

# **Permanency Innovation Initiative Oversight Committee Meeting**

**December 5, 2017**

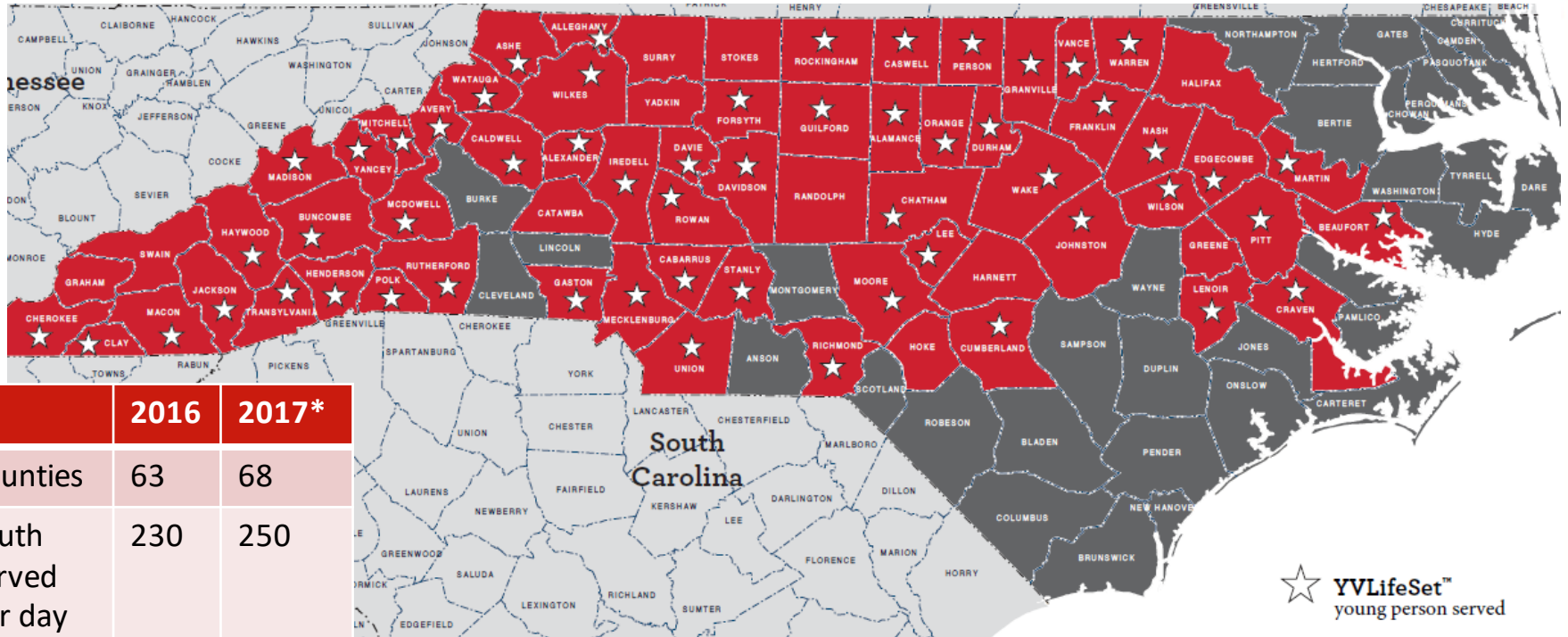
# Get Ready. Get Set. For **Life.**



*Setting the Most Vulnerable Youth  
on a Path for Success*

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**YV** LifeSet®



	2016	2017*
Counties	63	68
Youth served per day	230	250

	FY 16	FY 17	FY18*
Goal for # of young adults served	98	250	320
Number of youth served	147	427	250
Percent employed, graduated, or in school (Target is 84%)	90%	90%	93%
Percent with no additional trouble with the law (target is 76%)	91%	92%	95%
Percent discharged successfully - have housing that can be maintained (target is 84%)	85%	84%	86%
Young People 19 and older	16%	19%	27%

At 14, Hawa entered the foster care system due to her mother's severe mental health. She had difficulty adjusting to her new foster family and building positive relationships with peers.

Now Hawa is 19 and, with assistance from the YVLifeSet program, she has graduated from high school and is enrolled in East Carolina University. She is doing well academically and has coordinated several study groups on campus. Hawa is extremely grateful for all of the support that she's received from the YVLifeSet program and is confident that she would not be where she is today without it. Hawa's long term goal is to pursue a career in nursing.



Kennedi is from Durham and grew up in foster care. When she first started YVLifeSet she was unsure about the program due to meeting with over 30 mental health professionals over her time in foster care. Her specialist immediately started building engagement and Kennedy remained active in the program. She has now completed a successful 9 months of treatment with plans to discharge this month.

Kennedi was able to decrease her physical aggression by processing her impulsivity, thinking through consequences and increasing communication skills. She says there are times she has wanted to become aggressive yet she has been able to maintain composure.

With the help of YVLifeSet, Kennedy is maintaining her participation in the Foster Care 18-21 program, and housing in her foster home. She is graduating high school this month and has created a plan to attend a community college to pursue a career as a juvenile probation officer. She was able to develop employment acquisition and maintenance skills, and has successfully worked at Gap since August 2017. Kennedy also worked on money management skills and created a plan to purchase care insurance and get a car through Wheels 4 Hope.



### Requirements:

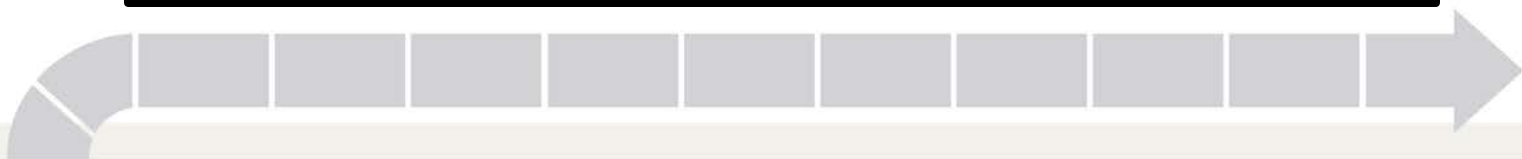
- Continued participation in program
- Commit to a minimum of two years in the program to successfully complete educational and vocational goals
- Maintain a C average during each grading period
- Maintain full-time student status (minimum of 12 hours)
- Work part-time (10-20 hours per week)
- Complete monthly budget
- Meet regularly with Mentor
- Complete 20 hours of community services every 6 months

### Assistance Provided:

- Tuition
- Books & School Supplies
- Laptop
- Monthly Stipend
- Travel and Speaking Opportunities
- Additional assistance may be provided for emergency needs such as medical or dental care, car repairs, housing deposits, furniture, etc.

### Scholars from NC:

- Elina, from Asheville, is studying English Literature at UNCA
- Avery, from Boone, is studying Computer Science at App State



**Impact Measurement and Evaluation**, which are services funded through private partners to provide independent measurement and evaluation of the impact the Youth Villages Transitional Living Model has on the youth served, the foster care system, and on other programs and services provided by the State which are utilized by former foster care youth.

**Current project:**

- Would be funded by a federal grant through the Administration of Children and Families (ACF)
- Evaluators are working to ensure state leadership is aligned with the evaluation, particularly around the issues of referrals and data sharing
- Mark Courtney is the co-PI on the project along with Mike Pergamit from the Urban Institute





## Key Advancements around Partnerships

- In partnership with Vaya, Youth Villages provides targeted assessment and triage services for many of the DSS offices in the western part of the state. This has helped create strong relationships and clear entry points. The western programs have also participated in all of the Institute of Medicine's Regional Summits with DSS.
- We are involved in monthly staffing meetings with Wake DSS to determine potential referrals.
- We met with the Cumberland DSS Director and are soon to be involved on a newly-formed advisory committee.
- In Charlotte, we have monthly meetings to review young adults who need the service and review progress on current consumers.
- Lenoir, Beaufort, Craven, and Pitt DSS/Links Coordinators have consistent meetings with our leaders to staff cases and discuss referrals.





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