



Kentucky Department of
EDUCATION

Community-Based Organizations

The term “community-based organization” (CBO) means a public or private nonprofit organization of demonstrated effectiveness that:

- is representative of a community or significant segments of a community; and
- provides educational or related services to individuals in the community. - [20 U.S. Code § 7801 - Definitions](#)

Districts are encouraged to use some of their American Rescue Plan – Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) funding to collaborate with CBOs. Contracting with a CBO can help support identification of students experiencing homelessness and improve services in the short-run and long-term by building capacity of local educational agencies (LEAs). CBOs may be able to help LEAs to better provide wraparound services to underserved groups of students experiencing homelessness. For more information about working with CBOs, refer to the Kentucky Department of Education’s (KDE’s) [Informational Packet for ARP-HCY Funds](#).

The following list shows some examples of CBOs. The list is provided for informational purposes only. Inclusion on this list does not constitute endorsement by the KDE. If you know of a community-based organization that you feel should be added to the list, please email [Zach Stumbo](#).

- The county health department
- A public or private nonprofit mental health services provider
- Americorps
- Kentucky Runaway and Homeless Youth Grantees
 - Basic Center Programs
 - **MASH Services of the Bluegrass**
Lexington, KY
Phone: (859) 254-2501
 - **YMCA of Greater Louisville**
Louisville, KY
Phone: (502) 635-5233
www.ymcalouisville.org
 - **Brighton Center, Inc.**
Newport, KY
Phone: (856) 491-8303
brighton@brightoncenter.com
www.brightoncenter.com
 - **Mountain Comprehensive Care Center**
Prestonsburg, KY
Phone: (800) 422-1060
Phone: (606) 886-8572
- Maternity group home programs

- Transitional living programs
- Street Outreach Program
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 - **Mountain Comprehensive Care Center**
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- Kentucky Family Violence Prevention and Services Grantees
 - **Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence**
Phone: (502) 209-5382
kcadv.org
- Lexington Gay-Straight Alliance
The GSA provides a safe environment for LGBTQ youth to meet, socialize, and support one another.
389 Waller Ave, Ste 100
Lexington, KY, KY 40504
(859) 253-3233
- Louisville Youth Group
www.louisvilleyouthgroup.com
LYG provides a safe, fun space for LGBTQ youth.
PO Box 406764
Louisville, KY 40204
Phone: 502-499-4427