):

YEP is a skill-based and financial education program connecting local at-risk youth to their community. There are four major programmatic elements and increasing levels of responsibility within the internships giving youth a solid skill set that can be transferred into the workforce. With successful completion of the program youth will have work experience, personal finance skills, and demonstrated technical and soft skills along with a positive outlook on their future. Depending on the internship youth may receive a stipend, wage and or school credit in addition to certifications.

1. <u>Internship Positions</u>

 Offered in a variety of career fields, youth work alongside professionals in the community experiencing firsthand what it takes to get the job done.

2. Financial Literacy

 For those internships providing a stipend or a wage youth receive a Maps credit union account(s) and financial education.

3. Workshops & Field Trips

Youth have the opportunity to gain the tools required to be successful in the workplace as well
as to advertise their new skills to employers. Connections to local business, colleges and
universities are made as youth explore their community.

4. Aftercare: Planning for Success

• After completing their internship youth make a plan for their future and take the next step to success!

Please contact our Youth Empowerment & Volunteer Coordinator for more information: # 503.391.6428

Runaway and Homeless Youth Program (RHY):

The Runaway and Homeless Youth Program connects youth and their families to resources that meet their immediate needs. We also assist by providing mediation and counseling resources for family reunification. Our goal is safe exits from the streets.

We provide services by utilizing the following tools:

- <u>Law enforcement and run reports</u> work with local police department by receiving runaway reports and contacting family members, school district and community partners to facilitate a safe and healthy outcome for the youth.
- <u>School district referrals</u> work with Salem/Keizer school district and local education partners to keep youth in school or engaged in alternate educational options.
- <u>Street outreach</u> a key role of RHY is to seek out, connect with and build relationships with homeless youth, in hopes that youth access HOME day shelter services and case management.
- <u>Case management</u> continuing to connect and build relationships with youth on an individual basis, creating a plan to build a safe and healthy future.

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