

1                                   **The Runaway and Homeless Youth Act**  
2                                   **(Title III of the**  
3                                   **Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974),**  
4                                   **as Amended by the**  
5                                   **Runaway, Homeless, and Missing Children Protection Act (P.L. 108-96)**  
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11                                   SHORT TITLE

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14   SEC. 301. This title may be cited as the “Runaway and Homeless Youth Act”. (42 U.S.C. 5701  
15   note)

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17                                   FINDINGS

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19   SEC. 302. The Congress finds that—

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21       (1) youth who have become homeless or who leave and remain away from home  
22       without parental permission, are at risk of developing, and have a disproportionate  
23       share of, serious health, behavioral, and emotional problems because they lack  
24       sufficient resources to obtain care and may live on the street for extended periods

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1 thereby endangering themselves and creating a substantial law enforcement problem  
2 for communities in which they congregate;  
3 (2) many such young people, because of their age and situation, are urgently in need of  
4 temporary shelter and services, including services that are linguistically appropriate and  
5 acknowledge the environment of youth seeking these services;  
6 (3) in view of the interstate nature of the problem, it is the responsibility of the Federal  
7 Government to develop an accurate national reporting system to report the problem,  
8 and to assist in the development of an effective system of care (including preventive  
9 and aftercare services, emergency shelter services, extended residential shelter, and  
10 street outreach services) outside the welfare system and the law enforcement system;  
11 (4) to make a successful transition to adulthood, runaway youth, homeless youth, and  
12 other street youth need opportunities to complete high school or earn a general  
13 equivalency degree, learn job skills, and obtain employment; and  
14 (5) improved coordination and collaboration between the Federal programs that serve  
15 runaway and homeless youth are necessary for the development of a long-term strategy  
16 for responding to the needs of this population.

## 17 18 RULES

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20 SEC. 303. The Secretary of Health and Human Services (hereinafter in this title referred to as  
21 the "Secretary") may issue such rules as the Secretary considers necessary or appropriate to  
22 carry out the purposes of this title.

23 (42 U.S.C. 5702)  
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### 25 PART A-BASIC CENTER GRANT PROGRAM

26  
27 SEC. 311. AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS FOR CENTERS AND SERVICES.

28 (a) GRANTS FOR CENTERS AND SERVICES.—

29 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make grants to public and nonprofit private  
30 entities (and combinations of such entities) to establish and operate (including

1 renovation) local centers to provide services for runaway and homeless youth and for  
2 the families of such youth.

3 (2) SERVICES PROVIDED.—Services provided under paragraph (1)—

4 (A) shall be provided as an alternative to involving runaway and homeless youth  
5 in the law enforcement, child welfare, mental health, and juvenile justice systems;

6 (B) shall include—

7 (i) safe and appropriate shelter; and

8 (ii) individual, family, and group counseling, as appropriate; and

9 (C) may include—

10 (i) street-based services;

11 (ii) home-based services for families with youth at risk of separation from  
12 the family;

13 (iii) drug abuse education and prevention services; and

14 (iv) at the request of runaway and homeless youth, testing for sexually  
15 transmitted diseases.

16 (b)(1) Subject to paragraph (2) and in accordance with regulations promulgated under  
17 this title, funds for grants under subsection (a) shall be allotted annually with respect to  
18 the States on the basis of their relative population of individuals who are less than 18  
19 years of age.

20 (2) The amount allotted under paragraph (1) with respect to each State for a fiscal year  
21 shall be not less than \$100,000, except that the amount allotted to the Virgin Islands of  
22 the United States, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern  
23 Mariana Islands shall be not less than \$45,000 each.

24 (3) In selecting among applicants for grants under subsection (a), the Secretary shall  
25 give priority to private entities that have experience in providing the services described  
26 in such subsection.

27 (42 U.S.C. 5711)

28  
29 ELIGIBILITY

1 SEC. 312. (a) To be eligible for assistance under section 311(a), an applicant shall propose to  
2 establish, strengthen, or fund an existing or proposed runaway and homeless youth center, a  
3 locally controlled project (including a host family home) that provides temporary shelter, and  
4 counseling services to youth who have left home without permission of their parents or  
5 guardians or to other homeless youth.

6 (b) In order to qualify for assistance under section 311(a), an applicant shall submit a  
7 plan to the Secretary including assurances that the applicant—

8 (1) shall operate a runaway and homeless youth center located in an area which  
9 is demonstrably frequented by or easily reachable by runaway and homeless  
10 youth;

11 (2) shall use such assistance to establish, to strengthen, or to fund a runaway  
12 and homeless youth center, or a locally controlled facility providing temporary  
13 shelter, that has—

14 (A) a maximum capacity of not more than 20 youth, except where the  
15 applicant assures that the State where the center or locally controlled  
16 facility is located has a State or local law or regulation that requires a  
17 higher maximum to comply with licensure requirements for child and youth  
18 serving facilities; and

19 (B) a ratio of staff to youth that is sufficient to ensure adequate supervision  
20 and treatment;

21 (3) shall develop adequate plans for contacting the parents or other relatives of  
22 the youth and ensuring the safe return of the youth according to the best  
23 interests of the youth, for contacting local government officials pursuant to  
24 informal arrangements established with such officials by the runaway and  
25 homeless youth center, and for providing for other appropriate alternative living  
26 arrangements;

27 (4) shall develop an adequate plan for ensuring—

28 (A) proper relations with law enforcement personnel, health and mental  
29 health care personnel, social service personnel, school system personnel,  
30 and welfare personnel;

1 (B) coordination with McKinney-Vento school district liaisons, designated  
2 under section 722(g)(1)(J)(ii) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance  
3 Act (42 U.S.C. 11432(g)(1)(J)(ii)), to assure that runaway and homeless  
4 youth are provided information about the educational services available to  
5 such youth under subtitle B of title VII of that Act; and  
6 (C) the return of runaway and homeless youth from correctional  
7 institutions;

8 (5) shall develop an adequate plan for providing counseling and aftercare  
9 services to such youth, for encouraging the involvement of their parents or legal  
10 guardians in counseling, and for ensuring, as possible, that aftercare services will  
11 be provided to those youth who are returned beyond the State in which the  
12 runaway and homeless youth center is located;

13 (6) shall develop an adequate plan for establishing or coordinating with outreach  
14 programs designed to attract persons (including, where applicable, persons who  
15 are members of a cultural minority and persons with limited ability to speak  
16 English) who are eligible to receive services for which a grant under subsection  
17 (a) may be expended;

18 (7) shall keep adequate statistical records profiling the youth and family members  
19 whom it serves (including youth who are not referred to out-of-home shelter  
20 services), except that records maintained on individual runaway and homeless  
21 youth shall not be disclosed without the consent of the individual youth and  
22 parent or legal guardian to anyone other than another agency compiling  
23 statistical records or a government agency involved in the disposition of criminal  
24 charges against an individual runaway and homeless youth, and reports or other  
25 documents based on such statistical records shall not disclose the identity of  
26 individual runaway and homeless youth;

27 (8) shall submit annual reports to the Secretary detailing how the center has  
28 been able to meet the goals of its plans and reporting the statistical summaries  
29 required by paragraph (7);

30 (9) shall demonstrate its ability to operate under accounting procedures and  
31 fiscal control devices as required by the Secretary;

1 (10) shall submit a budget estimate with respect to the plan submitted by such  
2 center under this subsection;

3 (11) shall supply such other information as the Secretary reasonably deems  
4 necessary; and

5 (12) shall submit to the Secretary an annual report that includes, with respect to  
6 the year for which the report is submitted—

7 (A) information regarding the activities carried out under this part;

8 (B) the achievements of the project under this part carried out by the  
9 applicant; and

10 (C) statistical summaries describing—

11 (i) the number and the characteristics of the runaway and homeless  
12 youth, and youth at risk of family separation, who participate in the  
13 project; and

14 (ii) the services provided to such youth by the project.

15 (c) APPLICANTS PROVIDING STREET-BASED SERVICES.—To be eligible to use  
16 assistance under section 311(a)(2)(C)(i) to provide street-based services, the applicant  
17 shall include in the plan required by subsection (b) assurances that in providing such  
18 services the applicant will—

19 (1) provide qualified supervision of staff, including on-street supervision by  
20 appropriately trained staff;

21 (2) provide backup personnel for on-street staff;

22 (3) provide initial and periodic training of staff who provide such services; and

23 (4) conduct outreach activities for runaway and homeless youth, and street  
24 youth.

25 (d) APPLICANTS PROVIDING HOME-BASED SERVICES.—To be eligible to use  
26 assistance under section 311(a) to provide home-based services described in section  
27 311(a)(2)(C)(ii), an applicant shall include in the plan required by subsection (b)  
28 assurances that in providing such services the applicant will—

29 (1) provide counseling and information to youth and the families (including  
30 unrelated individuals in the family households) of such youth, including services  
31 relating to basic life skills, interpersonal skill building, educational advancement,

1 job attainment skills, mental and physical health care, parenting skills, financial  
2 planning, and referral to sources of other needed services;

3 (2) provide directly, or through an arrangement made by the applicant, 24-hour  
4 service to respond to family crises (including immediate access to temporary  
5 shelter for runaway and homeless youth, and youth at risk of separation from the  
6 family);

7 (3) establish, in partnership with the families of runaway and homeless youth,  
8 and youth at risk of separation from the family, objectives and measures of  
9 success to be achieved as a result of receiving home-based services;

10 (4) provide initial and periodic training of staff who provide home-based services;

11 and

12 (5) ensure that—

13 (A) caseloads will remain sufficiently low to allow for intensive (5 to 20  
14 hours per week) involvement with each family receiving such services;

15 and

16 (B) staff providing such services will receive qualified supervision.

17 (e) APPLICANTS PROVIDING DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION AND PREVENTION  
18 SERVICES.—To be eligible to use assistance under section 311(a)(2)(C)(iii) to provide  
19 drug abuse education and prevention services, an applicant shall include in the plan  
20 required by subsection (b)—

21 (1) a description of—

22 (A) the types of such services that the applicant proposes to provide;

23 (B) the objectives of such services; and

24 (C) the types of information and training to be provided to individuals  
25 providing such services to runaway and homeless youth; and

26 (2) an assurance that in providing such services the applicant shall conduct  
27 outreach activities for runaway and homeless youth.

28 (42 U.S.C. 5712)

29  
30 **SEC. 313. APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS**

1 (a) IN GENERAL.—An application by a public or private entity for a grant under section  
2 311(a) may be approved by the Secretary after taking into consideration, with respect to  
3 the State in which such entity proposes to provide services under this part—

4 (1) the geographical distribution in such State of the proposed services under this  
5 part for which all grant applicants request approval; and

6 (2) which areas of such State have the greatest need for such services.

7 (b) PRIORITY.—In selecting applications for grants under section 311(a), the Secretary  
8 shall give priority to—

9 (1) eligible applicants who have demonstrated experience in providing services to  
10 runaway and homeless youth; and

11 (2) eligible applicants that request grants of less than \$200,000.

12 (42 U.S.C. 5713)

#### 14 GRANTS TO PRIVATE ENTITIES; STAFFING

15  
16 SEC. 314. Nothing in this title shall be construed to deny grants to private entities which are  
17 fully controlled by private boards or persons but which in other respects meet the requirements  
18 of this title and agree to be legally responsible for the operation of the runaway and homeless  
19 youth center and the programs, projects, and activities they carry out under this title. Nothing in  
20 this title shall give the Federal Government control over the staffing and personnel decisions of  
21 facilities receiving Federal funds under this title.

22 (42 U.S.C. 5714)

#### 24 PART B—TRANSITIONAL LIVING GRANT PROGRAM

##### 26 AUTHORITY FOR PROGRAM

27  
28 SEC. 321. The Secretary is authorized to make grants and to provide technical assistance to  
29 public and nonprofit private entities to establish and operate transitional living youth projects  
30 for homeless youth.

31 (42 U.S.C. 5714-1)



1  
2 ELIGIBILITY  
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4 SEC. 322. (a) To be eligible for assistance under this part, an applicant shall propose to  
5 establish, strengthen, or fund a transitional living youth project for homeless youth and shall  
6 submit to the Secretary a plan in which such applicant agrees, as part of such project—

7 (1) to provide, directly or indirectly, shelter (such as group homes, including  
8 maternity group homes, host family homes, and supervised apartments) and  
9 services (including information and counseling services in basic life skills which  
10 shall include money management, budgeting, consumer education, and use of  
11 credit, parenting skills (as appropriate), interpersonal skill building, educational  
12 advancement, job attainment skills, and mental and physical health care) to  
13 homeless youth;

14 (2) to provide such shelter and such services to individual homeless youth  
15 throughout a continuous period not to exceed 540 days, except that a youth in a  
16 program under this part who is under the age of 18 years on the last day of the  
17 540-day period may, if otherwise qualified for the program, remain in the program  
18 until the earlier of the youth's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday or the 180<sup>th</sup> day after the end of the  
19 540-day period;

20 (3) to provide, directly or indirectly, on-site supervision at each shelter facility that  
21 is not a family home;

22 (4) that such shelter facility used to carry out such project shall have the capacity  
23 to accommodate not more than 20 individuals (excluding staff);

24 (5) to provide a number of staff sufficient to ensure that all homeless youth  
25 participating in such project receive adequate supervision and services;

26 (6) to provide a written transitional living plan to each youth based on an  
27 assessment of such youth's needs, designed to help the transition from  
28 supervised participation in such project to independent living or another  
29 appropriate living arrangement;

30 (7) to develop an adequate plan to ensure proper referral of homeless youth to  
31 social service, law enforcement, educational (including post-secondary

1 education), vocational, training (including services and programs for youth  
2 available under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998), welfare (including  
3 programs under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation  
4 Act of 1996), legal service, and health care programs and to help integrate and  
5 coordinate such services for youths;

6 (8) to provide for the establishment of outreach programs designed to attract  
7 individuals who are eligible to participate in the project;

8 (9) to submit to the Secretary an annual report that includes information  
9 regarding the activities carried out with funds under this part, the achievements of  
10 the project under this part carried out by the applicant and statistical summaries  
11 describing the number and the characteristics of the homeless youth who  
12 participate in such project, and the services provided to such youth by such  
13 project, in the year for which the report is submitted;

14 (10) to implement such accounting procedures and fiscal control devices as the  
15 Secretary may require;

16 (11) to submit to the Secretary an annual budget that estimates the itemized  
17 costs to be incurred in the year for which the applicant requests a grant under  
18 this part;

19 (12) to keep adequate statistical records profiling homeless youth which it serves  
20 and not to disclose the identity of individual homeless youth in reports or other  
21 documents based on such statistical records;

22 (13) not to disclose records maintained on individual homeless youth without the  
23 informed consent of the individual youth to anyone other than an agency  
24 compiling statistical records;

25 (14) to provide to the Secretary such other information as the Secretary may  
26 reasonably require; and

27 (15) to coordinate services with McKinney-Vento school district liaison,  
28 designated under section 722(g)(1)(J)(ii) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless  
29 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11432 (g)(1)(J)(ii)), to assure that runaway and  
30 homeless youth are provided information about the educational services  
31 available to such youth under subtitle B of title VII of that Act.

1 (b) In selecting eligible applicants to receive grants under this part, the Secretary shall  
2 give priority to entities that have experience in providing to homeless youth shelter and  
3 services of the types described in subsection (a)(1).

4 (c) Definition- In this part, the term 'maternity group home' means a community-based,  
5 adult-supervised transitional living arrangement that provides pregnant or parenting  
6 youth and their children with a supportive and supervised living arrangement in which  
7 such pregnant or parenting youth are required to learn parenting skills, including child  
8 development, family budgeting, health and nutrition, and other skills to promote their  
9 long-term economic independence in order to ensure the well-being of their children.

10 (42 U.S.C. 5714-2)

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12 PART C-NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

13  
14 AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS

15  
16 SEC. 331. The Secretary shall make grants for a national communication system to assist  
17 runaway and homeless youth in communicating with their families and with service providers.  
18 The Secretary shall give priority to grant applicants that have experience in providing  
19 telephone services to runaway and homeless youth.

20 (42 U.S.C. 5714-11)

21  
22 PART D—COORDINATING, TRAINING, RESEARCH, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

23  
24 **SEC. 341. COORDINATION.**

25 With respect to matters relating to the health, education, employment, and housing of runaway  
26 and homeless youth, the Secretary—

27 (1) in conjunction with the Attorney General, shall coordinate the activities of agencies  
28 of the Department of Health and Human Services with activities under any other Federal  
29 juvenile crime control, prevention, and juvenile offender accountability program and with  
30 the activities of other Federal entities;

1 (2) shall coordinate the activities of agencies of the Department of Health and Human  
2 Services with the activities of other Federal entities and with the activities of entities that  
3 are eligible to receive grants under this title ; and

4 (3) shall consult, as appropriate, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to  
5 ensure coordination of programs and services for homeless youth.

6 (42 U.S.C. 5714-21)

7  
8 GRANTS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING  
9

10 SEC. 342. The Secretary may make grants to statewide and regional nonprofit organizations  
11 (and combinations of such organizations) to provide technical assistance and training to public  
12 and private entities (and combinations of such entities) that are eligible to receive grants under  
13 this title, for the purpose of carrying out the programs, projects, or activities for which such  
14 grants are made.

15 (42 U.S.C. 5714-22)

16  
17 AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS FOR RESEARCH, EVALUATION, DEMONSTRATION,  
18 AND SERVICE PROJECTS  
19

20 SEC. 343. (a) The Secretary may make grants to States, localities, and private entities (and  
21 combinations of such entities) to carry out research, evaluation, demonstration, and service  
22 projects regarding activities under this title designed to increase knowledge concerning, and to  
23 improve services for, runaway youth and homeless youth.

24 (b) In selecting among applications for grants under subsection (a), the Secretary shall  
25 give special consideration to proposed projects relating to—

26 (1) youth who repeatedly leave and remain away from their homes;

27 (2) transportation of runaway youth and homeless youth in connection with  
28 services authorized to be provided under this title;

29 (3) the special needs of runaway youth and homeless youth programs in rural  
30 areas;

1 (4) the special needs of programs that place runaway youth and homeless youth  
2 in host family homes;

3 (5) staff training in—

4 (A) the behavioral and emotional effects of sexual abuse and assault;

5 (B) responding to youth who are showing effects of sexual abuse and  
6 assault; and

7 (C) agency-wide strategies for working with runaway and homeless youth  
8 who have been sexually victimized;

9 (6) innovative methods of developing resources that enhance the establishment  
10 or operation of runaway and homeless youth centers;

11 (7) training for runaway youth and homeless youth, and staff training, related to  
12 preventing and obtaining treatment for infection by the human immunodeficiency  
13 virus (HIV);

14 (8) increasing access to health care (including mental health care) for runaway  
15 youth and homeless youth; and

16 (9) increasing access to education for runaway youth and homeless youth.

17 (c) In selecting among applicants for grants under subsection (a), the Secretary shall  
18 give priority to applicants who have experience working with runaway youth or  
19 homeless youth.

20 (42 U.S.C. 5714-23)

21  
22 **DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO YOUTH IN RURAL AREAS**

23  
24 **SEC. 344. (a)(1)** The Secretary may make grants on a competitive basis to States, localities,  
25 and private entities (and combinations of such entities) to provide services (including  
26 transportation) authorized to be provided under part A, to runaway and homeless youth in rural  
27 areas.

28 (2)(A) Each grant made under paragraph (1) may not exceed \$100,000.

29 (B) In each fiscal year for which funds are appropriated to carry out this section, grants  
30 shall be made under paragraph (1) to eligible applicants to carry out projects in not  
31 fewer than 10 States.

1 (C) Not more than 2 grants may be made under paragraph (1) in each fiscal year to  
2 carry out projects in a particular State.

3 (3) Each eligible applicant that receives a grant for a fiscal year to carry out a project  
4 under this section shall have priority to receive a grant for the subsequent fiscal year to  
5 carry out a project under this section.

6 (b) To be eligible to receive a grant under subsection (a), an applicant shall—

7 (1) submit to the Secretary an application in such form and containing such  
8 information and assurances as the Secretary may require by rule; and

9 (2) propose to carry out such project in a geographical area that—

10 (A) has a population under 20,000;

11 (B) is located outside a Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area; and

12 (C) agree to provide to the Secretary an annual report identifying—

13 (i) the number of runaway and homeless youth who receive  
14 services under the project carried out by the applicant;

15 (ii) the types of services authorized under part A that were needed  
16 by, but not provided to, such youth in the geographical area served  
17 by the project;

18 (iii) the reasons the services identified under clause (ii) were not  
19 provided by the project; and

20 (iv) such other information as the Secretary may require.

21 (42 U.S.C. 5714-24)

## 24 **PART E—SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM**

### 26 **SEC. 351. AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.**

27 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make grants to nonprofit private agencies for  
28 the purpose of providing street-based services to runaway and homeless, and street  
29 youth, who have been subjected to, or are at risk of being subjected to, sexual abuse,  
30 prostitution, or sexual exploitation.

1 (b) PRIORITY.—In selecting applicants to receive grants under subsection (a), the  
2 Secretary shall give priority to nonprofit private agencies that have experience in  
3 providing services to runaway and homeless, and street youth.

4 (42 U.S.C. 5714-41)

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6 PART F—GENERAL PROVISIONS

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8 ASSISTANCE TO POTENTIAL GRANTEEES

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10 SEC. 380. The Secretary shall provide informational assistance to potential grantees interested  
11 in establishing runaway and homeless youth centers and transitional living youth projects.

12 (42 U.S.C. 5714a)

13  
14 LEASE OF SURPLUS FEDERAL FACILITIES FOR USE AS RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS  
15 YOUTH CENTERS OR AS TRANSITIONAL LIVING YOUTH SHELTER FACILITIES

16  
17 SEC. 381. (a) The Secretary may enter into cooperative lease arrangements with States,  
18 localities, and nonprofit private agencies to provide for the use of appropriate surplus Federal  
19 facilities transferred by the General Services Administration to the Department of Health and  
20 Human Services for use as runaway and homeless youth centers or as transitional living youth  
21 shelter facilities if the Secretary determines that—

22 (1) the applicant involved has suitable financial support necessary to operate a  
23 runaway and homeless youth center or transitional living youth project, as the  
24 case may be, under this title;

25 (2) the applicant is able to demonstrate the program expertise required to  
26 operate such center in compliance with this title, whether or not the applicant is  
27 receiving a grant under this part; and

28 (3) the applicant has consulted with and obtained the approval of the chief  
29 executive officer of the unit of general local government in which the facility is  
30 located.

1 (b)(1) Each facility made available under this section shall be made available for a  
2 period of not less than 2 years, and no rent or fee shall be charged to the applicant in  
3 connection with use of such facility.

4 (2) Any structural modifications or additions to facilities made available under this  
5 section shall become the property of the United States. All such modifications or  
6 additions may be made only after receiving the prior written consent of the  
7 Secretary or other appropriate officer of the Department of Health and Human  
8 Services.

9 (42 U.S.C. 5714b)

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11 **SEC. 382. REPORTS.**

12  
13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than April 1, 2000, and biennially thereafter, the Secretary shall  
14 submit, to the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House of Representatives  
15 and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate, a report on the status, activities, and  
16 accomplishments of entities that receive grants under parts A, B, C, D, and E, with particular  
17 attention to—

18 (1) in the case of centers funded under part A, the ability or effectiveness of such  
19 centers in—

20 (A) alleviating the problems of runaway and homeless youth;

21 (B) if applicable or appropriate, reuniting such youth with their families and  
22 encouraging the resolution of intrafamily problems through counseling and other  
23 services;

24 (C) strengthening family relationships and encouraging stable living conditions for  
25 such youth; and

26 (D) assisting such youth to decide upon a future course of action; and

27 (2) in the case of projects funded under part B—

28 (A) the number and characteristics of homeless youth served by such projects;

29 (B) the types of activities carried out by such projects;

30 (C) the effectiveness of such projects in alleviating the problems of homeless  
31 youth;



1 (D) the effectiveness of such projects in preparing homeless youth for self-  
2 sufficiency;

3 (E) the effectiveness of such projects in assisting homeless youth to decide upon  
4 future education, employment, and independent living;

5 (F) the ability of such projects to encourage the resolution of intrafamily problems  
6 through counseling and development of self-sufficient living skills; and

7 (G) activities and programs planned by such projects for the following fiscal year.

8 (b) CONTENTS OF REPORTS.—The Secretary shall include in each report submitted under  
9 subsection (a), summaries of—

10 (1) the evaluations performed by the Secretary under section 386; and

11 (2) descriptions of the qualifications of, and training provided to, individuals involved in  
12 carrying out such evaluations.

13 (42 U.S.C. 5715)

#### 14 15 FEDERAL SHARE

16 Sec. 383. (a) The Federal share for the renovation of existing structures, the provision of  
17 counseling services, staff training, and the general costs of operations of such facility's budget  
18 for any fiscal year shall be 90 per centum. The non-Federal share may be in cash or in kind,  
19 fairly evaluated by the Secretary including plant, equipment, or services.

20 (b) Payments under this section may be made in installments, in advance, or by way of  
21 reimbursement, with necessary adjustments on account of overpayments or  
22 underpayments.

23 (42 U.S.C. 5716)

#### 24 25 RECORDS

26  
27 SEC. 384. Records containing the identity of individual youth pursuant to this Act may under no  
28 circumstances be disclosed or transferred to any individual or to any public or private agency.

29 (42 U.S.C. 5731)

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1 **SEC. 385. CONSOLIDATED REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS.**

2 With respect to funds available to carry out parts A, B, C, D, and E, nothing in this title  
3 shall be construed to prohibit the Secretary from—

4 (1) announcing, in a single announcement, the availability of funds for grants  
5 under 2 or more of such parts; and

6 (2) reviewing applications for grants under 2 or more of such parts in a single,  
7 consolidated application review process.  
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9 **SEC. 386. EVALUATION AND INFORMATION.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—If a grantee receives grants for 3 consecutive fiscal years under part  
11 A, B, C, D, or E (in the alternative), then the Secretary shall evaluate such grantee on-  
12 site, not less frequently than once in the period of such 3 consecutive fiscal years, for  
13 purposes of—

14 (1) determining whether such grants are being used for the purposes for which  
15 such grants are made by the Secretary;

16 (2) collecting additional information for the report required by section 384<sup>2</sup>; and

17 (3) providing such information and assistance to such grantee as will enable such  
18 grantee to improve the operation of the centers, projects, and activities for which  
19 such grants are made.

20 (b) COOPERATION.—Recipients of grants under this title shall cooperate with the  
21 Secretary's efforts to carry out evaluations, and to collect information, under this title.  
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23 **SEC. 387. DEFINITIONS.**

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25 In this title:

26 (1) DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION AND PREVENTION SERVICES.—The term  
27 "drug abuse education and prevention services"—

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<sup>2</sup> \*Note: It appears that the mention of section 384 under (a)(2) is a mistake. Later in the new legislation when the numbers are redesignated, Section 384 is Records. There is no report required in the Records section. The proper reference is to section 382.

1 (A) means services to runaway and homeless youth to prevent or reduce  
2 the illicit use of drugs by such youth; and

3 (B) may include—

4 (i) individual, family, group, and peer counseling;

5 (ii) drop-in services;

6 (iii) assistance to runaway and homeless youth in rural areas  
7 (including the development of community support groups);

8 (iv) information and training relating to the illicit use of drugs by  
9 runaway and homeless youth, to individuals involved in providing  
10 services to such youth; and

11 (v) activities to improve the availability of local drug abuse  
12 prevention services to runaway and homeless youth.

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14 (2) HOME-BASED SERVICES.—The term "home-based services"—

15 (A) means services provided to youth and their families for the purpose  
16 of—

17 (i) preventing such youth from running away, or otherwise  
18 becoming separated, from their families; and

19 (ii) assisting runaway youth to return to their families; and

20 (B) includes services that are provided in the residences of families (to the  
21 extent practicable), including—

22 (i) intensive individual and family counseling; and

23 (ii) training relating to life skills and parenting.

24 (3) HOMELESS YOUTH.—The term "homeless youth" means an individual—

25 (A) who is—

26 (i) not more than 21 years of age, or, in the case of a youth seeking  
27 shelter in a center under part A, not more than 18 years of age; and

28 (ii) for the purposes of part B, not less than 16 years of age;

29 (B) for whom it is not possible to live in a safe environment with a relative;  
30 and

31 (C) who has no other safe alternative living arrangement.

1 (4) STREET-BASED SERVICES.—The term "street-based services"—

2 (A) means services provided to runaway and homeless youth, and street  
3 youth, in areas where they congregate, designed to assist such youth in  
4 making healthy personal choices regarding where they live and how they  
5 behave; and

6 (B) may include—

7 (i) identification of and outreach to runaway and homeless youth,  
8 and street youth;

9 (ii) crisis intervention and counseling;

10 (iii) information and referral for housing;

11 (iv) information and referral for transitional living and health care  
12 services;

13 (v) advocacy, education, and prevention services related to—

14 (I) alcohol and drug abuse;

15 (II) sexual exploitation;

16 (III) sexually transmitted diseases, including human  
17 immunodeficiency virus (HIV); and

18 (IV) physical and sexual assault.

19 (5) STREET YOUTH.—The term "street youth" means an individual who—

20 (A) is—

21 (i) a runaway youth; or

22 (ii) indefinitely or intermittently a homeless youth; and

23 (B) spends a significant amount of time on the street or in other areas that  
24 increase the risk to such youth for sexual abuse, sexual exploitation,  
25 prostitution, or drug abuse.

26 (6) TRANSITIONAL LIVING YOUTH PROJECT.—The term "transitional living  
27 youth project" means a project that provides shelter and services designed to  
28 promote a transition to self-sufficient living and to prevent long-term dependency  
29 on social services.

30 (7) YOUTH AT RISK OF SEPARATION FROM THE FAMILY.—The term "youth  
31 at risk of separation from the family" means an individual—

1 (A) who is less than 18 years of age; and

2 (B) (i) who has a history of running away from the family of such  
3 individual;

4 (ii) whose parent, guardian, or custodian is not willing to provide for the  
5 basic needs of such individual; or

6 (iii) who is at risk of entering the child welfare system or juvenile justice  
7 system as a result of the lack of services available to the family to meet  
8 such needs.

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10 **SEC. 388. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

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12 (a) IN GENERAL.—

13 (1) AUTHORIZATION.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this  
14 title (other than part E) \$105,000,000 for fiscal year 2004, and such sums as may  
15 be necessary for fiscal years 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008.

16 (2) ALLOCATION.—

17 (A) PARTS A AND B.—From the amount appropriated under paragraph  
18 (1) for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall reserve not less than 90 percent to  
19 carry out parts A and B.

20 (B) PART B.—Of the amount reserved under subparagraph (A), 45  
21 percent and, in those fiscal years in which continuation grant obligations  
22 and the quality and number of applicants for parts A and B warrant not  
23 more than 55 percent, shall be reserved to carry out part B.

24 (3) PARTS C AND D.—In each fiscal year, after reserving the amounts required  
25 by paragraph (2), the Secretary shall use the remaining amount (if any) to carry  
26 out parts C and D.

27 (4) PART E.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out part E such  
28 sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008.

29 (b) SEPARATE IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED.—No funds appropriated to carry out this  
30 title may be combined with funds appropriated under any other Act if the purpose of  
31 combining such funds is to make a single discretionary grant, or a single discretionary

1 payment, unless such funds are separately identified in all grants and contracts and are  
2 used for the purposes specified in this title.

3 (42 U.S.C. 5751)

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5 **SEC. 389. RESTRICTION ON USE OF FUNDS**

6 (a) IN GENERAL-None of the funds contained in this title may be used for any program  
7 of distributing sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of any illegal  
8 drug.

9 (b) SEPARATE ACCOUNTING- Any individual or entity who receives any funds  
10 contained in this title and who carries out any program described in subsection (a)  
11 shall account for all funds used for such program separately from any funds  
12 contained in this title.  
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1 APPENDIX

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3 The following amendments were included in the “Runaway, Homeless Youth and Missing  
4 Children’s Assistance Act “ (P.L. 108-96), which reauthorized the” Runaway and Homeless  
5 Youth Act”.

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7 SEC. 118. REPORT ON PROMISING STRATEGIES TO END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

8 Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health  
9 and Human Services, in consultation with the United States Interagency Council on  
10 Homelessness, shall submit to the Congress a report on promising strategies to end youth  
11 homelessness.

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13 SEC. 119. STUDY OF HOUSING SERVICES AND STRATEGIES

14 The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall conduct a study of programs funded  
15 under part B of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 W.S.C. 5714-1 et seq.) to report on  
16 long-term housing outcomes for youth after exiting the program. The study of any such  
17 program should provide information on housing services available to youth upon exiting the  
18 program, including assistance in locating and retaining permanent housing and referrals to  
19 other residential programs. In addition, the study should identify housing models and  
20 placement strategies that prevent future episodes of homelessness.