

Foster Youth to Independence Initiative (FYI)

Helping vulnerable youth find stable and safe housing



Please join us for a webinar to learn more about FYI

Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020

Time: 11 a.m. to noon

Registration: Register [here](#) by May 26, a separate email with instructions to join the webinar will be sent prior to the event.

Purpose and objectives: Announced in July, 2019, HUD's [Foster Youth to Independence \(FYI\) Initiative](#) offers housing vouchers to local public housing authorities to prevent or end homelessness among young adults under the age of 25 who are, or have recently left, the foster care system without a home to go to. This webinar offers an overview of the FYI Initiative, its key requirements and partnerships, and includes the experience of youth who are stably housed and pursuing their education and employment goals.

The webinar will help you to:

- Learn about the FYI Initiative – purpose, participant eligibility and key features and partnerships;
- Hear from youth who are thriving with the support of a housing voucher;
- Learn from current FYI partnerships/program models in New England;
- Identify technical assistance and key contacts from HUD and other partners; and,
- Understand your next steps to aid foster youth who are in need of housing stability

Audience:

- HUD Public Housing Authorities that do not have a Family Unification Program
- HUD Youth Homeless Demonstration Program grantees and HUD Continuum of Care grantees
- State and local Child Welfare agencies
- ACF/Runaway and Homeless Youth Providers; McKinney Vento School Liaisons

Agenda

- 11 a.m.** David Tille, HUD New England Regional Administrator - Welcome
- 11:02 a.m.** Christopher Patterson, Regional Administrator, HUD Region 9, National Lead for FYI and former foster youth
- 11:05 a.m.** Madison Lemay, formerly homeless youth assisted through HUD's Family Unification Program; NH Youth Action Bd
- 11:10 a.m.** Marilyn O'Sullivan, Acting Regional Public Housing Director for Northeast Network: Overview of HUD's FYI program
- 11:20 a.m.** Panel discussion on FYI, panel moderator, Kadyja Harris, New Hampshire Youth Action Board
- Denise Pratt – Director of Housing and Services, Keene Housing Authority, New Hampshire, HUD FYI grantee
- Mandy Lancaster – Runaway and Homeless Youth Program, Waypoint, New Hampshire
- Robert Rodler – Adolescent Program Administrator, New Hampshire Division for Children Youth and Families
- 11:50 a.m.** Questions & Answers
- Noon** David Tille, Closing Remarks

