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Subpart A—Definition of Terms

§ 1351.1 Significant terms.

For the purposes of this part:

(a) *Aftercare services* means the provision of services to runaway or other-

wise homeless youth and their families, following the youth's return home or placement in alternative living arrangements which assist in alleviating the problems that contributed to his or her running away or being homeless.

(b) *Area* means a specific neighborhood or section of the locality in which the runaway and homeless youth project is or will be located.

(c) *Coordinated networks of agencies* means an association of two or more private agencies, whose purpose is to develop or strengthen services to runaway or otherwise homeless youth and their families.

(d) *Counseling services* means the provision of guidance, support and advice to runaway or otherwise homeless youth and their families designed to alleviate the problems which contributed to the youth's running away or being homeless, resolve intrafamily problems, to reunite such youth with their families, whenever appropriate, and to help them decide upon a future course of action.

(e) *Demonstrably frequented by or reachable* means located in an area in which runaway or otherwise homeless youth congregate or an area accessible to such youth by public transportation or by the provision of transportation by the runaway and homeless youth project itself.

(f) *Homeless youth* means a person under 18 years of age who is in need of services and without a place of shelter where he or she receives supervision and care.

(g) *Juvenile justice system* means agencies such as, but not limited to juvenile courts, law enforcement, probation, parole, correctional institutions, training schools, and detention facilities.

(h) *Law enforcement structure* means any police activity or agency with legal responsibility for enforcing a criminal code including, police departments and sheriffs offices.

(i) *A locality* is a unit of general government—for example, a city, county, township, town, parish, village, or a

combination of such units. Federally recognized Indian tribes are eligible to apply for grants as local units of government.

(j) *Runaway and homeless youth project* means a locally controlled human service program facility outside the law enforcement structure and the juvenile justice system providing temporary shelter, either directly or through other facilities, counseling and aftercare services to runaway or otherwise homeless youth.

(k) *Runaway youth* means a person under 18 years of age who absents himself or herself from home or place of legal residence without the permission of his or her family.

(l) *Short-term training* means the provision of local, State, or regionally based instruction to runaway or otherwise homeless youth service providers in skill areas that will directly strengthen service delivery.

(m) *A State* includes any State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and any territory or possession of the United States.

(n) *Technical assistance* means the provision of expertise or support for the purpose of strengthening the capabilities of grantee organizations to deliver services.

(o) *Temporary shelter* means the provision of short-term (maximum of 15 days) room and board and core crisis intervention services, on a 24-hour basis, by a runaway and homeless youth project.

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Subpart B—Runaway and Homeless Youth Program Grant

§ 1351.10 What is the purpose of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Program grant?

The purpose of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Program grant is to establish or strengthen existing or proposed community-based runaway and homeless youth projects to provide temporary shelter and care to runaway or otherwise homeless youth who are in need of temporary shelter, coun-

seling and aftercare services. The Department is concerned about the increasing numbers of youth who leave, and stay away from, their homes without permission of their families. There is also national concern about runaway and homeless youth who have no resources, who live on the street, and who represent law enforcement problems in the communities to which they run. The problems of runaway or otherwise homeless youth should not be the responsibility of already overburdened police departments and juvenile justice authorities. Rather, Congress intends that the responsibility for locating, assisting, and returning such youth should be placed with low-cost, community-based human service programs.

§ 1351.11 Who is eligible to apply for a Runaway and Homeless Youth Program grant?

States localities, private entities, and coordinated networks of such entities are eligible to apply for a Runaway and Homeless Youth Program grant unless they are part of the law enforcement structure or the juvenile justice system.

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§ 1351.12 Who gets priority for the award of a Runaway and Homeless Youth Program grant?

In making Runaway and Homeless Youth Program grants, HHS gives priority to those private agencies which have had past experience in dealing with runaway or otherwise homeless youth. HHS also gives priority to applicants whose total grant requests for services to runaway or otherwise homeless youth are less than \$100,000 and whose project budgets, considering all funding sources, are smaller than \$150,000. Past experience means that a major activity of the agency has been the provision of temporary shelter, counseling, and referral services to runaway or otherwise homeless youth and their families, either directly or through linkages established with other community agencies.