



ONE COLLIER: A COMMUNITY ALLIANCE TO PREVENT & END
HOMELESSNESS IN COLLIER COUNTY

2022 HUD Supplemental NOFO Application

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Supplemental NOFO Workgroup:

- Hunger & Homeless Coalition of Collier County, Lead Agency for the Continuum of Care (Lived Experience)
- Hunger & Homeless Coalition of Collier County, HMIS Lead Agency (Lived Experience)
- Hunger & Homeless Coalition of Collier County, Coordinated Services (Lived Experience)
- David Lawrence Center, Mental Health Services (ACT TEAM)
- Florida Department of Health
- Naples PRIDE
- NAACP of Collier County
- Youth Haven, Youth Shelter, and Drop in Services
- Wounded Warriors of Collier County (Veteran Transitional and PSH)
- Collier County Housing Authority (Emergency Housing Voucher)
- Community Assisted Supportive Living (PSH) (Lived Experience)
- Residential Options of Florida (PSH for persons with disabilities)
- Collier Resource Center (Coordinated Entry)
- St Vincent de Paul CARES (SSVF)
- Jewish Family & Children Services (SSVF)
- Collier County Sheriff's Department Diversity Outreach Coordinator
- The Naples Shelter for Abused Women & Children (DV & Human Trafficking)
- Guadalupe Social Services (Immokalee)

The Continuum of Care (CoC) for Homeless Services in Collier County has persevered through tremendous strains over the past few years. Hurricane Irma, COVID 19, and now more recently Hurricane Ian. I want HUD to know how proud of our CoC partners I am; they've stood in the faces of these giants, locked arms, and worked tirelessly to prevent and end homelessness in Collier County. Frequently, I am complimented on how well we are doing in Collier from other CoC's around Florida; the credit truly belongs to the CoC partners.

Where do we go from here.

This HUD Supplemental NOFO is an opportunity to make impact in Collier. We, as a CoC, have not ever had access to this great a resource that can be spread among diverse partners to accomplish one goal – ending homelessness. We had 18 CoC partners come together forming the Supplemental Planning Committee. Nine CoC partners wrote applications and I wish we fund all nine with impact driven funding but that's not possible.

The Rank & Review Committee started their process of scoring by accepting all applications completed in E-SNAPS. As a side note several CoC partners could not get their SAMS Unique Identifier completed even through help from the Federal Service Desk and so they could not make an application. Eight applicants put forth extraordinary measures to write their applications under difficult circumstances – six applications were completed and sent on to the Rank & Review Committee.

Credit is given to Naples Pride for their application; this being their first time writing they performed very well. NAMI of Collier is the other honorable mention – they tried to access the process during a leadership change and did not have enough time to complete the application process.

So, on to the who. Seven applications performing SSO-Street Outreach, SSO-Coordinated Entry, and PSH-PH have advanced into the submission phase. Each of these six applicants are well versed in their areas of application. Each are regular participants in the CoC, and each are contributing members to our local HMIS. They are.

1. Catholic Charities/Guadalupe Social Services Immokalee FL (RRH-PH) – application ranking: #2
2. Hunger & Homeless Coalition of Collier County (SSO-Street Outreach) – application ranking: #3
3. St Vicent De Paul CAREs St Petersburg (PSH-PH) – application ranking: #4
4. Youth Haven (SSO-Street Outreach Youth) – application ranking: #5
5. Naples Senior Center (SSO-Coordinated Entry) – application ranking #6
6. The Shelter for Abused Women & Children (SSO-Coordinated Entry) – application ranking: #1
7. Naples Pride (SSO) – application ranking: #7

These seven along with the 153 other CoC partners in Collier have for years comingled their resources to help prevent and end homelessness for so many.

The CoC Lead Agency, the Hunger & Homeless Coalition of Collier County, will be overseeing program implementation/expansion of the six above. It is vital to the capacity growth of our CoC that these six (potentially) funded programs provide their respective services to achieve our goal of ending homelessness throughout our county. Integration of the newly funded programs must be seamless and bring about substantial change for those they engage experiencing homelessness. This Supplemental NOFO is providing a gateway for homeless services to grow and have meaningful impact in our communities across the CoC.

Today forward.

Just having this opportunity created new opportunities in our CoC. Partnerships from non-applying agencies have stepped up and brought more resources into the CoC like the Sheriffs Dept offering to come alongside our Outreach program to HELP folks not handcuff them. Mental health services is offering reduced rates for services, sobriety programs are seeking FARR certifications and providing

ABOVE BOARD services to clients experiencing homelessness and the CoC has embraced change. Over the past few years HUD has funded new trainings for the CoC like; SOAR, Bridges out of Poverty, and the National Alliance System Design Clinic all of which have helped our CoC with capacity growth. The Shelter for Abused Women & Children along with the David Lawrence Center for Behavioral Health Care continue to bring Mental Health First Aid and Trauma Informed Care trainings to the CoC annually. Our Sheriff's Dept continues its trainings in Crisis Intervention Training and has expanded their force to include a Mental Health Outreach Team and a Community Diversity Team – both of which partner in the CoC.

Ending homelessness is about housing. We struggle there like most communities around Florida with both inventory and affordability. Our local county commission wants nothing to do with housing the homeless and have said so on multiple occasions. If you get a moment just look at their ARP Plan Outline [Collier American Resue Plan Link](#) and you'll quick note they aren't interested in preventing or ending homelessness.

Housing Affordability in Collier County is completely worked by local not for profits building relationships with private landlords. The local not for profits are utilizing local foundations, private donations, some State ESG and a little federal CoC funding. Most recently, the CoC has entered into new talks with Blue Sky Development/Community Supportive Living to construct 80 new PSH units in our CoC. 9% tax credit funding is being sought currently to facilitate these 80 new units.

Although 80 units is certainly something to get excited about it's a far cry from 10,000 plus units needed, as identified by Shimberg Center for Housing Studies. Again, this data has been presented annually to our county commission with no movement since 2019. August of 2022 two county commissioners approached me letting me know they will never support density changes to our housing codes; and one was blunt enough to say "you need to get the homeless out of Naples". That's what we deal with day in and day out. So how do we overcome this mountain of obstacles? By becoming a stronger force to be reckoned with. You funding these applications is one more step in that direction. Until we can say with a voice that they have to hear – no more of your bullying, and no more of your ignorance homelessness in Collier County will remain out of sight out of mind.

To continue our progress of rehousing as a CoC we embraced very quickly Housing First. Our CoC partners and specifically those applying for this funding have all committed to a Housing First path of ending homelessness. Housing should never be a bargaining chip for supportive services – housing should offer a stable pathway to supportive services.

We are a wonderfully diverse community. Persons from across many ethnic backgrounds live and work in Collier. One of our larger segments is the Hispanic community primarily located in Immokalee Florida. One of the many reasons we need to help secure more funding for Guadalupe Social Services, based in Immokalee. In addition to the Hispanic community the CoC is forging a new partnership with Naples Pride. Throughout the recovery, so far, from Hurricane Ian Naples Pride and the CoC have worked hand-in-hand to provide food, water, clothing, and emergency housing to those in need across ALL spectrums of life. We are very proud of the work being done by Naples Pride despite their lack of supportive funding.

The CoC has enjoyed a terrific partnership with Youth Haven since 2006. During their initial years of operation, the CoC assisted Youth Haven with funding for rehousing and the development of their

transitional housing program for homeless/unaccompanied youth. More recently, the CoC was awarded a technical assistance grant to help establish the formation of a Youth Empowerment Team Council (YET). YET was prepared to seek funding through the Youth Demonstration Grant when COVID hit and convening the council was not possible for an extended period of time due to members health concerns. Youth Haven once again answered this call for help and has applied for a Youth Homeless Outreach Grant through this Supplemental NOFO.

St Vincent De Paul (SVDP) CARES has brought new life into the ending of Veteran homelessness in Collier County through their SSVF program. Ending Veteran homelessness is a priority of the CoC especially in recent years with the greater influx of resources. Veterans have been more flexible when it comes to housing in other locations outside the CoC geography. The leadership of SVDP CARES has also helped the Hunger & Homeless Coalition to start up the only Outreach program in the CoC through other funding. The Hunger & Homeless Coalition has been able to hire two homeless Veterans, one Navy and one Army to perform the Outreach program and services. Additionally, SVDP CARES funding helped us to hire a homeless single father to perform and oversee the new launch our Coordinated Entry and By Name List system.

Naples Senior Center brings geriatric case management services to homeless seniors being rehoused. Once the CoC rehouses a homeless senior the Naples Senior Center steps in to ensure housing stability and provide treatment services as needed. The leadership of the Naples Senior Center are very giving of their case management resources to assist those who are experiencing homelessness and still awaiting housing. Their case management program will see currently homeless clients getting them access to healthcare, mental health care, emergency food, and any other treatment services they can make available to them.

Guadalupe Social Services has been a long-standing partner in the CoC. Each year they provide the location and emergency food, showers, and laundry services at the Immokalee Homeless Point in Time Count. This year their leadership has agreed to help rehouse via Rapid Rehousing funding applied for in this application. Honestly, their commitment to helping the CoC this year is game changer. We've never had good in-reach into East County where they are situated; this offers the CoC an opportunity to bring more resources to those experiencing homelessness that we might not otherwise get access to.

Naples Pride is another new applicant this year. The CoC reached out to Naples Pride by first offering a heart-felt apology for not doing so much sooner. Since the start of this new relationship July of this year we've taught each other so much about people and resources – its been an extraordinary adventure for the CoC so far! Hurricane Ian hit and Naples Pride was one of the first responding CoC partners on the streets; the Hunger & Homeless Coalition along with their private donors stocked Naples Pride with emergency food, water, and clothing and they delivered it out by the truckloads (no kidding they rented a U-Haul truck themselves to deliver out to the streets). We see this application process as only the first of its kind as our relationship and partnerships grow in value for one another.

The Hunger & Homeless Coalition of Collier County (HHC) is the CoC and HMIS Lead Agency for the Continuum of Care. Since its inception in 2002, HHC has learned how to lead and be the support needed to the CoC. In 2016 HHC broadened its service platform from just being the CoC and HMIS Lead to adding a little homelessness prevention services. 2019 HHC added Rapid Rehousing to the mix and in 2020 developed the CoC's only outreach program which rehoused 260 during 2021. HHC is a tweener agency; no longer just doing Lead Agency work but yet not quite the highest performing agency it needs

to be. HHC is work in progress on many fronts but the one they've gotten right was to hire persons experiencing homelessness. The two outreach workers, Coordinated Entry, Case Manager, and HMIS Administrator all were hired from homelessness and given the opportunity through on the job trainings and supportive trainings to grow and become who they are today. Five of the eight HHC staff are now formally homeless persons leading with excellence in their career paths.

What's the plan.

End homelessness. We know we can do it – we've proven over the last three years this CoC knows how, we need resources. We've diversified our CoC from just performing homelessness prevention a few short years ago to now including SSO, SSO-CE, SSO-Outreach, PSH-PH, RRH-PH, and incorporated healthcare and mental health care along with law enforcement supportive services. We do have more to do; developing a stronger workforce plan and continuing our trainings for SOAR, Bridges out of Poverty and hopefully Six Sigma will all help with capacity development of our CoC.



August 23, 2022

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Re: 2022 HUD Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of support for the Hunger and Homeless Coalition in their application for the 2022 HUD Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity.

The Collier County Sheriff's Office values the long-standing partnership with the Hunger and Homeless Coalition in Collier County and the collaborative efforts to keep our community a great and safe place for all.

Along with the many partners that work together to address the issues of hunger and homelessness in our community, we regularly participate in the annual Point-in-Time count, join in outreach efforts and provide resource and referrals to homeless persons in Collier County.

Collaborative outreach has included distribution of warm blankets during cold snaps in the rural areas of our community, providing protective personal items to the homeless during the COVID-19 pandemic and distribution of back to school supplies for homeless students.

We regularly facilitate referrals to various community partners for services.

Our CCSO Senior Advocacy Unit has worked with the Hunger and Homeless Coalition to coordinate rapid housing assistance for senior residents who are homeless and living out of their cars or are facing imminent eviction from their homes.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Rambosk, Sheriff
Collier County, Florida

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Coordination between The Shelter for Abused Women & Children, Employment Services, Mental Health Services, Health Care, and Housing Service Providers for Victims of Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking

How we house survivors:

Although safe housing can provide a pathway to freedom, there are many barriers that prevent survivors from obtaining or maintaining safe and affordable housing. Most survivors experience financial abuse, meaning that they have not had access to the family finances, have been prohibited from working, or have had their credit scores destroyed by the abusive partner. Victims may also face discrimination in accessing or maintaining housing based on the violent or criminal actions of perpetrators. Additionally, victims are limited in the locations and types of housing they can access because of their unique safety and confidentiality needs, and many housing or homelessness assistance programs have barriers that inadvertently exclude victims of violence.

The Shelter for Abused Women & Children is dedicated to addressing these issues and working to enhance the housing options available to survivors through its housing programs. The Shelter's wrap-around services and collaborative partnerships work jointly to prevent homelessness for victims of domestic violence and human trafficking in Collier County. This is achieved through The Shelter's housing programs for survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking. These programs include:

- **Emergency Shelter** - The Shelter's 60-bed emergency shelters in Naples and Immokalee provide immediate access to safety, basic needs, and wrap-around services for victims of domestic violence and human trafficking. These services are available day and night, 365 days per year.
- **Rapid Re-Housing** - Through our Rapid Re-Housing program, survivors could receive short-term (0-3 months) or medium-term (4-24 months) combined maximum assistance, as needed. Some of the costs that may be eligible through this program may include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Moving costs
 - Security deposits
 - Utility assistance
 - Credit checks
 - Rental assistance
 - Supportive Services

As a part of this program, The Shelter incorporates housing identification to strengthen relationships with property owners who understand the needs of survivors and are willing to rent units to participants. The Shelter's housing advocate or Housing and Resource Manager will also provide case management, supportive services, and housing location assistance as needed/requested to help survivors attain self-sufficiency and remain in permanent housing.

- **Transitional Housing** - The Shelter's Transitional Living program addresses the need for safe, affordable housing along with a dedicated support system for victims of domestic violence and human trafficking while on their journeys toward becoming empowered, and self-sufficient. Currently, The Shelter owns and operates nine Transitional Living Cottages for victims of domestic violence in Naples. The Shelter's Transitional Living cottages are occupied by families exiting our emergency shelter or receiving outreach services. While in the program, they are employed full time or are enrolled in an educational program and working part time. Additionally, they receive support from their advocate and create service plans which may include increasing their income, obtaining permanent housing at exit, and developing independent living skills.

How are we providing health care services to help survivors attain stability:

The Shelter has an established relationship with the nursing unit at Naples Community Hospital. The Shelter can reach out to its contact and obtain recommendations for medical professionals as needed. The Shelter is also able to provide referrals and/or assist survivors in obtaining medical financial support (medical cards) and has staff on site that has been SOAR certified.

In addition to medical support, The Shelter has established relationships with dental professionals who are willing to accept referrals from The Shelter for dental necessities needed for survivors and their children.

How are we providing mental health services to help survivors attain stability:

In the aftermath of domestic violence and human trafficking, survivors can go on to experience a myriad of barriers to psychological wellness. The stress caused by suffering or witnessing repeated violence often results in feelings of isolation, inability to cope, suicidal ideation or attempts, anxiety, depression, panic attacks, substance abuse, and other post-traumatic symptoms or mental health concerns.

Recognizing the need for trauma-focused mental health services, The Shelter launched its Clinical Department in July 2019, with the goal of eliminating barriers for adult and child survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking to access specialized emotional wellness services.

Through its Clinical Department, The Shelter offers participants access to non-diagnostic professional counseling services, related to domestic violence. In congruence with The Shelter's overarching mission and philosophy, the therapeutic services offered are empowerment based and person centered.

Qualified licensed mental health professionals and/or master's level student interns, work with the survivors to assess their needs and establish personalized treatment goals to help reduce traumatic stress and overcome the emotional distress that may be affecting their ability to prevail. Some of the most common presenting problems leading Shelter participants to request clinical counseling are as follow:

- Difficulty accomplishing tasks and reaching goals
- Anxiety or worry
- Hypervigilance
- Depression or sadness
- Nightmares and flashbacks of traumatic events
- Sleep disturbances
- Ideation of various forms of self-harm
- Social withdrawal

How are we helping survivors attain jobs:

The Shelter's Economic Justice Program seeks to address all aspects of economic independence: building credit, money management, financial education, even entrepreneurship training and career mapping.

The Shelter conducts job readiness activities to address the ability of survivors to acquire and retain living wage jobs. With a unique focus on personal responsibility and self-confidence a comprehensive approach to job readiness links survivors to skill building opportunities that offer alternatives to low wage jobs with no benefits. Advocates work individually with each survivor to help them resolve barriers to their economic stability such as challenges with housing, domestic abuse, childcare, transportation, health care, divorce, legal issues.

How are we utilizing our partnerships:

The Shelter has been providing services for victims of domestic violence and human trafficking since 1989. In addition to the wrap-around services provided through its in-house services, The Shelter has established a multitude of partnerships with mainstream housing, health, social services, and employment programs to help survivors attain independence. Some of these partnerships include:

- Better Together
- Boys and Girls Club
- Career Source of SWFL
- Children's Advocacy Center
- City of Marco Island Police Department
- City of Naples Police Department

- Collier County Parks and Recreation
- Collier County Public Schools
- Collier County Sheriff's Office
- David Lawrence Mental Health Center
- Goodwill Industries
- Hunger & Homeless Coalition of Collier County
- Legal Aid Services of Collier County
- Naples Community Hospital
- Naples Therapeutic Riding Center
- Project Help
- St. Matthew's House
- State Attorney's Office
- United Arts Council of Collier County
- YMCA

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Introduction

Youth Haven proposes to provide an integrated program that will support Outreach (SSO-SO,) Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH,) Temporary Housing (TH,) and Coordinated Entry (SSO-SE) and as part of the Special NOFO to Address Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside that will impact the issues facing homeless, abused and neglected children and teens in Collier County.

Youth Haven's priorities for the special NOFO are to:

1. Reduce unsheltered homelessness for children and teens
2. Partner with an array of stakeholders within the CoC to provide needed services
3. Advance equity and use a "Housing First" approach
 - a. Execute a voluntary, rights-based, client-centered approach that emphasizes client choice in terms of housing and supports. Individuals are not required to demonstrate that they are 'ready' for housing. Clients' needs for housing is not conditional based on sobriety, abstinence, addiction or mental health. The only factor taken into consideration is ensuring the safety of the staff and other residents in temporary housing.
 - b.

The new programs support and complement two of Youth Haven's core programs to provide comprehensive 24/7 care for homeless, neglected and abused children and teens and transition them into permanent homes, and to successfully transition homeless teens into successful adults.

Current Core Programs

1. The Youth Haven Foster Care Group Homes offer a warm, caring and home-like environment for SWFL's youngest victims of homelessness, abuse, neglect and trauma. The Group Homes are divided into two programs as mandated by Florida Statute - Emergency Shelter and At-Risk. The Emergency Shelter is reserved for placements that are meant to be temporary, or for first-time removals, whereas At Risk shelters are reserved for children and teens who have a history of severe physical or sexual abuse; are homeless; are confirmed human trafficking victims; or youth who have been removed from their home multiple times. Case managers provide support services that range from meeting basic needs and medical care to more intense counseling, tutoring, psychiatric care, medication management and substance abuse programs. The Emergency Shelter and At Risk programs serve an average of 143 children and teens annually.

2. Youth Haven's Transitional Living Cottage, Rob's Group Home, provides comprehensive 24-hour care and life skills training for homeless unaccompanied youth ages 16 to 19. Teens are accepted into Rob's Group Home on a voluntary basis. Referrals are accepted from community partners including local school guidance counselors, social workers, Youth Relations Deputies and the Juveniles-at-Risk program. Youth Haven provides intensive and very structured case management, so homeless teens don't transition into homeless adults. Youth Haven Homeless Teen Transitional Living Program (HTTLP) is licensed to house 18 youth annually. Rob's Cottage life skills training serves over 70 youth annually.

3B1: Proposed New Programs: Provide a description that addresses the entire scope of the proposed project.

The proposed Outreach program and Coordinated Entry will help increase the number of homeless and LGBTQ+ children and teens served in the Group Foster Homes and Emergency Shelter; the Supportive Housing element will successfully transition current HTTLP residents into homes and open up spaces to serve additional homeless teens at Youth Haven to transition into successful adults.

1. Youth Haven will recruit, hire and train an Outreach Coordinator (OC) who will work with partners to help neglected children and teens find a safe and stable home - those who are facing homelessness, those who have runaway, those who are couch-surfing and also respond to the unique needs of the LGBTQ+ community who are estimated to represent 40% of homeless teens. The OC will also provide education and public speaking workshops addressing high-risk behaviors and prevention education coordinated with the broader network of programs, services, or staff who are likely to encounter children and teens experiencing unsheltered homelessness, but whose regular focus is broader than homelessness. This might include law enforcement and other first responders, hospitals, health and behavioral healthcare providers, child welfare agencies, homeless education liaisons, workforce systems, faith-based organizations, and other community-based providers. Once entered into the Youth Haven program, the children and teens will receive extensive case management tailored to their particular needs - respectful and responsive to their beliefs and practices, sexual orientations, disability statuses, gender identities, cultural preferences, and linguistic needs of all individuals. Each participant will receive care in Youth Haven's trauma-informed nurturing environment - food, clothing and medical care, crisis intervention, recreational programs and aftercare services for youth after they transition out of the program. Due to an anticipated increase in residents and/or severity of their trauma, a case manager will be specifically assigned to these new individuals to assist in the intake process, representing .5 FTE. The Outreach program will be supported by comprehensive awareness and communications campaigns: outreach/training to community partners; media releases that will invite speaking engagements; a Public Relations plan to seed guest columns, secure interviews with local media, and seed Public Service Announcements with local media; participation at appropriate events; brochures; social media; website; peer-to-peer Tik-Tok and

YouTube videos; and, distribution of 10,000 water bottles with the Youth Haven Outreach Coordinator's dedicated phone number.

2. Record levels of rent increases in both Collier and Lee Counties have prevented the transition of approximately 7 from Youth Haven's HTTLP in the past two years. Fair Market Rents (FMRs) in Collier County - or in other words, the gross rent - is higher than 62 other counties in Florida. Collier County is the fifth most expensive county in terms of FMRs. Lee County, while more affordable than Collier, has FMRs 14% higher than the state. Because of this, Youth Haven had to increase the resident age limit from 20 years old to 21 years old. The average length of stay in the HTTLP program has increased from 18.5 months to 30 months. One solution to the problem is to transition college students into campus living and explore less expensive options for those who are employed, particularly those employed in essential worker positions. A portion of one case manager's time (.5 FTE) will be utilized to explore housing options and negotiate with landlords. The case manager will be assigned to explore novel options such as the plan to turn more than 100 units at the old Super 8 motel in Naples into dignified and affordable housing for essential workers and others the community depends upon (K-2 Developers.) Once affordable housing is secured, Youth Haven will help subsidize security deposits, first month's rent, last month's rent, utility deposits, up to a maximum cap of \$6,500 per placement. Youth Haven anticipates that this program will help find transitional and permanent housing for both those in Youth Haven's HTTLP as well as new prospects who may be identified from the Street Outreach program – 10 to 15 teens per year. The caveat is that this housing has to be located in areas that are conducive to Youth Haven providing regular follow-ups and check-ins.

3B1a: Describe how the proposed project is consistent with the plan described by the CoC in response to Section VII.B.4 of this NOFA?

The proposed Outreach program will help increase the number of homeless and LGBTQ children served in the Group Foster Homes and emergency shelter; the Coordinated Entry and Supportive Housing will successfully transition current Homeless Teen Transitional Living Program (HTTLP) residents into homes and open up spaces to serve additional homeless teens to transition into successful adults.

The HTTLP Case Manager will explore housing options and negotiate with landlords. The Case Manager will work to transition HTTLP college students into campus living and will explore novel options such as the K-2 Developer's plan to turn more than 100 units at the old Super 8 motel in Naples into dignified and affordable housing for essential workers and others the community depends upon.

To provide healthcare to its residents, Youth Haven works with its network of healthcare partners as part of its base program services. For mental healthcare, Youth Haven utilizes outsource psychiatrists for medication management and more severe cases.

Youth Haven currently works with a variety of community partners such as schools, the foster care system, law enforcement, LGBTQ+ organizations and provides them with tools, training and information to help identify homeless children and teens and how to can Youth Haven's services.

To ensure that children and teens are involved in the decision making process, Youth Haven's highly trained clinicians use a Collaborative Problem Solving® (CPS) approach when interacting with children and teens. Youth Haven is the first organization in Florida to implement this program - a strengths based, neurobiological-grounded approach that provides concrete guideposts that guide trauma-informed care and empower youth.