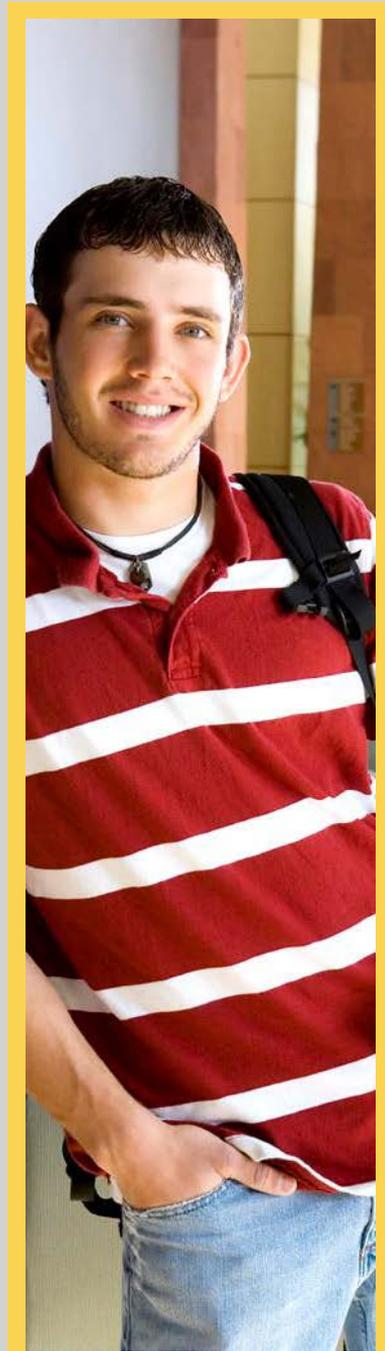


COLLABORATING FOR STUDENT SUCCESS: MCKINNEY-VENTO & RUNAWAY & HOMELESS YOUTH PROGRAMS

National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE)

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NATIONAL CENTER FOR HOMELESS EDUCATION (NCHE)

- Operates the U.S. Department of Education's homeless education technical assistance and information center
- Provides
 - Website: www.serve.org/nche
 - Helpline: Call 800-308-2145 or e-mail homeless@serve.org
 - Products and publications: Visit www.serve.org/nche/products.php
 - Webinars: www.serve.org/nche/web/group.php



WHY COLLABORATE?

- McKinney-Vento Act (MVA) and Runaway & Homeless Youth Act (RHYA) require collaboration to coordinate services for youth
- School personnel are often unaware of RHYA services
- RHYA staff may not understand education rights and services
- Ensures the provision of all appropriate services without overlap
- It works!

COLLABORATING FOR EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS

- Good practices
 - Create a task force to identify needs of youths and develop a coordinated approach to address them
 - Develop processes for sharing information across agencies
 - Initiate efforts to change state/local policies that are barriers to educational success

Tip: Find more information on collaboration at
www.serve.org/nche/ibt/sc_collab.php



LOCAL HOMELESS EDUCATION LIAISON

- Every school district must designate a liaison whose duties include:
 - Identifying homeless children and youth
 - Enrolling homeless students immediately
 - Obtaining records, immunizations, etc.
 - Informing students of their rights
 - Resolving disputes
 - Arranging transportation
 - Referring to services within and outside school

WHO IS THE LIAISON IN MY COMMUNITY?

- Check your school district directory or website
- Contact your State Coordinator for homeless education:

<http://www.serve.org/nche/downloads/sccontact.pdf>

- Contact NCHE at 800-308-2145 or homeless@serve.org



RHYA - STREET OUTREACH PROGRAMS

- Focus on developing relationships between workers & youth. Ultimate goal is to prevent sexual exploitation & abuse. Include:
 - Street based education and outreach
 - Survival aid
 - Treatment and counseling
 - Crisis intervention
 - Follow-up support

Tip: See Fact Sheet at

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/resource/sop-fact-sheet>



RHYA - BASIC CENTER PROGRAMS

- Help meet immediate needs of RHY under 18. Try to reunite youth with family or locate appropriate alternative placements. Include:
 - Up to 21 days of shelter
 - Food, clothing and medical care
 - Individual, group and family counseling
 - Crisis intervention
 - Recreation programs
 - Aftercare services after youth leave the shelter

Tip: See Fact Sheet at
[http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/resource/
bcp-fact-sheet](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/resource/bcp-fact-sheet)



RHYA - TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAMS

- Support long-term residential services for youth 16-22. Include:
 - Safe, stable accommodations in host homes, group homes, or supervised apartments
 - Basic life skills building
 - Educational opportunities
 - Job attainment services
 - Mental health care
 - Physical health care

Tip: See Fact Sheet at
[http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/resource/
tlp-fact-sheet](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/resource/tlp-fact-sheet)



RHYA - MATERNITY GROUP HOMES

- Support homeless pregnant and/or parenting youth (16-22), and their dependent children. Include standard TLP services plus:
 - Parenting skills
 - Child development
 - Family budgeting
 - Health and nutrition

WHERE ARE THE RHYA PROGRAMS?

- <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/grants/fysb-grantees>
 - Click on your state
 - Click on Runaway and Homeless Youth
 - Click on program type
- If you need immediate assistance, call the National Runaway Safeline at 1-800-RUNAWAY (1-800-786-2929)

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Collaborative Efforts Between McKinney-Vento Liaison and Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs

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Director of Runaway and Homeless Youth Service Continuum

Strategies for Collaborative Work



Flexibility – Being flexible with scope of work, where work takes place, and how work gets accomplished



Alliance – creating a joint effort, knowing you are on the same team, being willing to join efforts, understanding that no one can do this work alone.



Having a Shared Goal – having trust that we all have the best interest of the youth in mind throughout our work



Support – Providing support and assistance for each other's work



Creativity – Thinking outside the box, not letting the constraints of the system prevent the work.

Barriers and How to Overcome Them



All barriers can be overcome if there is a foundational relationship built on open and honest communication



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SMA BEHAVIORAL
AND
VOLUSIA COUNTY
SCHOOLS

*A great relationship between provider
and the McKinney Vento Liaison*

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THE BEGINNING

❖ In 2005, Volusia County Schools wanted to expand their Homeless Education Steering Committee to include community partners.

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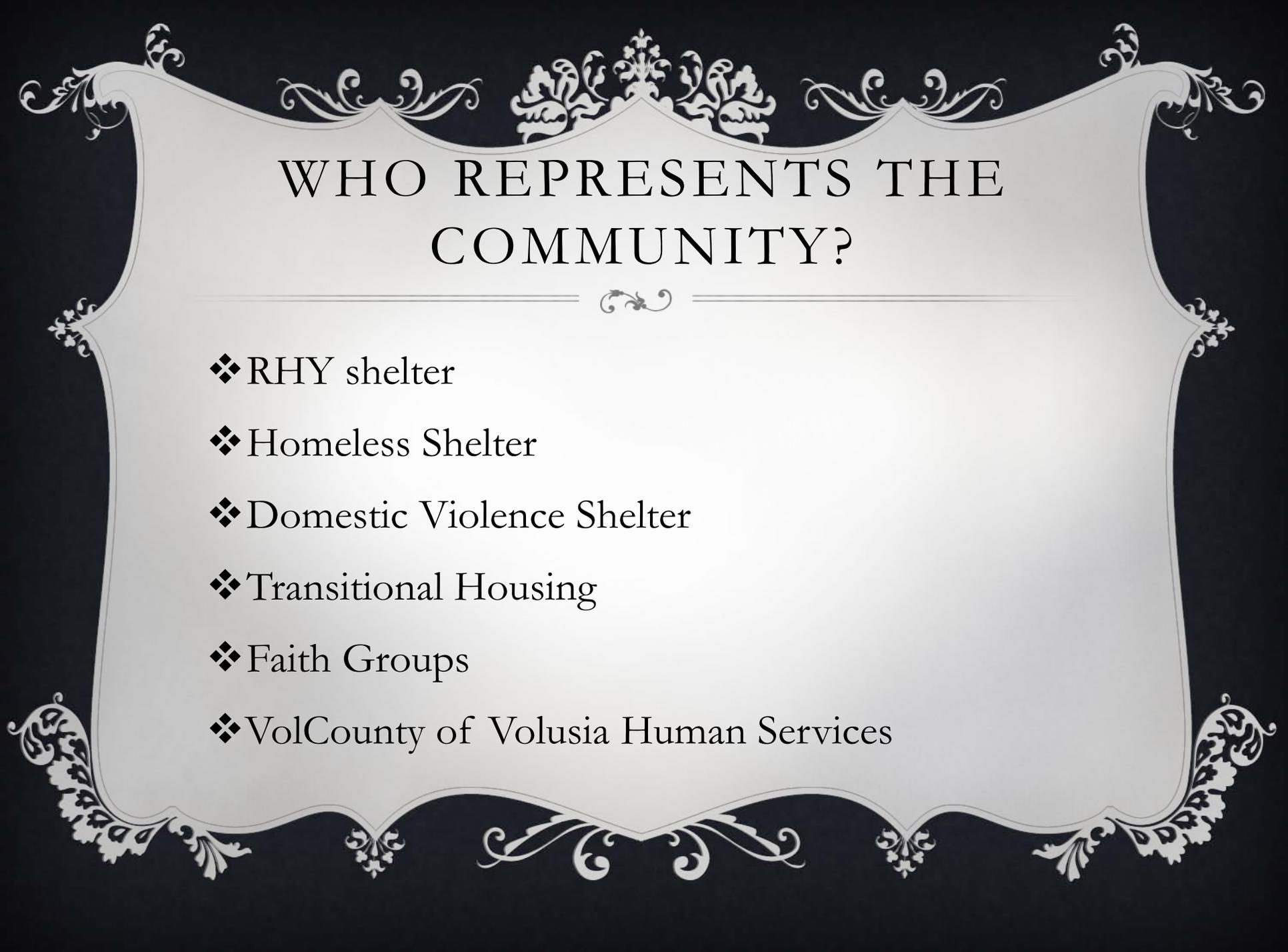
DEFINITION:

❖ Homeless Education Steering Committee: A committee established to ensure compliance with the law and address barriers that exist for homeless children and youth. It meets at least three (3) times a school year.



WHO IS ON THE COMMITTEE FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT?

- ❖ Transportation
- ❖ Zoning
- ❖ Student Services
- ❖ Facilities
- ❖ Registration
- ❖ Federal Programs
- ❖ ESE
- ❖ School Lunch Program



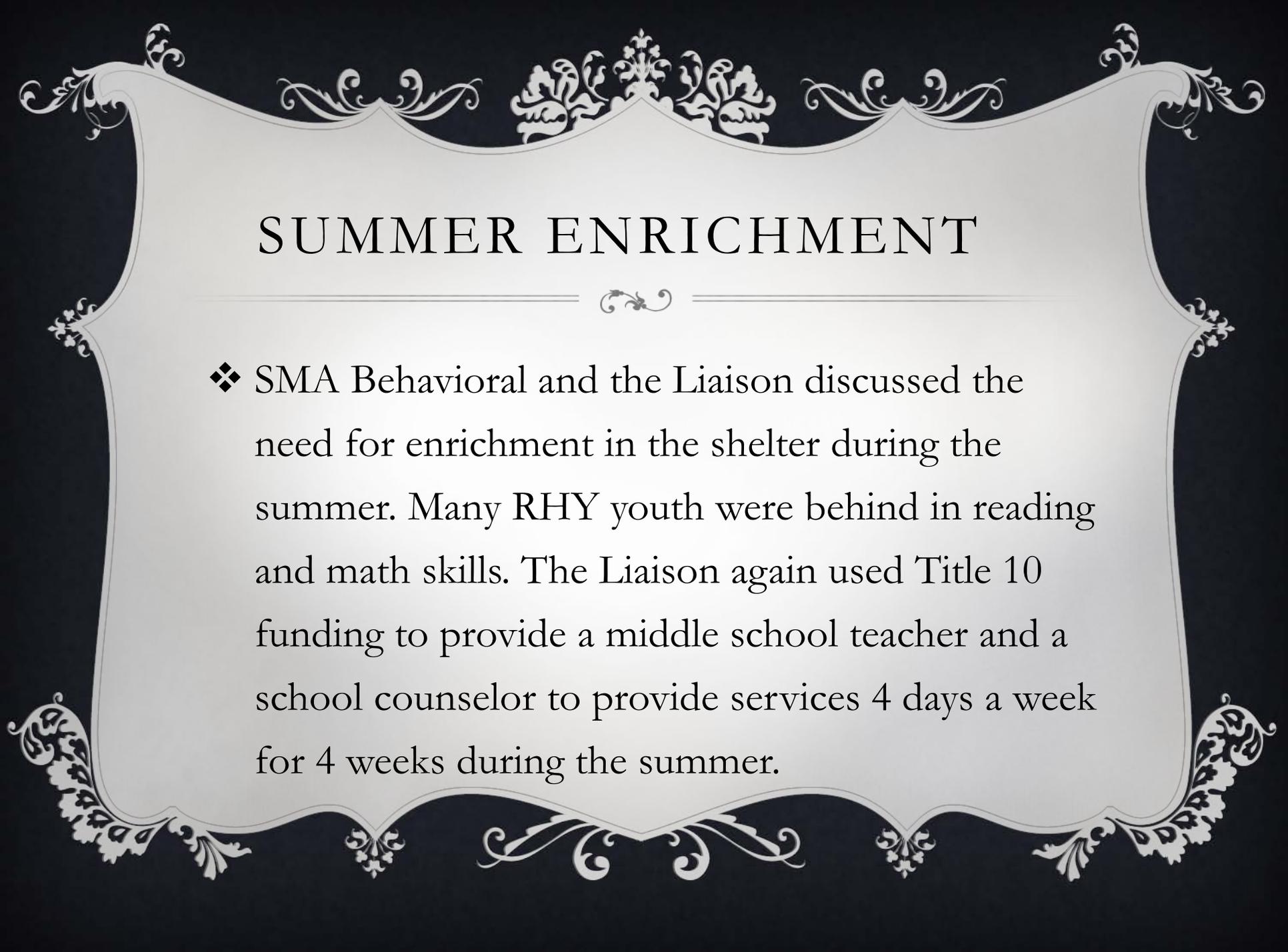
WHO REPRESENTS THE COMMUNITY?

- ❖ RHY shelter
- ❖ Homeless Shelter
- ❖ Domestic Violence Shelter
- ❖ Transitional Housing
- ❖ Faith Groups
- ❖ VolCounty of Volusia Human Services

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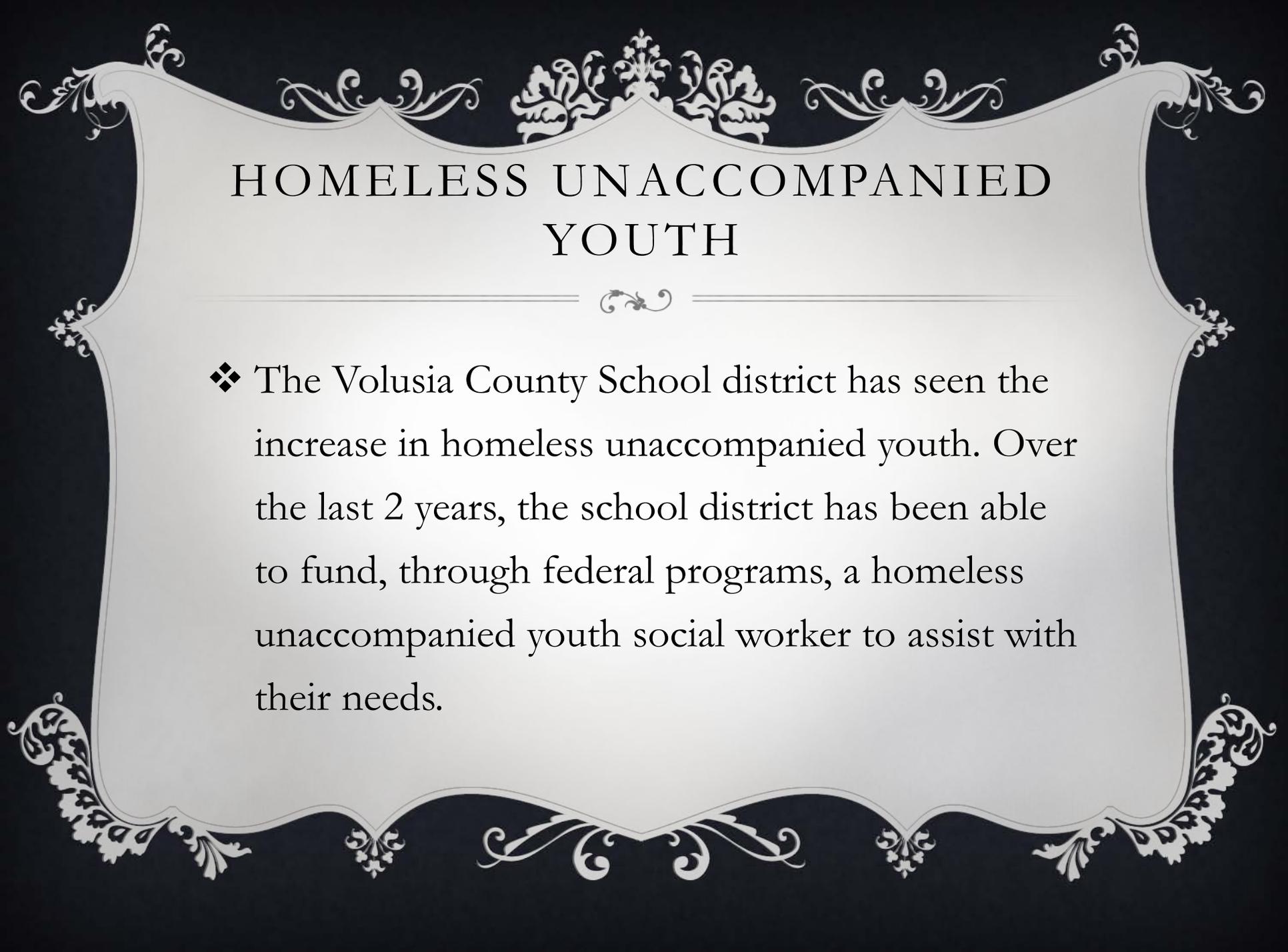
EXTRA SUPPORT

- ❖ Some of the extra supports that have been added to the shelter for RHY youth are Enrichment Services. The district used funding from the Title 10 Homeless Grant and provided additional Educational Tutoring Services to the RHY youth once a week.

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SUMMER ENRICHMENT

- ❖ SMA Behavioral and the Liaison discussed the need for enrichment in the shelter during the summer. Many RHY youth were behind in reading and math skills. The Liaison again used Title 10 funding to provide a middle school teacher and a school counselor to provide services 4 days a week for 4 weeks during the summer.

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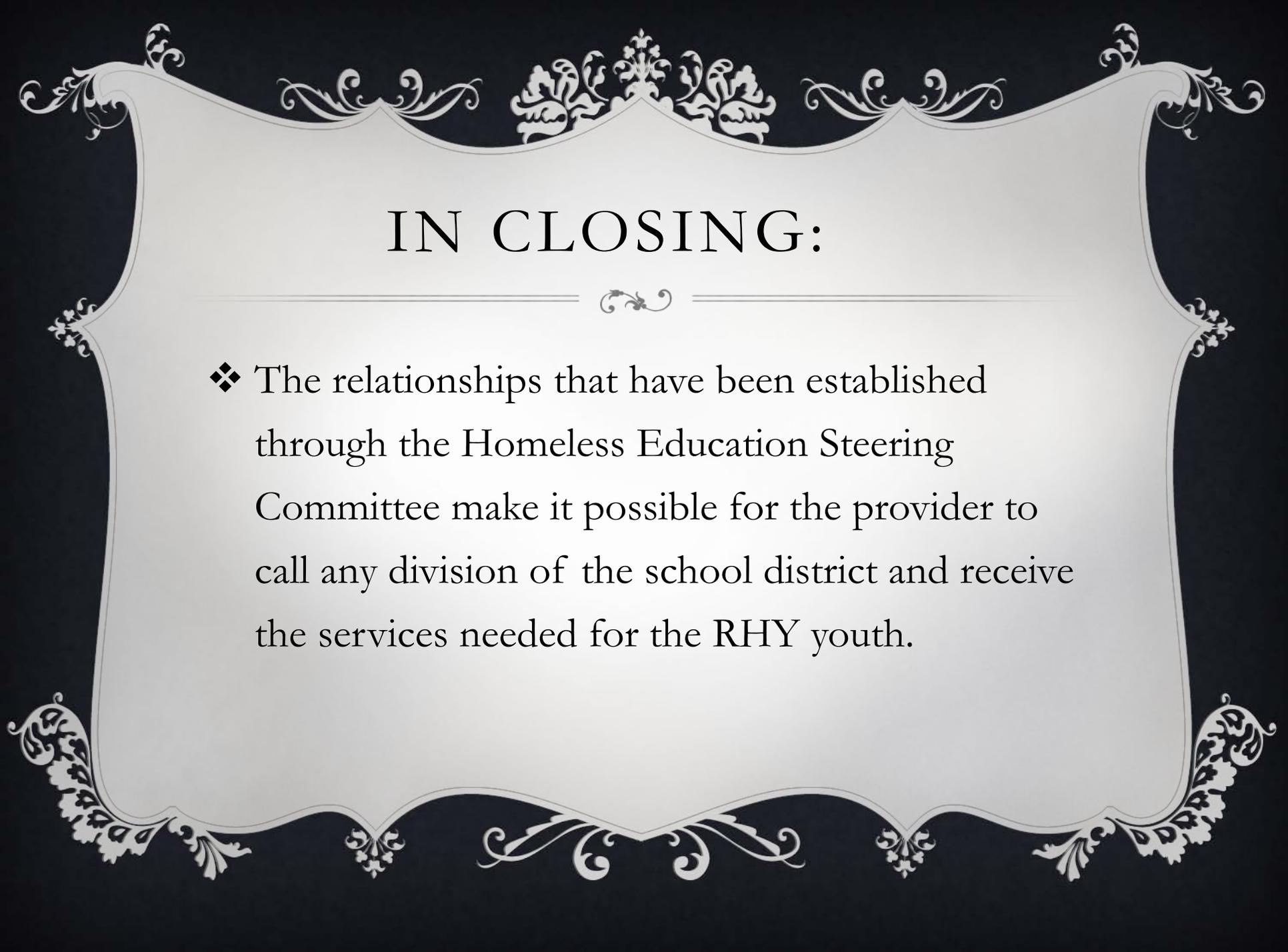
HOMELESS UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH

- ❖ The Volusia County School district has seen the increase in homeless unaccompanied youth. Over the last 2 years, the school district has been able to fund, through federal programs, a homeless unaccompanied youth social worker to assist with their needs.



TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

❖ Local non-profit organizations have seen the need for transitional housing for RHY youth and now have two transitional homes for adolescents in the county. This is a reflection of the relationship of the McKinney –Vento Liaison and the community.



IN CLOSING:

- ❖ The relationships that have been established through the Homeless Education Steering Committee make it possible for the provider to call any division of the school district and receive the services needed for the RHY youth.

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