

Youthworks' 2025-2027 Anti-Trafficking Budget

Expense Category	Biennium Cost
Personnel to serve youth statewide, including Human Trafficking Specialists, Therapists, and mentors	\$ 1,246,440.00
Travel to serve victims in their home communities	\$ 50,000.00
Current Continuum of Housing, including emergency shelter, Transitional Housing, and Rental Support	\$ 130,000.00
Additional Housing Support to address unmet housing needs	\$ 270,227.00
Indirect costs and additional expenses not covered by state funding	\$ 270,000.00
<i>Federal Funding</i>	\$ 1,966,667.00
<i>Match Funding Required</i>	\$ 655,000.00 (Biennium)

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ANTI-TRAFFICKING SERVICES

Youthworks has provided services and support to runaway, homeless, sex trafficked, street youth (RHTSY) since 1986. Nearly a decade ago, Youthworks received its first funding for trafficking-specific services. Currently, Youthworks is the only agency in North Dakota providing in-person anti-trafficking services to youth throughout the state.

In the 2021-23 biennium, Youthworks received \$482,823 in state funding to serve youth victims statewide. We were able to use these dollars to leverage federal funding.

In 2023-25 biennium, this funding was decreased by \$153,834, including funding for travelling to rural communities. This reduction put significant pressure on Youthworks to quickly address the deficit and find ways to maintain services throughout the biennium. We will be unable to sustain covering this deficit in the upcoming biennium and may be forced to forgo federal funding if additional resources are not secured. Youthworks doesn't want to leave federal funding on the table.

For every \$1 North Dakota invests, Youthworks receives \$3 in federal funding to support youth victims of human trafficking. This biennium Youthworks has the opportunity to bring in \$1,966,667 in federal money to support youth victims, requiring \$655,000 in match funding.

By continuing to invest in Youthworks, the state strengthens its ability to combat human trafficking while ensuring that every dollar yields exponential impact. Together, we can address this urgent issue, protect vulnerable youth, and create pathways to healing and independence for survivors across North Dakota.

**"I'm not a victim, I'm a survivor.
I used to have a victim mentality
but not anymore."**

18-MONTH SNAPSHOT:

147 youth received anti-trafficking support and services from Youthworks

3,196 nights of transitional housing were provided to survivors

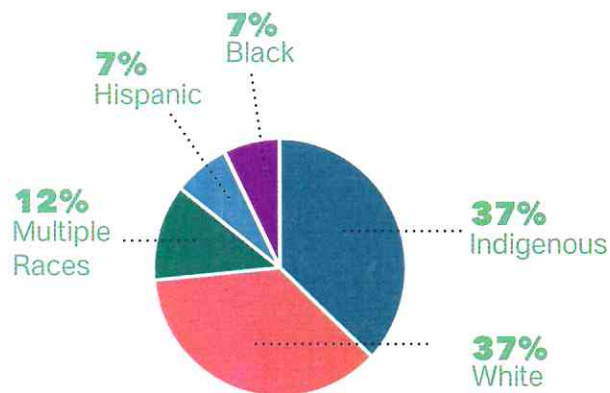
17.1 was the average age a youth began receiving anti-trafficking services

35% of North Dakota's counties had youth victims identified

92% of youth served were survivors of sex trafficking

17% were both sex and labor trafficked

RACIAL DEMOGRAPHICS OF YOUTH SERVED



Youthworks' Anti-Trafficking Funding, Federal and State by biennium

