



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES  
Administration on Children, Youth and Families  
1250 Maryland Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20024

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Re: Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Programs: State Background Check and Licensing Requirements

Dear RHY Colleagues:

I want to thank each of you for all your work on behalf of the young people we serve through the Runaway and Homeless Youth programs of Basic Center, Transitional Living, and Street Outreach. Every day you work helps to promote the safety of the most vulnerable young people.

As you know the Runaway and Homeless Youth legislation focuses on the shelter and support services that are needed by runaways and homeless youth. The goal of the legislation is promote young people to become productive members of society with a safe and stable living environment. The Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) is working with the training and technical assistance providers to ensure all grantees have all the necessary tools and training available to them to continually improve services to the young people that are receiving services.

I would like to remind all RHY grantees that FYSB expects all grantees to be in compliance with their state and local requirements pertaining to background checks and/or criminal history checks of the staff employed along with shelter licensing requirements. FYSB staff will ask for proof of compliance with such requirements during monitoring visits.

For more information regarding your State or local requirements, please contact your state licensing agency or your Regional Training/Technical Assistance Provider for technical assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry Wilson".

Harry Wilson  
Associate Commissioner  
Family and Youth Services Bureau