

# Funding for Youth Housing Programs

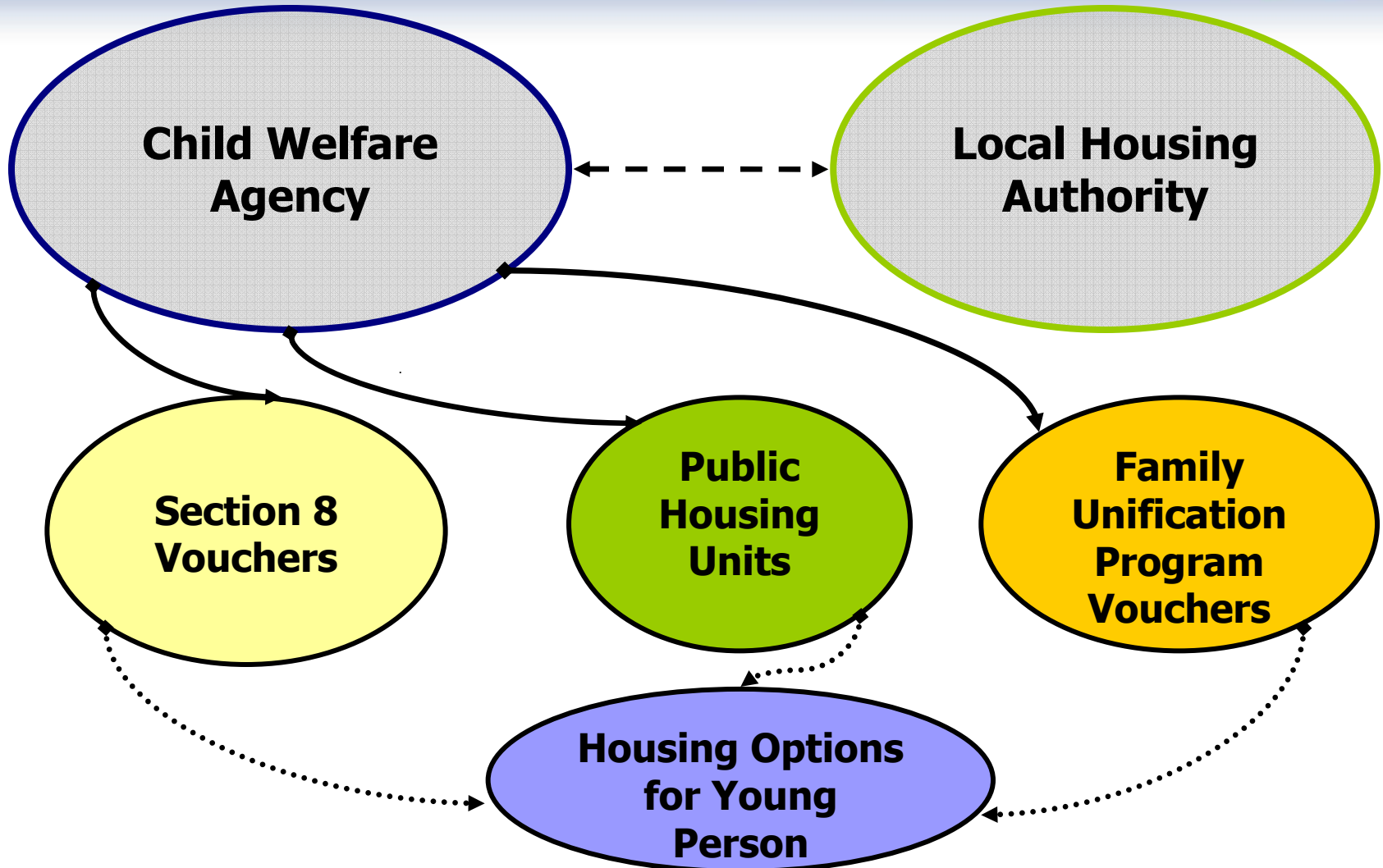
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Child Welfare**

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# About NCHCW

- **NCHCW is non-profit dedicated to linking housing resources and knowledge to child welfare systems to ensure that:**
  - children no longer linger needlessly in foster care as a consequence of family homelessness
  - young people aging out of foster care system have solid plans for housing and services to help them transition to adulthood

# Tap into Federal Housing Resources



# Family Unification Program (FUP) Vouchers

- **Provides Housing Choice Vouchers to communities to:**
  - Prevent placement of children into care and reunify families
  - Provide temporary rent assistance (up to 18 months) for youth aging out of care
- Requires a MOU between child welfare agency and public housing authority
- **\$20 million awarded this month**

# Tap into Federal Housing Resources continued...

## **HOME**

- Acquisition, production and rental assistance

## **Supportive Housing Program (SHP)**

- Promotes development of supportive housing and supportive services. Provides rental assistance.

## **Shelter Plus Care**

- Housing vouchers for youth with special needs

## **Runaway and Homeless Youth Act Transitional Living Program**

- Provides housing and services to youth unable to return home safely

## **Low-Income Tax Credit**

- Can be used to create new housing

## **Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-housing (HPRP)**

- Rental/housing assistance; housing related case management for youth at risk of becoming homeless

# Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Re-housing (HPRP)

- **\$1.5 billion allocated on formula basis – not a competition**
- 60 percent of funds must be spent within two years, 100 percent within three
- Funding should be available September at the latest
- Contact your **Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) coordinator** or [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov) for more information

# Access Community Development Resources



**COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT  
(CDBG)**

- ✓ Flexible funding for individuals with low and moderate incomes
- ✓ Most relevant activity for youth is *Public Services* and *Public Improvements and Facilities*
- ✓ Used to fund the purchase, construction, or rehabilitation of youth facilities
- ✓ \$1 billion dollar increase through Obama Recovery Act

# Access Child Welfare Funding

## **John H. Chafee Foster Care Independent Living Program**

- 30% of funds may be used for room & board

## **Chafee Education Training Vouchers (ETVs)**

- Education vouchers up to \$5,000. Can include room and board expenses.

## **State Child Welfare Funds**

- States can use state funding to support housing needs of youth aging out.

# Final Thoughts

- ✓ **Participate** in the planning process
- ✓ **Identify** contact person and key decision makers
- ✓ **Advocate** for homeless youth as target population
- ✓ **Partner** with other youth-serving providers
- ✓ **Apply** for funding!

# Contact Information

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