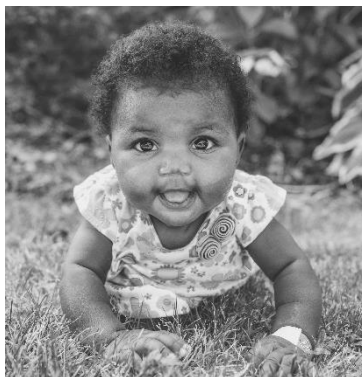




**HOMESPACE**  
WORKING TO CHANGE TWO GENERATIONS AT A TIME

## Census Overview



# 2018



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## ***Our Mission***

Homespace supports at-risk young women to achieve independence two generations at a time.





## Supervised Independent Living Program

### National and Local Statistics

Nationally **about 420,000 children and youth** are in out-of-home placement within any given year.

Erie County represents nearly **5,000 children and youth** annually. The majority of these youth and children end up in foster homes and/or kinship care. The group homes children are placed in are similar to Second Chance, as well as Independent Living Programs similar to Homespace.



### How Homespace Made a Difference

Homespace SILP was created in response to the unmet needs of housing and independent living services for young pregnant and/or parenting women in the Erie County foster care system.

Over the years we have expanded to provide housing and services not only to pregnant and parenting youth, but young women in foster care throughout Western New York as well.



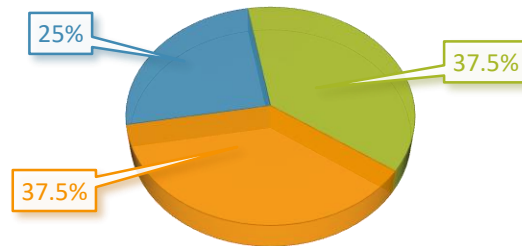
## Clients Served at Homespace SILP in 2018

48 Total Clients Served in 2018

12 Pregnant or Parenting Youth

18 Children

18 Non-Pregnant or Parenting Youth

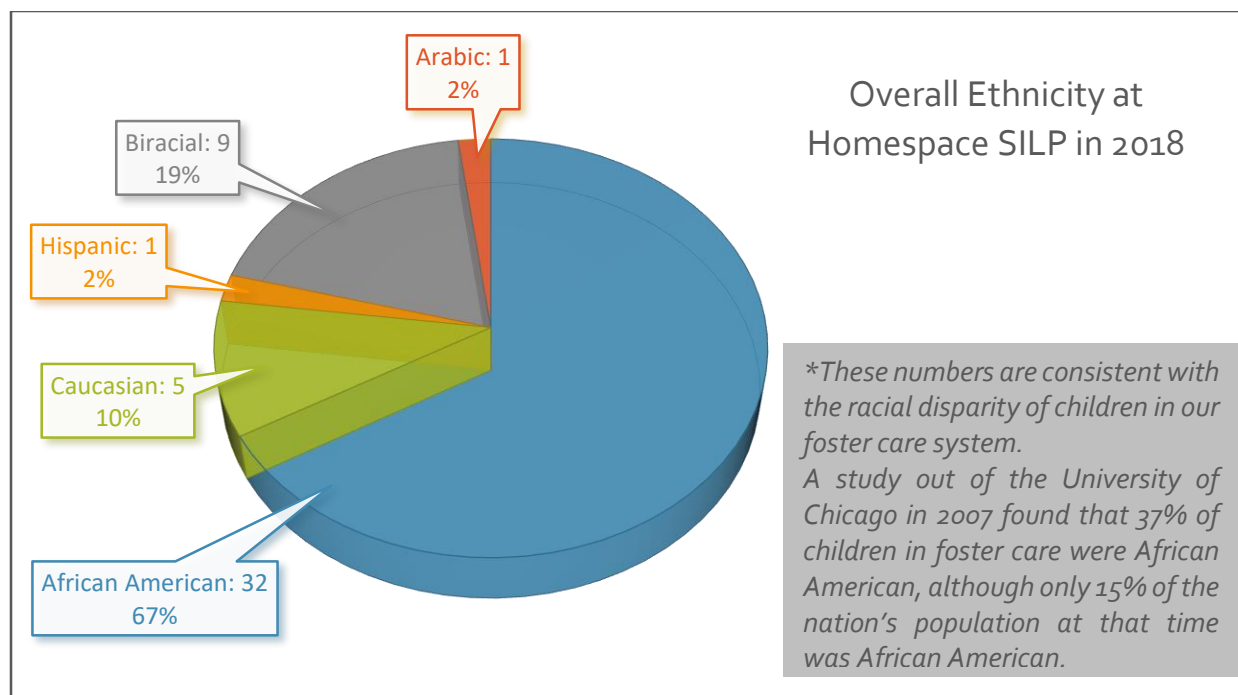


*\* Data gathered pertains to residents in the Homespace SILP program from 1/1/18-12/31/18*

## Gender and Ethnicity Data for 2018

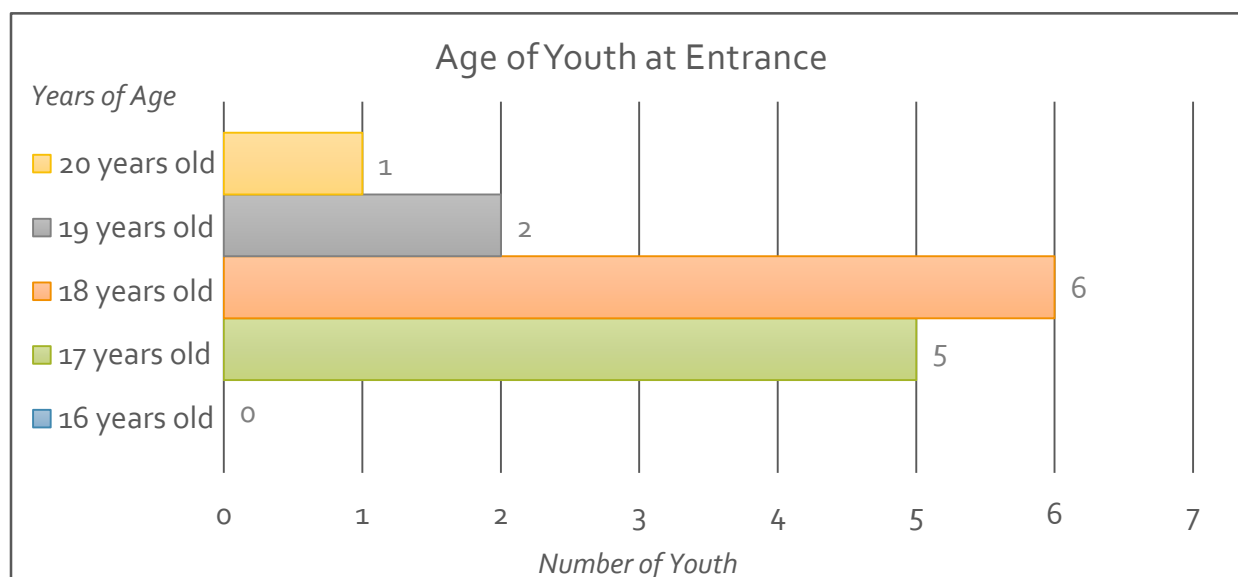
Gender	Female	Male	<i>*The following demographics pertain to all residents residing at Homespace SILP during 2018, regardless of admission date.</i> - 61% of children were male - 39% of children were female.
Pregnant/Parenting Youth	12	0	
Children	7	11	
Non-Pregnant/Parenting	18	0	

Ethnicity	Pregnant/Parenting	Children	Non-Pregnant Parenting
African-American	7	14	11
Caucasian	2	0	3
Hispanic	0	0	1
Biracial	2	4	3
Arabic	1	0	0



## Admission Information for 2018

<b>Total admissions in 2018</b>	<b>21</b>	<i>*Children admitted into Homespace SILP during 2018 includes those entering into the program at the time of their parent's admission and children born to youth already in the program.</i>
Pregnant/parenting youth	3	
Children	7	
Non-Pregnant/Parenting	11	



An increase in age from previous years is a trend can be explained by more youth referrals from other SILP programs in the area which only accept youth over the age of 18 as well as our policy as of September 2018 of not accepting SILP admissions of a youth coming from a level of care higher than a group home. All youth being referred from Residential Treatment Centers must first successfully complete programming at Next Step or Second Chance Home.

Original Reason for Admissions <i>(youth only)</i>		Placement Prior to Intake <i>(youth only)</i>	
Person in Need of Supervision (PINS)	5	Second Chance Group Home	2
Juvenile Delinquent	2	Next Step Group Home	1
Abuse/Neglect	7	Other Group Home	2
Voluntary/Re-Enter	0	Another SILP	2
District of Origin <i>(youth only)</i>		Residential Placement	4
Erie County	13	Home	3
Cattaraugus County	1		

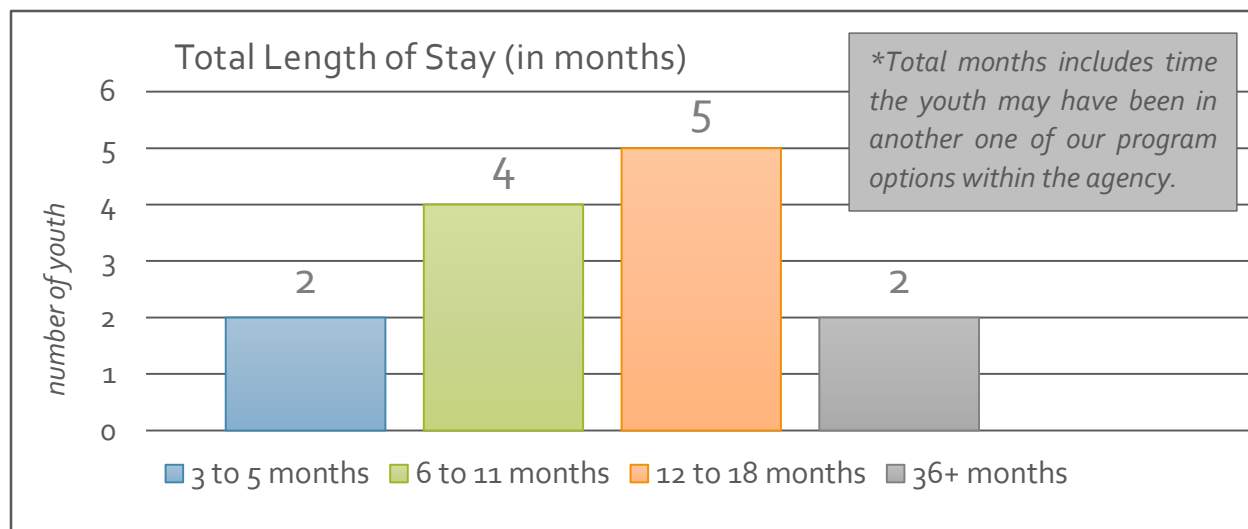
Admission Dates in 2018				
<i>*Quarterly</i>	January - March	April - June	July - September	October - December
Pregnant/Parenting Youth	1	0	3	0
Children	3	0	4	0
Non-Pregnant/Parenting Youth	1	2	4	3
<i>*Summer months continue to be the time of the year with the highest admissions rate. This is often due to the fact that youth are transitioned to new programs during the summer school break</i>				

## Discharge Information for 2018

Total discharged in 2018	21	<i>*No child was discharged without their parent in 2018. Child-only discharges occur when a child is removed from their parents care while at HS.</i>
Pregnant/parenting youth	8	
Children	5	
Non-Pregnant/Parenting	13	

The number of youth and children who were discharged from the program decreased from 2017-2018. In 2017 there were a total of 32 discharges, and 2018 had a total of 26 discharges. In addition, 1 discharge was a youth that was moved from SILP to Next Step for stabilization and she did remain within our agency.





Length of stay was comparable to 2017. Most youth who have a shorter length of stay leave the program due to staff-initiated reasons (AWOL, program non-compliance, etc.) Those with a longer length of stay having youth-initiated reasons for their discharges (aging out, planned leave after their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, etc.) It should be noted that staff-initiated discharges are viewed as “unsuccessful” whereas youth-initiated discharges are seen as “successful.”

### Number of Children in Family at Exit

Pregnant	1
1 Child	3
2 Children	3
3 Children	1



### Youth Initiated/Voluntary Discharges

**9**

Aged Out (Turned 21 years old)	4
Signed themselves out of care prior to turning 21	2
Chose another SILP option in our community (all of these youth were on Behavior Support Plans at the time of their discharge)	3

*\*Considered “successful”, these youth chose to leave the program on their own, it was not due to program non-compliance.*

### Staff Initiated/Involuntary Discharges

**4**

Needed a higher level of care than a SILP	2
Continued to miss curfew (AWOL):	1
Evicted from Community SILP apartment	1

*\* Considered “unsuccessful”, these youth are asked to leave the program and/or release from care after not complying with a behavior support plan.*

Location of Youth After Discharge (regardless of reason)		Youth Employment and Education (Status in 2018, at the time of discharge)	
Group Home (other than SCH)	1	Employed	4
Next Step (HS Group Home)	1	Unemployed	9
Homeless	2	<i>*7 of the 9 youth that were unemployed were attending school.</i>	
Another SILP Program	3	Enrolled in High School/GED	4
Own Apartment	1	Enrolled in College	2
		Enrolled in Vocational School	1
		High School/GED Graduates	3
		<i>*all enrolled in post-secondary education</i>	
		Not Enrolled in School	6

## Overall Education and Employment Status of SILP Residents



Out of the 30 youth that Homespace SILP served in 2018, 10 (33%) have yet to earn their high school diploma and/or high school equivalency. Out of those 4 (40%) were enrolled and actively attending classes while at Homespace. Barriers that were reported as to why youth were not enrolled and, or actively attending school included frustration with lack of support in GED programming, a need for employment and childcare issues.

Out of the 30 youth 18 (60%) at some point were employed during the year. This includes part- time employment, full time employment, and paid internships. Employment fields that continued to be most popular among our residents included health care (CAN and PCA), call centers, retail, and fast food. Barriers that residents continued to report to becoming and/or staying employed included a need to focus on their education, lack of transportation, and lack of consistent daycare especially outside of normal business hours.



## Overall Mental Health of SILP Residents



All residents in our SILP program have some type of trauma history however, not all of our residents choose to participate or follow through with the resources that are available to them. During 2018, 14 residents (47%) in our SILP program had a formal diagnosis at the time of intake. Of those 14 residents, only 4 (29%) of those young women chose to consistently participate in counseling throughout 2018. Barriers that continued to be identified to obtaining treatment included feeling they have no time in their schedule, lack of providers that they would want to see, lack of confidence and/or trust in providers and a belief that counseling will not help.

## Second Chance Home



### How Second Chance Home Made a Difference

Second Chance Home is a group home for teenage mothers in foster care who range in age from 14-21 years old. Our program focuses on using the Trauma Informed Care Model to embrace the needs of our youth and deliver services that are based on trust, safety, choice, empowerment, and collaboration.

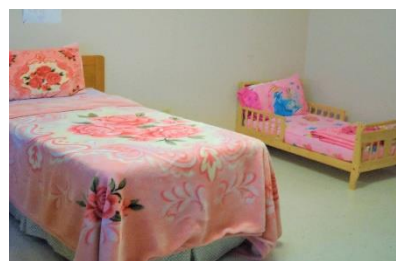


**Total number of clients served:** 30

Pregnant/parenting youth 15

Children (under the age of 5) 15

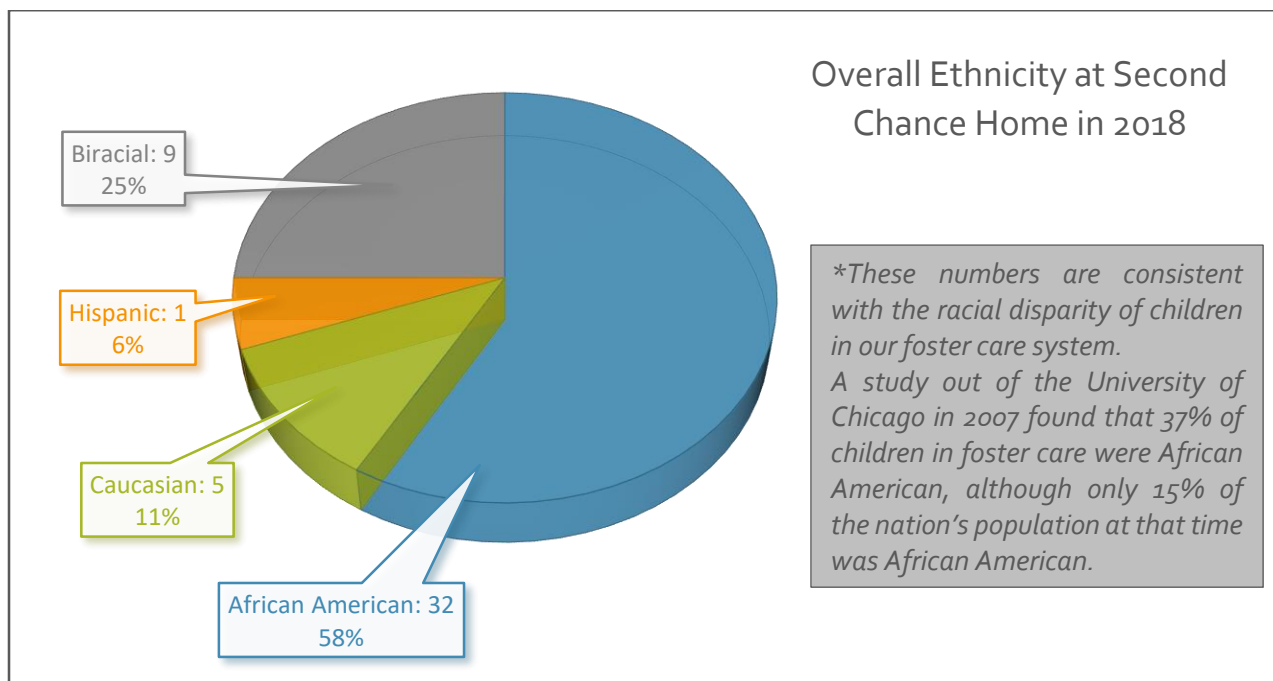
*\*The following demographics pertains to all residents residing at Second Chance Home during 2018, regardless of admission date.*



## Gender and Ethnicity Data for 2018

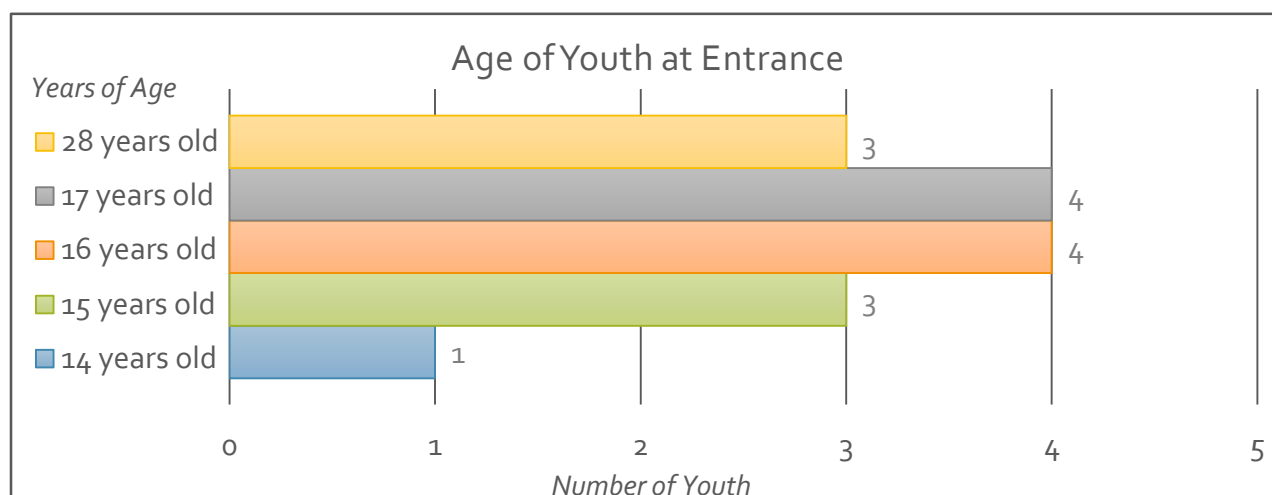
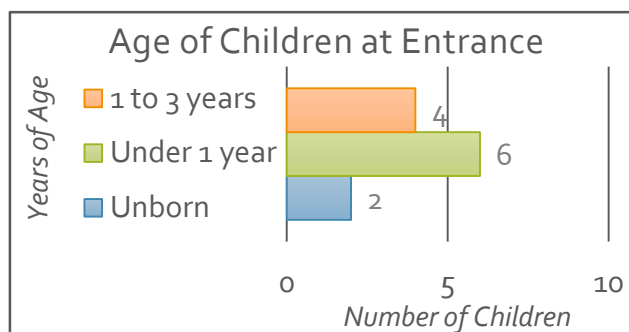
Gender	Female	Male
Pregnant/Parenting Youth	15 (100%)	0 (0%)
Children	4 (27%)	11 (73%)
Overall	19 (64%)	11 (36%)

Ethnicity	Pregnant/Parenting	Children
African-American	10	11
Caucasian	3	1
Hispanic	1	1
Biracial	1	2



## Admission Information for 2018

Total admissions in 2018	21
Pregnant/parenting youth	8
Children born to residents already residing at SCH	2
Children admitted with their mother	6
Children reunited with their mother	2



Original Reason for Admissions (youth only)	
Person in Need of Supervision (PINS)/ Youthful Offender	1
Abuse/Neglect	6
Voluntary/Re-Enter	1
District of Origin (youth only)	
Erie County:	7
Genesee County:	1

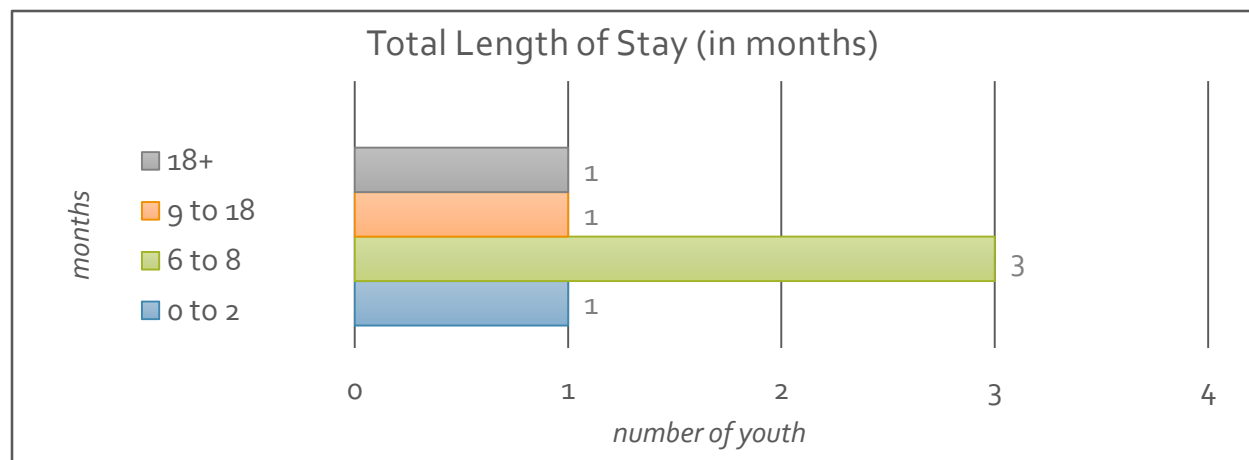
Number of Children in Family at Admission	
No Children/Pregnant	5
1 Child	2
2 Children	1
3 Children	0

Admission Dates in 2018				
*Quarterly	January - March	April - June	July - September	October - December
Pregnant/Parenting Youth	0	4	1	3
Children	0	3	2	5

## Discharge Information for 2018

<b>Total discharged in 2018:</b>	<b>15</b>
Pregnant/parenting youth	6
Children	9

**Two Families Transitioned to Homespace SILP in 2018**



<b>Number of Children in Family at Exit</b>			
Pregnant	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children
1	3	0	1

<b>Youth Initiated/Voluntary Discharges</b>	
Returned to parent/guardian	2
Transitioned to Homespace SILP	2
Chose another SILP option in our community (all of these youth were on Behavior Support Plans at the time of their discharge)	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>
<i>*Considered "successful", these youth chose to leave the program on their own, it was not due to program non-compliance.</i>	
<i>*There were no staff initiated/involuntary ("unsuccessful") discharges in 2018.</i>	

<b>Youth Employment and Education</b>	
<i>(Status in 2018, at the time of discharge)</i>	
Employed	1
Unemployed	5
Enrolled in Educational Programs	4
Not Enrolled in Educational Programs	2



## Overall Education and Employment Status of SCH Residents



Out of the 15 youth that Second Chance served in 2018, 14 have yet to earn their high school diploma and/or high school equivalency. Out of those 14, 13 (93%) were enrolled and actively attending classes while at Homespace. The one youth that was not attending school had an IEP and found GED classes too difficult.

During 2018, 5 residents (33%) were employed at some point during the year. This includes part-time employment, full time employment, and paid internships. Employment fields that were the most popular among residents included fast food, retail, and paid internships through ECC Independence Bound. Barriers that residents reported to becoming and/or staying employed included a need to focus on their education, lack of consistent daycare especially outside of normal business hours and having to focus on their children.



## Overall Mental Health of SCH Residents



All residents at Second Chance Home have some type of trauma history however, not all of our residents choose to participate or follow through with the resources that are available to them. During 2018, 10 residents (67%) in our group program had a formal diagnosis at the time of intake. Of those 10 residents, 6 (60%) of those young women chose to actively participate in counseling throughout 2018. Barriers identified to obtaining treatment included feeling they have no time in their schedule, lack of providers that they would want to see, lack of confidence and/or trust in providers and a belief that counseling will not help.

## Homespace Y-PREP

### How Y-PREP Made a Difference



The Youth Parent Resource & Empowerment Program (Y-Prep) is designed to serve the youth in foster care ages 14-21 that are pregnant and/or parenting (males and females). These services are also available to youth that have left the foster care system or are in the process of leaving foster care who are under the age of 21. Youths who meet certain criteria of need are eligible for services; At risk youth in danger of dropping out of school, youth with poor school attendance, youth who exhibit disruptive behaviors, those with involvement in the juvenile justice system, and/or child protective services.



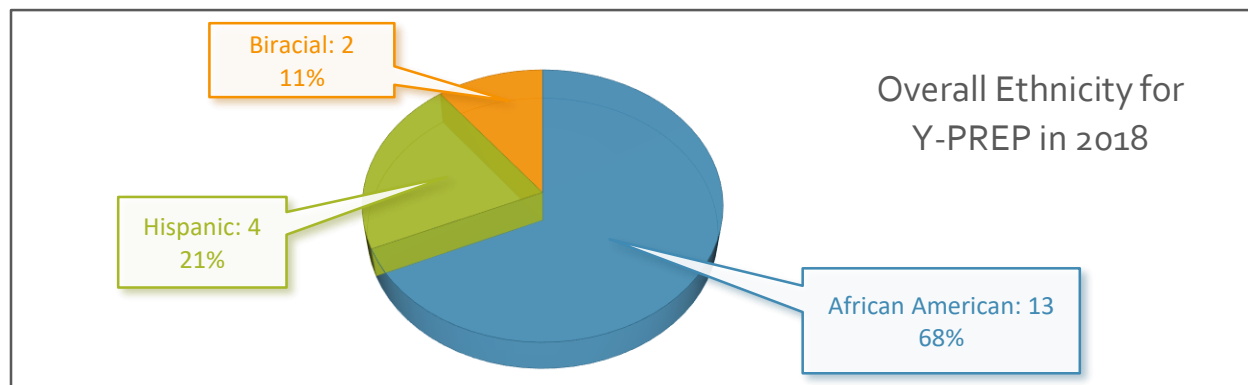
Total number of clients served		*Data gathered pertains to clients in the YPREP program from 1/1/18 – 12/31/18
	19	
Female Pregnant/Parenting Youth	18	
Male Parenting Youth	1	



Y-PREP is focused on a team approach geared towards developing a partnership with the youth and involved family members that will provide support, guidance, and training on an individualized basis. The Y-PREP Case Manager and Y-PREP IL Trainer provide skills associated with all facets of Education, Vocation, and Parenting skill development. Each youth will have an individualized plan to meet their specific needs associated with birth options, prenatal care, birthing, coping skills, healthy relationships, and thorough parenting skills.

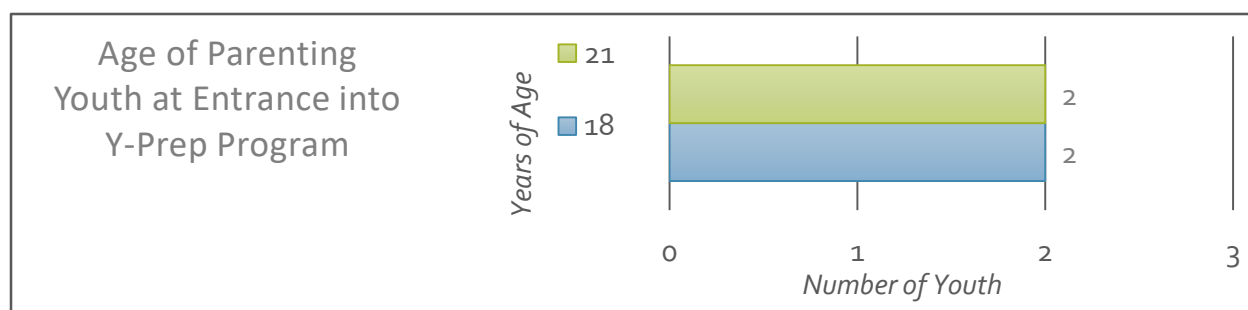
Each youth will be involved in one on one meetings, group session/training groups, and experiential learning to improve on their skill sets. Ongoing crisis management will be provided through an on-call system as well as appropriate clinical services to meet the youth's needs. Homespace strives to foster an environment in which young families can learn to grow, communicate, and care for each other with the ultimate goal of producing a stable, healthy, and functional unit.

## Ethnicity Data for 2018



## Admission Information for 2018

Total admissions in 2018:		4
Referred by Homespace or Second Chance Home		2
Referred by Parent or Self		2



## Discharge Information for 2018

Total Discharges		9	Length of Stay (LOS)	
Aged Out (Turned 21 years old)	1		3 to 8 months	2
Chose to discontinue services	6		9 to 18 months	7
Program non-compliance/ not meeting with workers	3			

Youth Employment and Education	
<i>(Status in 2018, at the time of discharge)</i>	
Employed	7
Unemployed	2
Enrolled in Educational Programs	6
High School Graduate	1
Did not complete school and not enrolled	2



## Overall Goals and Accomplishments



The youth enrolled in our YPREP program focused on many goals this year including securing housing, enrolling in mental health treatment, finding employment, obtaining health care for themselves and their children and building healthy connections to their community. One youth in the program also reunified with her children during 2018! Youth also participated in fun activities such as Bisons games, Thanksgiving Dinner, a trip to the pumpkin patch, Explore and Sheas.



## Next Step

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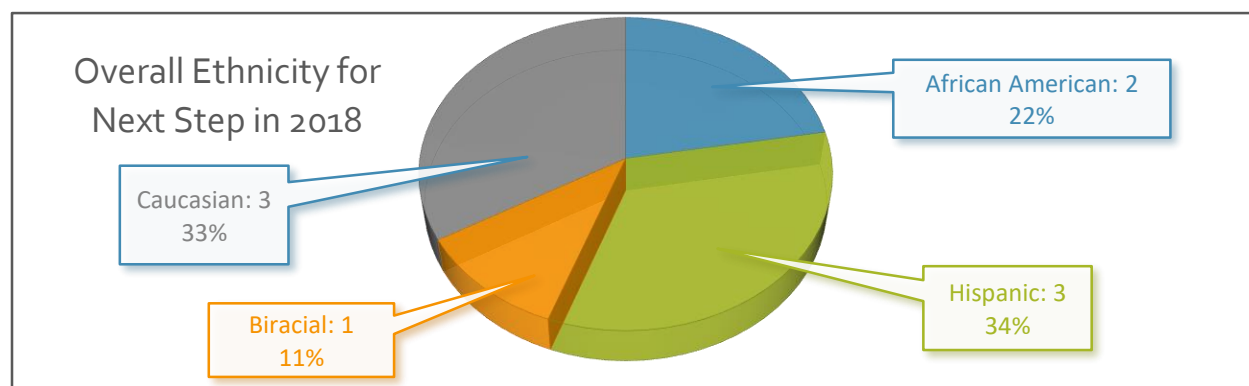
### How Next Step Made a Difference



Next Step is our Agency Operated Group Home designed to provide housing and services to young woman without children ages 14-21. This program was opened in September 2018 to meet the need of young woman being referred from residential treatment programs to our SILP.

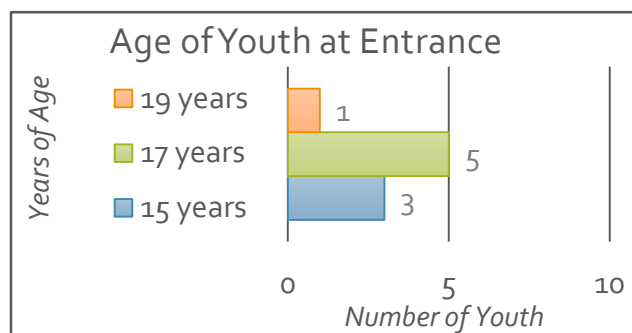
Data indicated that these youth were statistically more likely to be unsuccessfully discharged from our SILP due to not having adequate independent living skills. Next Step is now able so that these young women can transition first to the group home where they are offered intensive Independent Living services and links to community resources that will support a transition to our SILP within 2-6 months.

## Ethnicity Data for 2018



## Admission Information for 2018

Total Admissions in 2018	
9	
Original Reason for Admissions	
Person in Need of Supervision (PINS)/ Youthful Offender	4
Abuse/Neglect	4
Voluntary/Re-Enter	1



Referral Source	
Erie County DSS	5
Niagara County DSS	2
Onondaga/Chautauqua OCFS	2

Admission Dates	
July - September	2
October - December	6

## Discharge Information for 2018

Total Discharges	
2	
Youth Transitioned to Homespace SILP (successful)	1
Youth needed a higher level of care and was referred back to OCFS care for stabilization	1

Length of Stay (LOS)	
0 to 3 months	2



Overall Education and Employment	
(Status in 2018, at the time of discharge)	
Employed	1
Unemployed	1
Enrolled in Educational Programs	2
Not Enrolled in Educational Programs	0

### Overall Education and Employment Status of Next Step Residents



Out of the 9 youth that Next Step served in 2018, all 9 have yet to earn their high school diploma and/or high school equivalency. Out of those 9, 100% were enrolled and actively attending classes while at Next Step.

During 2018, no residents were employed at Next Step. This is due to the fact that the program did not open until September 2018 and most youth will still on their GAP/probationary period prior to the end of the year and were not eligible for community employment.

### Overall Mental Health of Next Step Residents



All residents at Next Step have some type of trauma history however, not all of our residents choose to participate or follow through with the resources that are available to them. During 2018, only 1 youth was actively engaged in treatment.

Barriers to treatment included delay in parental consents being signed, wait-lists at local providers and residents' refusal to engage/attend sessions.