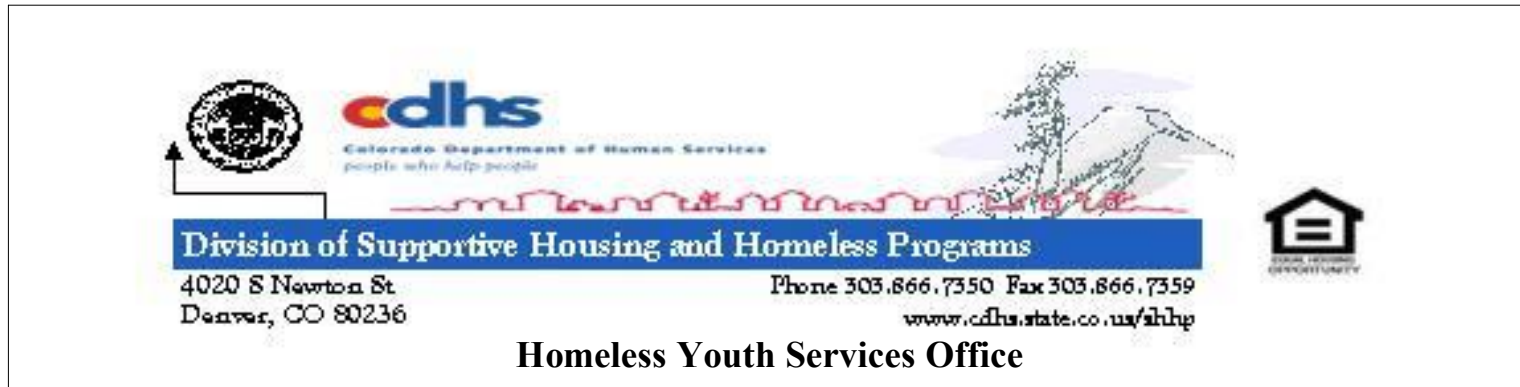


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# COLORADO HOMELESS YOUTH ACTION PLAN

January 2007-December 2011

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Strategy 1.1 Enhance transferable life skills and other supportive services provided to youth in systems of care and other at-risk youth in order to assist them in gaining the developmental assets needed for transition to adulthood	Action 1.1.1 Identify current practices in systems of care in areas such as life skills/developmental assets, as well as financial/asset management	Prevention Workgroup	Prevention Workgroup	Greater awareness of current services available and populations served allowing for better program planning	List completed, reviewed by ACHY  List placed on the Homeless Youth website	October 2007  November 2007
	Action 1.1.2 Conduct a gaps analysis of life skills available across the state.	Prevention Workgroup	Prevention Workgroup, Planning Workgroup	Life skill categories needing increased availability are identified  Locations across the state needing additional life skills identified	Gap analysis completed	January 2008
	Action 1.1.3 Develop best practice guide containing developmental and financial asset building models that can be replicated at local agencies or in local communities statewide.	Prevention Workgroup	Prevention Workgroup	Model is replicated statewide and youth have access to asset building activities	Guide complete and posted on Homeless Youth website	May 2009

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	<p>Action 1.1.4 Expand the availability of youth transition related programs statewide to reach all key regions of the state and to include a broad range of services and life skill development activities.</p>	Andy Johnson	Prevention Workgroup	<p>At risk youth have access to necessary life skills and transition services</p> <p>Identified gaps in services are addressed with new or expanded life skills and transition services</p>	<p>Assist current programs providing transition services in utilizing best practice models to address needs</p> <p>Facilitate building collaborative partnerships to provide youth with transition and life skills in underserved regions of the state</p>	<p>June 2009</p> <p>February 2010</p>
	<p>Action 1.1.5 Improve accessibility of developmentally appropriate mental health and substance abuse services to youth at risk of homelessness</p>	Prevention Workgroup, Supportive Services Workgroup	Prevention Workgroup, Supportive Services Workgroup	Reduction of youth homelessness as youth have access to necessary supportive services	(see strategy 3.3)	(see strategy 3.3)

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Strategy 1.2 Ensure that youth have access to ID and Vital Documents upon exit from systems of care	Action 1.2.1 Develop a workgroup to discuss the easier acquisition of ID and vital documents for youth who are homeless (cosponsored by ACHY and Bridging the Gap).	Andy Johnson, Kippi Clausen	ACHY Documents Workgroup and BTG Partnership Forum	Current policies and practices for all systems for acquisition and retention of IDs and vital documents are identified.  Barriers and opportunities identified	Initial list reviewed by the Prevention workgroup.	January 2007
	Action 1.2.2 Research national ID and vital document acquisition and retention models as well as current state processes and practices.	Andy Johnson, Kippi Clausen	ACHY Documents Workgroup and BTG Partnership Forum	National models identified  Colorado policies and processes identified	Initial list reviewed by the Prevention workgroup.	April 2007
	Action 1.2.3 Develop a coordinated plan to ensure youth have access to IDs and vital documents upon exit from systems of care	Andy Johnson, Kippi Clausen	ACHY Documents Workgroup and BTG Partnership Forum, CDHS-DCW & DYC	All youth will exit systems of care in Colorado with access to IDs and vital documents	Plan developed and agreed to by the Prevention Workgroup  Draft policy recommendations to be adopted by systems of care.	August 2007

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	Action 1.2.4 Develop a coordinated plan to ensure that youth who exited systems of care have a means to store their vital documents and records during transition to adulthood	Andy Johnson, Kippi Clausen	ACHY Documents Workgroup and BTG Partnership Forum	All youth who exit systems of care in Colorado will have access to a means of vital documents storage/retention	Agreement from stakeholders to move forward.  Plan developed and agreed to by the Prevention Workgroup  Plan elements begin to be implemented.	October 2007  January 2008  July 2008
	Action 1.2.5 Develop a curriculum model to ensure that youth in systems of care develop life skills in the area of ID and vital document acquisition process, uses, retention, and care.	Andy Johnson, Kippi Clausen	ACHY Documents Workgroup and BTG Partnership Forum	All youth in systems of care in Colorado will receive life skill training regarding ID and vital document acquisition, retention, uses, and care before exit.	A replicable curriculum model regarding ID and vital documents is developed and available to local communities	August 2007
Strategy 1.3 Improve the availability, accessibility and effectiveness of programs providing life long connections, support systems, mentoring, life coaching to youth at-risk of homelessness.	Action 1.3.1 Identify current programs offering these activities to youth and areas needing these services statewide	Prevention Workgroup	Prevention Workgroup	A list of age appropriate recommendations for improving access to these services for youth at risk of homelessness statewide	A comprehensive list of current programs offering these services is developed  A gap analysis is conducted statewide	September 2007  September 2007

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	Action 1.3.2 Develop best practice model that can be replicated at local agencies or in local communities statewide.	Prevention Workgroup	Prevention Workgroup	Model is replicated statewide and youth have access to supportive individuals	A comprehensive list of best practices that can be used by service organizations across the state for program planning	March 2008
	Action 1.3.3 Develop shared system of training volunteer mentors for youth	Prevention Workgroup	Prevention Workgroup	Mentors are trained in a consistent manner statewide and agency overhead to run mentor programs is reduced	Statewide training protocol developed and agency agreements in place	December 2008
Strategy 1.4 Strengthen Families and provide community based support and intervention	Action 1.4.1 Expansion of the Family Assistance Center Model	Andy Johnson	ICH Committee on Homeless Families w/ Children and Unaccompanied Youth, Prevention Workgroup	Family Assistance model which includes elements to reduce risk factors for youth and helps to stabilize and support families	Model is developed and includes specified elements	January 2008
					Communities to implement model are identified	April 2008
	Action 1.4.2 Expand Respite program model for parents and youth who need a time out/break	Prevention Workgroup	Prevention Workgroup	Reduced incidents of child abuse as well as throwaway/runaway youth	Model is expanded	December 2009
					Potential Partners and funding are identified	March 2010

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	Action 1.4.3 Expand and extend aftercare and follow up services for youth returning home from respite and sheltering programs	Prevention Workgroup	Prevention Workgroup	Reduced incidents of repeat respite service needs  Successful transitions back into home	Aftercare service funding identified  Agencies providing extended aftercare services in key regions across the state	December 2009  September 2010
	Action 1.4.4 Conduct a marketing and outreach campaign to raise awareness of prevention and family intervention resources across the state	Prevention Workgroup	Prevention Workgroup	Reduced incidents of child abuse as well as throwaway/runaway youth	PSAs developed and aired  Partnership agreements with 211 call centers and other information outlets	October 2010  August 2010
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Strategy 2.1 Identify necessary continuum of housing options for youth and Conduct Environmental Scan of existing housing opportunities for youth	Action 2.1.1 Review and update current Bridging the Gap (BTG) Housing Environmental Scan and include statewide information to increase understanding of current housing resources and needs	Kippi Clausen	BTG Self Eval Team, Andy Johnson, ACHY Housing Workgroup	Identification of gaps in housing continuum  Identification of gaps in resources for specialized populations	Housing Environmental Scan updated.	June 2007
	Action 2.1.2 Create environmental scan of existing funding streams, statute and code as it relates to youth ages 16 – 23 and housing	Kippi Clausen	BTG Self Eval Team	Identification of challenges and opportunities with in current system	Environmental Scan of funding, statute and codes complete.	June 2007
	Action 2.1.3 Create a chart outlining the ideal continuum of housing for homeless youth ages 15-24 statewide	Andy Johnson	Housing Workgroup	Identification of all existing and needed housing resources to assist in identifying gaps	Continuum of housing chart complete.	May 2007
	Action 2.1.4 Prioritize housing list from 10/06 list based on needs and gaps to guide Strategy 2	Kippi Clausen	BTG Self Eval Team, ACHY Housing Workgroup	A housing needs list that will be based on the gaps analysis done by the ACHY.	Housing list prioritized and reviewed by ACHY	July 2007



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Strategy 2.2 Establish data driven best practice youth housing plan	Action 2.2.1 Conduct literature and research review of local and national best practice models for housing homeless and formerly homeless youth	Kendall Rames	Housing Workgroup, Andy Johnson, Kippi Clausen	Youth Housing Models will be identified that could be replicated to fill identified gaps  Underserved and special populations such as behavioral health, physical, and developmental disabilities, GLBT, juvenile sexual offenders and other offenders and foster youth, will be specifically targeted with appropriate housing options	Research and Literature review complete.	July 2007
	Action 2.2.2 Develop housing plan and strategic financing plan for ACHY endorsement and recommendation	Kendall Rames	Housing Workgroup	Youth housing best practice models will be incorporated into a plan which addresses identified gaps and outlines resources necessary to implement	Housing and financing plan complete	October 2007

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	Action 2.2.3 Present recommended plan to CDHS management	Andy Johnson	Andy Johnson	CDHS management will consider housing and financing plan for recommendation to proposed funders	Housing plan delivered to CDHS management	November 2007
Strategy 2.3 Increase/develop statewide resources and implement plan to manage new and existing resources to support approved housing plan recommendation	Action 2.3.1 Identify barriers and challenges for housing partners and develop strategies to address	Kippi Clausen	Housing Workgroup	A coordinated plan will be implemented to increase housing opportunities for youth who are homeless  Action oriented strategy to address existing challenges/barriers (note 2.1.2)	New partnerships for the development of housing for youth who are homeless.	December 2007
	Action 2.3.2 Identify existing partners and their capacity to increase support for recommended housing plan	Kippi Clausen	Housing Workgroup	Housing partners will be identified that can provide increased support in order to allow plan implementation	Increase assets and resources within the community for youth and partners	February 2008
	Action 2.3.3 Identify new partners in faith based, community/neighborhood associations, and property management, and business partners	Kippi Clausen	Housing Workgroup	Housing partners will be identified that can provide new support in order to allow plan implementation	New partners will participate in the development of housing for youth who are homeless	August 2008

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	Action 2.3.4 Implement Plan	Kippi Clausen, Andy Johnson	Housing Workgroup	Implement action of the housing plan	Housing plan is implemented creating additional housing opportunities for youth and filling the identified gaps	December 2008
Strategy 2.4 Establish a best practice model for sheltering homeless youth in parts of Colorado without youth shelter beds available	Action 2.4.1 Conduct literature and research review of local and national host home programs and other best practice models	Andy Johnson, Kippi Clausen	Housing Workgroup	Youth Host Home and other Sheltering Models will be identified that could be replicated to fill identified gaps	Research and Literature review complete.	September 2007
	Action 2.4.2 Develop an alternative shelter plan for underserved portions of Colorado utilizing best practice models for ACHY endorsement and recommendation	Andy Johnson	Housing Workgroup	Youth Sheltering best practice models will be incorporated into a plan which addresses identified gaps and outlines resources necessary to implement	Shelter plan complete	January 2008
	Action 2.4.3 Identify current interested parties as well as new partners in faith based, community/neighborhood associations, education, and business arenas	Andy Johnson	Housing Workgroup	Organizations will be identified that can provide increased support in order to allow plan implementation	Interested parties across the state identified	April 2008

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	Action 2.4.4 Present recommended plan to CDHS management	Andy Johnson	Andy Johnson	CDHS management will consider sheltering and financing plan for recommendation to proposed funders	Shelter plan delivered to CDHS management	April 2008
	Action 2.4.5 Plan Implementation	Andy Johnson, Kippi Clausen	Housing Workgroup	Implement the actions of the sheltering plan creating additional shelter opportunities for youth and filling the identified gaps	Shelter plan is implemented	June 2008
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Strategy 3.1 Improve information and referral process for consumers and providers which specifically identifies resources designed to serve homeless and at-risk youth	Action 3.1.1 Identify resource guides and websites currently in existence providing resource information appropriate for homeless youth	Andy Johnson	Supportive Services Workgroup	Any similar projects will be identified and evaluated for possible partnership and to avoid duplication of efforts	A list of other information and referral websites and resources guides that include homeless and at risk youth information is developed  Survey ACHY on existing guides	June 2007  April 2007
	Action 3.1.2 Design the tool to specifically meet the needs of the homeless and at-risk youth population and market to intended audience	Andy Johnson	Supportive Services Workgroup	Information is easily accessed by youth and referral sources.	Means to distribute information is identified  Broad support and participation agreements collected.	August 2007  January 2008
	Action 3.1.3 Invite youth serving agencies to participate and collect the data	Supportive Services Workgroup	Supportive Services Workgroup	Information is accurate, comprehensive and current  Homeless Youth have access to necessary services statewide	Data is entered and current  Youth are able to begin using tool/accessing information	April 2008  April 2008
Strategy 3.2 Create a kin message center to allow safe communication between homeless youth and family members and friends	Action 3.2.1 Conduct research to identify what currently exists in Colorado and seek out national best practice models	Supportive Services Workgroup	Supportive Services Workgroup	Any similar projects will be identified and evaluated for possible partnership and to avoid duplication of efforts	Survey ACHY on existing message center resources  Research complete	April 2007  June 2007

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	Action 3.2.2 Research legal ramifications and promotion	Supportive Services Workgroup	Supportive Services Workgroup	Minimal risk to implementing organization	Research complete	June 2008
	Action 3.2.3 Identify model to implement in Colorado	Supportive Services Workgroup	Supportive Services Workgroup	Replicable best practice communication model identified	Communication model identified	August 2008
	Action 3.2.4 Obtain resources to cover the setup and ongoing maintenance activities	Supportive Services Workgroup	Supportive Services Workgroup	Message center plan is sustainable	Resource commitments obtained	October 2008
	Action 3.2.5 Identify organization to manage the message center	Supportive Services Workgroup	Supportive Services Workgroup	Youth and family members are able to communicate in a safe manner	Implementing organization commitment obtained	October 2008
Strategy 3.3 Ensure that homeless youth health, substance abuse and mental health issues and service gaps are being addressed through a communication network/working group	Action 3.3.1 Identify key players and current efforts. Contact key health care stakeholders such as CDPHE to identify current efforts in this subject area	Andy Johnson	Supportive Services Workgroup, Colorado LINKS for Mental Health	Communication between youth efforts begins	Relevant key players and efforts identified	May 2007
	Action 3.3.2 Connect ACHY with Health and Mental Health Care provider networks	Andy Johnson	Supportive Services Workgroup, Colorado LINKS for Mental Health	Homeless youth issues are represented in health/mental health networks	ACHY has representation on key health and mental health initiatives	September 2007
	Action 3.3.3 Engage and include Health Care/Mental Health providers in ACHY	Andy Johnson	Supportive Services Workgroup	Health and Mental Health providers are actively involved in ACHY	At least three health/mental health providers are active members or ACHY	July 2007

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	Action 3.3.4 Create a plan to ensure homeless youth have access to developmentally appropriate and affordable health, substance abuse and mental health services across Colorado	Andy Johnson	Supportive Services Workgroup	Youth are able to access developmentally appropriate and affordable health, substance abuse and mental health services	A plan is developed (or co-strategies are created with other groups)	February 2008
Strategy 3.4 Research and implement best practice models with CO School Districts and public/nonprofit agencies to address educational needs of homeless youth, with a particular emphasis on unaccompanied youth who are homeless.	Action 3.4.1 Connect homeless liaisons in CO public school districts with area homeless youth service providers	Dana Scott	CDE and CO School Districts	Direct input and membership of liaisons in homeless youth meetings throughout CO	Participation of CDE and liaisons in CONET, ACHY and workgroups, and activities of the Family and Children Committee of ICH, etc...	January 2007 -Ongoing
	Action 3.4.2 Increase collaboration with agencies collecting data on homeless youth to identify effective ways of measuring educational success.	Dana Scott	CDE, CO School Districts, Nonprofit and Public Agencies, Planning Workgroup	Collaborate with CDE's data collection unit, school districts and other agencies to gain a greater understanding of data available and effective identifiers to measure and track educational success for homeless youth.	Systems in place to track data on homeless youth in terms of retention vs. drop out rates, expulsion/suspension rates, and proficiency on assessment testing. Other indicators will be discussed and researched.  Emphasis on addressing credit accrual issues for homeless youth who enroll mid-semester.	June 1, 2007  September 1, 2007

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	Action 3.4.3 Research and implement best practice models for identifying and serving homeless unaccompanied youth (HUY) in Colorado school districts.	Dana Scott	CDE and CO School Districts, Supportive Services Workgroup	Currently data is collected only on 15 subgrantee districts on the number and primary nighttime residence of HUY. New outcome is to gain data from all 178 districts and strengthen current efforts for identifying HUY in funded districts.	October count and year end data collection on HUY added for all districts. Annual comparative analysis conducted to track trends, identify success, and/or challenge areas.  Enrollment forms to include identifiers for HUY.  Local and national “Best practice” models posted on CDE Homeless Educ website and CDPHE Best Practice webpage.	October 15, 2007- first collection date with on-going collections each October and Year End.  Ongoing  June 1, 2007
	Action 3.4.4 Increase focus on addressing barriers and increasing the educational success of HUY	Dana Scott	CDE and CO School Districts	HUY a priority in service provision by districts.	HUY a primary topic at funded district meetings and in regional trainings.  HUY as a priority area for service provision in CDE’s RFP for McK-V subgrantee districts	November 17, 2006 and ongoing  July 1, 2006 and ongoing
Strategy 3.5 Develop a continuum of supportive services for homeless youth within local communities across Colorado	Action 3.5.1 Conduct an environmental scan of current supportive services accessible by homeless youth across Colorado	Andy Johnson, Kippi Clausen	Supportive Services Workgroup, Planning Workgroup	Current extent of statewide supportive services for homeless youth is known	Environmental scan complete	December 2007



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	Action 3.5.2 Identify types of supportive services and areas of Colorado needing to be enhanced or added	Andy Johnson	Supportive Services Workgroup	Identify gaps across Colorado	Gaps and enhancements needed are identified	March 2008
	Action 3.5.3 Identify non-traditional opportunities to provide services and support	Andy Johnson	Supportive Services Workgroup	Increase resources to serve the array of needs for homeless youth	Local Community partnership models will be developed (i.e. business community, nursing/assisted living, senior organizations, colleges, etc.)	August 2008
	Action 3.5.4 Increase available asset specific training to help youth successfully maintain housing and movement through housing continuum	Andy Johnson	Supportive Services Workgroup, BTG	Youth are able to maintain housing and transition successfully to adulthood	Training materials are available on Webpage  Agencies have been identified to deliver the training to youth	January 2009  January 2009
	Action 3.5.5 Create a plan to ensure the delivery of comprehensive supportive services and other supports to youth in each region of Colorado	Supportive Services Workgroup	Supportive Services Workgroup	Homeless Youth will have access to the supports necessary for them to transition successfully to adulthood	Plan complete and implementation begins	March 2009
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Strategy 4.1 Create a report that shows the number and characteristics of homeless youth in Colorado	Action 4.1.1 Ensure participation from youth serving agencies in homeless counts conducted by ICH, continua of care, CDE, etc.	Andy Johnson	Planning Workgroup, ICH	More comprehensive and accurate data is available for Colorado	All homeless youth serving entities statewide participate in annual homeless survey	January 2009 (and ongoing)
	Action 4.1.2 Increase HMIS participation by homeless youth serving agencies statewide	Andy Johnson	Local continua of care HMIS implementers (CDHS-SHHP, PPUW, CCH)	Better program data is available on program and individual youth outcomes	75% of homeless youth serving entities are collecting HMIS data	June 2008
	Action 4.1.3 Meet with entities gathering key data on this population in Colorado	Andy Johnson	Andy Johnson, Kippi Clausen, Jose Esquibel, Dana Scott, Ken Watson, Sam Martinez, Melissa Vance	Coordination of data collection and analysis efforts for homeless/at-risk youth	Meet with key individuals	May 2007
	Action 4.1.4 Analyze data and compile reports to support planning and increase public awareness	Andy Johnson, Kippi Clausen	Planning Workgroup, BTG	Strategic planning includes data driven decision making  Public Policy is informed of the state of youth homelessness in Colorado	Initial Analysis complete  Annual update/analysis of data complete	December 2007  Annually (ongoing)

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Strategy 4.2 Ensure that agencies have opportunities to network and coordinate service delivery to homeless youth	Action 4.2.1 Hold CONET meetings quarterly on the same day as each ACHY meeting and market to all homeless youth serving agencies in Colorado and tie into regional and national efforts	Andy Johnson	CONET members from former roster, ACHY, HHS, Mountain Plains Network for Youth, Nicole Sherwood, Terri Klements, Kendall Rames	Interested parties may participate in one or both meetings.  Homeless youth serving agencies in Colorado will participate and have increased opportunities for networking and collaboration	Meetings Scheduled and held at least quarterly  Funding allocated for CONET/Region 8 participation on NN4Y Policy Council  Representative elected and actively serving on Youth Policy Council	First meeting January 2007 – ongoing  April 2007  February 2007  July 2007
	Action 4.2.2 Increase youth serving agency opportunities for participation in local homeless continuums of care and other local homeless planning bodies	Andy Johnson	Planning Workgroup	Homeless youth serving agencies and related issues will be more visible in local communities across Colorado	Youth serving agencies added to distribution lists for local homeless planning groups	March 2008
	Action 4.2.3 Utilize CONET to create a speakers bureau and training/TA partnership to support statewide needs/actions	Nicole Sherwood, Terri Klements	Planning Workgroup, CONET	(supports 4.2.2)	Speakers bureau created and utilized for public speaking opportunities	January 2009

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Strategy 4.3 Increase awareness and education of homeless youth issues	Action 4.3.1 Promote National Runaway Prevention Month by asking the Governor to declare November as Runaway Prevention Month in Colorado	Andy Johnson	Planning Workgroup	Increased public and policymaker awareness about the issues and barriers faced by youth who are homeless	Request and draft proclamation delivered to Governor for signature  Press Releases distributed	November 2007  November 2007
	Action 4.3.2 Create and conduct public will, awareness, and involvement campaign	Planning Workgroup	Planning Workgroup	Increased public awareness about the issues and barriers faced by youth who are homeless	PSA's developed and aired  Print Materials Developed	October 2009  February 2010
	Action 4.3.3 Create a mechanism for the homeless youth voice to inform policy initiatives	Planning Workgroup	Planning Workgroup, CDHS management	Policy implications for homeless youth will be communicated to appropriate parties	Mechanism developed and approved	January 2010
	Action 4.3.4 Develop and Monitor action plan and communication to ensure both rural and urban homeless youth needs are met statewide	Andy Johnson	Planning Workgroup	Action plan results in statewide improvement of youth services and a reduction in homelessness	Standing agenda item added to Planning Workgroup meetings  50% reduction in homeless youth population	Ongoing  December 2011

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<b>PRIORITY AREA FOUR - PLANNING: Establish best practices and policies based upon accurate data and strategic planning.</b>						
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	Action 4.4.5 Review and revise Colorado Homeless Youth Action Plan	Andy Johnson	Planning Workgroup	Plan is current and takes into account current needs and opportunities	Plan revisions complete and endorsed by ACHY and approved by CDHS management	Annually (beginning January 2008)
	Action 4.4.6 Create report outlining progress made and plans for the coming year as well as any public policy recommendations	Andy Johnson	Planning Workgroup	Increased public awareness about the issues and barriers faced by youth who are homeless  Policy implications for homeless youth will be communicated to appropriate parties	Annual report complete and submitted to the Governor and state Legislature	Annually (beginning January 2008)
	Action 4.4.7 Create an annual press release with key findings, accomplishments and recommendations	Andy Johnson	Planning Workgroup, CDHS communications officer	Increased public awareness about the issues and barriers faced by youth who are homeless	Press release complete and distributed to key media outlets	Annually (beginning January 2008)
<b>Progress to Date</b>		<b>Barriers and/or Situational Changes</b>		<b>Immediate Next Steps (including potential technical assistance needs)</b>		

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<b>PRIORITY AREA FIVE - OUTREACH: To identify and link vulnerable youth to appropriate housing and services.</b>						
<b>Strategy(-ies)</b>	<b>Action(s)</b>	<b>Manager<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Implementer<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Expected Outcomes</b>	<b>Benchmarks/Deliverables</b>	<b>Completion Date (Estimated)</b>
Strategy 5.1 Educate providers and communities statewide regarding Human Trafficking problem/issues and assistance options	Action 5.1.1 Partner with the Colorado Network to End Human Trafficking	Sara Beth Donovan	Outreach Workgroup	Increased partnerships to address human trafficking issues/serve victims/prevent trafficking situations	ACHY has key point person linked to the Colorado Network to End Human Trafficking.  Individual agencies have active membership established with Colorado Network to End Human Trafficking	June 2007  ongoing
	Action 5.1.2 Connect Homeless Youth serving organizations to training and anti-trafficking materials/information through the Colorado Network to End Human Trafficking	Andy Johnson, Dana Scott	Outreach Workgroup, CDE and Colorado School Districts, CONET, Colorado Network to End Human Trafficking	Staff at homeless youth serving entities and school homeless liaisons create awareness and better identify potential human trafficking victims	Staff at homeless youth serving agencies including trafficking in school and other outreach presentations  Homeless Liaisons are trained regionally to identify trafficking victims and create awareness in local schools	January 2009  January 2009

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	Action 5.1.3 OHYS Resource Webpage has links to key human trafficking materials, hotlines and key resource information.	Andy Johnson	Outreach Workgroup, Free A Child	The public, service agencies, and potential victims have access to key resource information on trafficking	Materials gathered for webpage  Webpage approved and updated	September 2007  October 2007
Strategy 5.2 Create statewide webpage within the OHYS website which includes links to statewide and national resource directories as well as key crisis and outreach hotlines.	Action 5.2.1 Identify key resource directories, crisis hotlines, and other information to be included in webpage content	Andy Johnson	Outreach Workgroup, Supportive Services Workgroup	Comprehensive information on resources and hotlines is compiled	Materials and information gathered	October 2007
	Action 5.2.2 Draft format and design of webpage	Andy Johnson	Outreach Workgroup	Relevant content is included in the webpage design	Webpage designed	November 2007
	Action 5.2.3 Submit draft webpage for approval and launch	Andy Johnson	Outreach Workgroup, CDHS Webmasters	Information is available to the public, service agencies, and youth	CDHS approves page and website launched	December 2007
Strategy 5.3 Develop and compile best practice models for coordinated/collaborative outreach to homeless and at risk youth that could be	Action 5.3.1 Complete an environmental scan of current homeless youth outreach programs and current efforts to design/improve outreach services statewide.	Andy Johnson	Outreach Workgroup, Planning Workgroup	Current services are mapped and relevant outreach gaps identified	Environmental scan complete	April 2009

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replicated in rural, suburban, and urban areas.	Action 5.3.2 Conduct literature and research review of local and national collaborative youth outreach and other best practice models which could be replicated statewide	Outreach Workgroup	Outreach Workgroup	Outreach models identified to meet statewide needs	Review complete	June 2009
	Action 5.3.3 Develop an outreach model and plan for replication in underserved portions of Colorado utilizing best practice models for ACHY endorsement and recommendation	Outreach Workgroup	Outreach Workgroup	Outreach best practice models for rural and urban settings that address the identified gaps and outlines resources necessary to implement will be incorporated in to the plan.	Model and plan complete	October 2009 (plan steps to be implemented in 2010 and 2011)
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