



## **Youth Services Network 2022 Legislative Agenda**

- 1. Homeless Youth Act:** \$50 million increase for the Homeless Youth Act-4,876 youth (10-24) are without a place to sleep tonight in MN! We can change that, invest in MN's youth! Increase the safety net for our youth with direct support for young adults and young parents. These dollars will help end youth homelessness in MN!

The Homeless Youth Act will:

- Reduce Risk of Exploitation
- Prevent involvement in the Criminal Justice System
- Prevent adult homelessness
- Improve employment and education success

- 2. Study on Pregnant Youth and Young Families Experiencing Homelessness, \$300,000**

- 3. Safe Harbor:** Increase of \$20 Million - \$9 Million for sustaining and expanding street outreach, emergency shelter and housing; \$2 Million for sustaining and expanding Safe Harbor Regional Navigators and \$9 Million for Safe Harbor Supportive Services

No Minnesotan is for sale, our youth are priceless! Safe Harbors specializes in supportive services, shelter, and housing for survivors to heal from the trauma of sex trafficking. And supports survivors to accomplish their goals and dreams!

Safe Harbor will:

- Provide survivors with safety and trauma-informed care that meets their unique needs
- Prevent further victimization
- Create healing-Mental health, substance abuse counseling, and Wellness
- Create opportunities for employment and education success

- 4. Prevalence Study on Sexually Exploited Youth and Adults, \$300,000**

- 5. Ensuring Youth and Young Family Inclusion in any COVID-19 Relief Appropriations**

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**In addition the YSN supports the following Legislative Agendas:**

1. ASPIRE Minnesota [Home - AspireMN](#)
2. Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless & Homes for All [Home \(homesforallmn.org\)](#)
3. YouthPRISE [Homepage - Youthprise : Youthprise](#)
4. Womens Foundation of Minnesota [Women's Foundation of Minnesota | A Driving Force for Gender & Racial Equity \(wfmn.org\)](#)
5. Second Chance Coalition [Legislative | MN Second Chance Coalition](#)
6. Minnesota Coalition for Youth Justice [Coalition for Youth Justice - THE LEGAL RIGHTS CENTER](#)

**The Youth Services Network (YSN) is a state wide coalition of nonprofits providing supportive services, emergency shelter and housing for youth and young families who are experiencing homelessness and/or sexual exploitation.**