RHYTTAC assists organizations in developing and implementing effective approaches to serve young people experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

RHYTTAC gathers information on the changing needs and demands of grantees to guide the development of future tools, resources, and trainings.

The annual National Needs Assessment (NNA) survey provides FYSB RHY grantees an opportunity to share their training and technical assistance (TTA) needs. RHYTTAC and FYSB will use the results of the survey to identify priorities for RHYTTAC trainings, webinars, and TTA for the following year, as well as inform the agenda for the annual RHY National Grantee Training and Regional Training events.

The NNA contained both quantitative and qualitative survey items to assess TTA needs. The results of the NNA inform RHYTTAC about the type, format, frequency, and topics for TTA in the upcoming fiscal year and lay the groundwork for incorporating continuous quality improvement in RHYTTAC’s services.

Survey Sections:

- Background/Organizational Characteristics
- TTA for Monitoring Visits
- RHYTTAC Utilization/Experiences
- TTA for : Operations and Leadership, Improvement within FYSB RHY Program’s 4 Core Outcome Areas, Outcomes Measurement, Cross-system Collaborations, Responding to Public Health and Community Emergencies
- Screening and Assessment Use and Training Needs
- Evidence-Based/Informed Practices and Programs

Who Completed the Survey:

- Over 3/4 of responding grantees operate a FYSB-funded Basic Center Program (BCP)*
  - 48% Translational Living Programs
  - 39% Street Outreach Programs
  - 22% Maternity Group Homes
  - 52% Basic Center Programs
  - 76% Operate more than one FYSB-funded program
  - 59% of grantees who operate FYSB-funded RHY programs responded to the NNA
- Survey responses represent:
  - All ten FYSB regions. Distribution of responses mirrors the distribution of RHY grantees across the ten regions.
  - Most (69%) include perspectives from both executive leadership and direct program staff.
  - Represent programs of all sizes in nearly equal proportions.

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**WHAT DID THE SURVEY FIND?**

**NEARLY ALL GRANTEES (90%) NEED TTA ON MEASURING AT LEAST ONE OF FYSB RHY PROGRAM’S 4 CORE OUTCOMES AREAS.**

In each outcome area, grantees identified the TTA topics that most would help their organization improve young people’s outcomes. The majority also reported needing TTA on measuring outcomes in each core outcome area (%).

- **Safe and Stable Housing (69%)**
  - Aftercare services
  - Family strengthening
  - Crisis intervention techniques

- **Education (73%)**
  - Education and career pathways
  - Assessing educational connections
  - Workforce collaborations

- **Social and Emotional Well-being (80%)**
  - Harm reduction
  - Trauma
  - Coping strategies

**Most grantees think it is important for their organization to receive TTA on assessments that screen for trauma/Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES), mental health, and human trafficking.**

Nearly all grantees (90%) reported that their organization uses two or more assessment and screening tools.

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**WHAT DID THE SURVEY FIND?**

**Top TTA Topics to Support Leadership and Operations Needs:**
1. Staff Retention, Training, Development
2. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
3. Outcomes Measurement
4. Equity in Youth Engagement
5. Staff Mental Health and Well-being

**Most common EBPs implemented:**

1. Motivational interviewing
2. Trauma-informed care
3. Cognitive behavioral therapy

69% of grantees indicated that they need TTA to support their implementation of EBPs.

**Cross-system collaboration practices and TTA needs:**

The most common systems grantees reported routinely partnering with are:

- Behavioral health systems
- Education systems/school
- Child Welfare

Grantees reported TTA on cross-system partnerships to:

- FYSB RHY’s Youth’s Mental Health (56%)
- FYSB RHY’s Youth’s Housing Needs (53%)
- Prevent Youth Homelessness (50%)

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**Permanent Connections (65%)**

- Case management for youth
- Facilitating social networks
- Family strengthening

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