REPORT CARD FY2021

YOUTH SERVICES OF TULSA

It’s in the name. We serve Tulsa’s homeless and at-risk youth. Why? Because we believe that the youth we’re investing in today are going to be the adults of tomorrow. By providing them with a support network, we set youth on a path to independence.

YST is the only Tulsa-area non-profit exclusively serving adolescents and young people, ages 12-24.

Why do we do this? Because they need us.

OUR MISSION
To value and accept all youth, supporting and challenging them to embrace their potential.

OUR VISION
Empowered youth who grow and achieve.

OUR VALUES
INCLUSIVE: Celebrate diversity and honor the unique strengths, needs and relationships of all people.

COMPASSIONATE: Foster a safe and welcoming environment built upon trust, respect, kindness and honest communication.

DEDICATION: Fearlessly support and empower people to find hope, opportunities and solutions for a promising future.

COLLABORATIVE: Learn, grow and thrive through partnerships, innovation and a creative approach to teaching this much needed medically accurate information to continue the trend of reducing teen pregnancy rates in Tulsa County.

YOUTH-DRIVEN: Partner with youth and rely on their voice and insight to guide our work.

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ENTRING A SECOND YEAR OF COVID-19

Adapt and overcome! That’s been our mantra for FY21 at Youth Services of Tulsa. As we navigated the ever-changing conditions of the COVID pandemic while maintaining client and staff safety, YST spent the last year adapting our services to meet the needs of youth and their families.

In pivoting to virtual with some of our services, we learned that while many of our youth benefited from this approach, others lacked access to technology and/or needed that face-to-face interaction. Moving forward we plan to incorporate both approaches.

We learned our homeless youth were at greatest risk for contracting and spreading the virus, so we worked with community partners to facilitate vaccination opportunities and increased housing options.

We encountered challenges in delivering our evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention curriculum with closed school campuses and remote learning, so we developed a virtual approach to teaching this much needed medically accurate information to continue the trend of reducing teen pregnancy rates in Tulsa County.

These are just a couple of examples of how YST adapted to overcome the challenges of the past year.

Thanks to staff, Board, donors, and community stakeholders for your continued support. Working together, YST will remain on the front line serving Tulsa-area youth.

David C. Grews, LCSW - Executive Director

YST reaches thousands of youth and their families every year. This would not be possible without the support of the Tulsa-area community and our generous donors. Thank you for all you do!
Everyone makes mistakes, including youth. It’s a part of growing up and these mistakes shouldn’t ruin a bright future. Partnering with parents, juvenile justice, and service providers allows YST to help give youth the second chance they deserve.

A little preemptive education goes a long way, and we offer it through a number of services. By utilizing our Youth Development Programs, young people have an outlet for their self-expression and a path to success.

Our Runaway and Homeless services lift youth out of crisis, meet their needs, then set them on a path to safety, stability, and independence.

Everyday, our counselors listen to youth and help them see solutions to problems that they couldn’t see on their own.

The First Offender Program helped me feel like I can move on in my life.

“Sometimes, you just need a little help. YST counseling assists youth and their families through the twists and turns of adolescence and helps smooth the transition into adulthood. Counseling plays a role in nearly all YST programs.”

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