



# You Gotta Believe (YGB)

## ANNUAL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY 2019



Analysis & Report  
by SEED Impact



# ABOUT YGB

The overarching goal of You Gotta Believe, Inc (YGB) is to find youth permanent families.

YGB exists to ensure that no child leaves foster care without the lifelong family support system needed to live safely and realize their highest potential. Everyone deserves a family. Family is a critical stepping stone to human health and prosperity.

Achieving permanency may entail reconnecting youth to their families of origin, to other people who have played a role in their lives, or to new families that will make a commitment to “be there” for life.

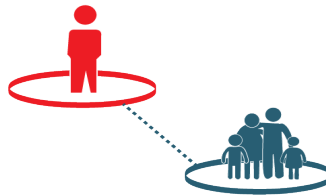
“ *Our aim is for each youth to experience consistent love and a new, hopeful life trajectory that only family makes possible. Permanency enables young people to flourish to the best of their abilities.* ”

The YGB team guides both youth and prospective households through the matching process. Then, YGB continues to provide post-placement supports to newly formed families for as long as needed to ensure successful outcomes.

# 2019 CALENDAR TOTALS



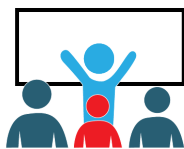
**53 Youth Served**



**33 Youth Connected  
to Families**



**120 Prospective Parents  
Trained or Licensed**



**35 Families Supported  
Post-Licensing**



**14 Parent Support  
Groups Facilitated**



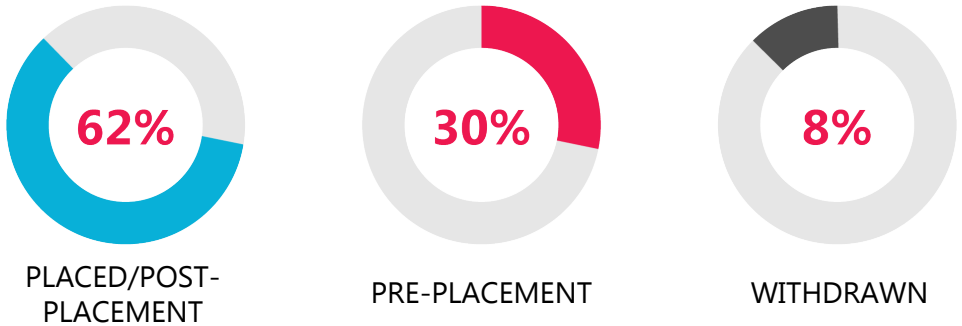
**4 Parent Training  
Events Conducted**



*"It took long enough but I finally have a family."*  
 – YGB Youth Matched with a Permanent Family at Age 20

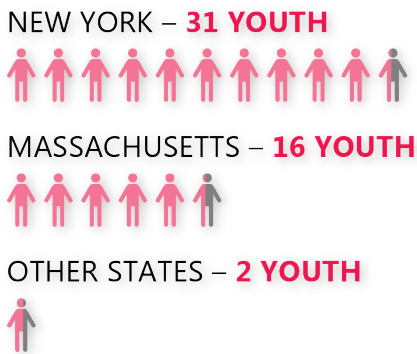
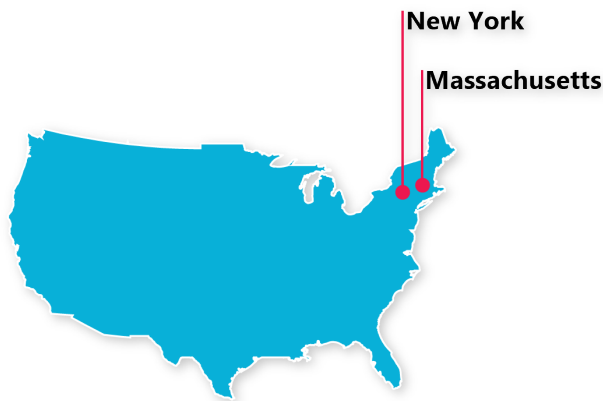
# YOUTH PROGRESS ON THE PATHWAY TO PERMANENCY

## YOUTH STATUS | December 2019



Total, 53 youth were supported by the YGB team during 2019. As shown above, 62 percent (33 youth) were placed and/or receiving post-placement support; 30 percent (16 youth) were in various stages of the pre-placement search process. Two older youth (ages 22 and 23) requested to be withdrawn during the year without a family match. One youth (age 20) was placed with a family, however it did not work out and the youth requested to be withdrawn. The last youth, age 11, was returned to her agency in Massachusetts after two unsuccessful placements (see discussion of family disruptions below).

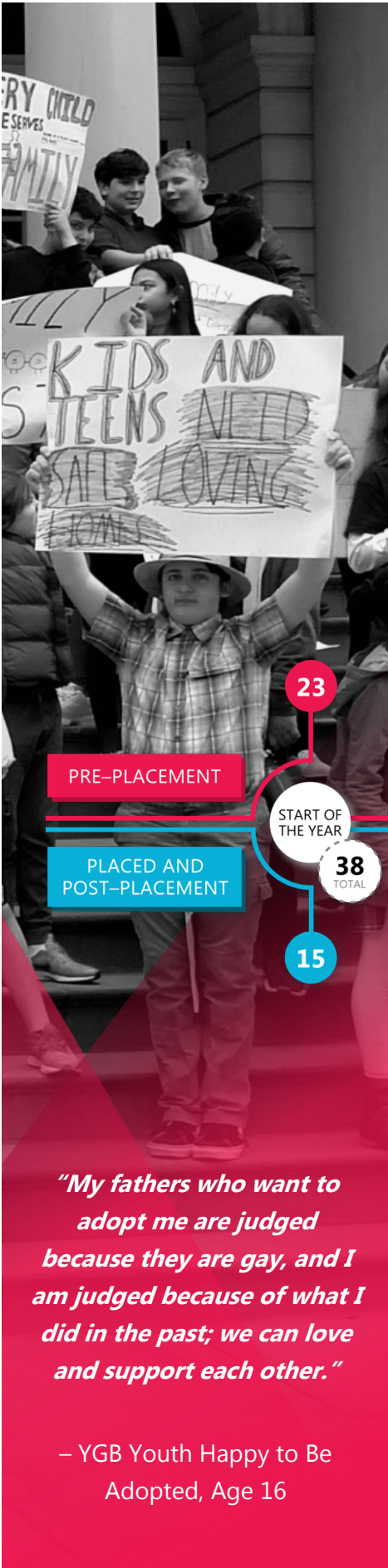
## YOUTH LOCATION



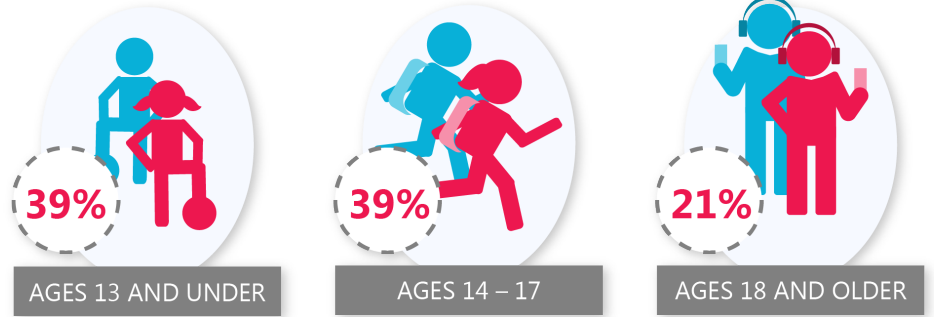
Of 49 active youth, 31 (63 percent) were from New York. These included 13 youth from Children’s Village and four youth from counties outside of New York City. The remaining 18 youth (37 percent) were from out-of-state, of whom sixteen were from Massachusetts.



*"We were so afraid and desperate until we were introduced to your support group. You were certainly a calming voice in our time of need."*  
 – YGB Parent Support Group Participant

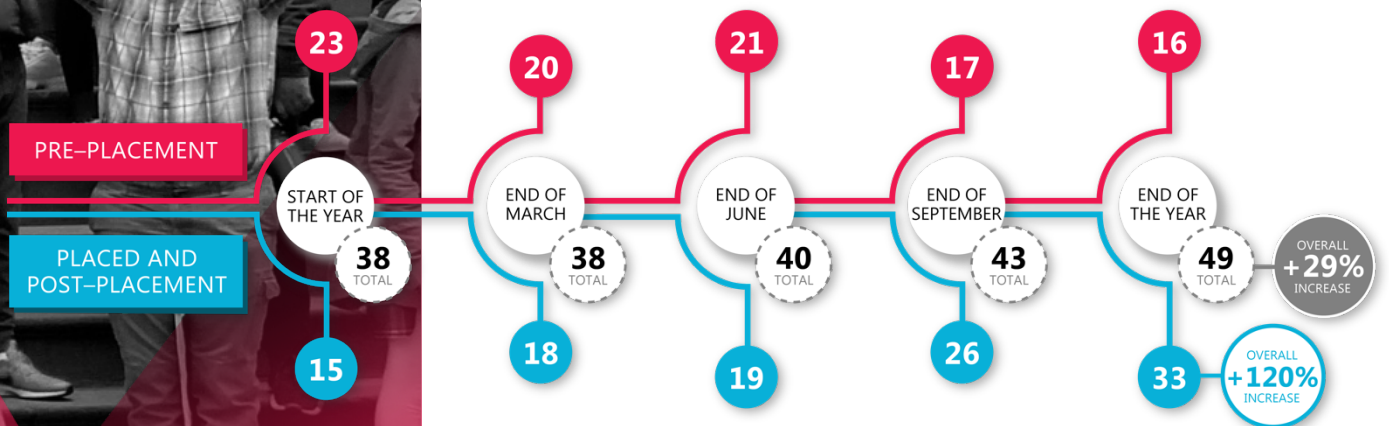


## AGE OF YOUTH PLACED AND POST-PLACEMENT



Of the 33 youth who were placed and/or receiving post-placement services during 2019, 39 percent (13 youth) were ages 13 or under; 39 percent (13 youth) were between 14 and 17, and the remaining 21 percent (seven youth) were 18 years or older.

## INCREASE IN YOUTH SUPPORTED BY YGB



As shown above, at the start of 2019, 38 youth were being supported by YGB. These included 23 in pre-placement, and 15 placed and/or receiving post-placement services.

By year end, 49 youth were active, including 16 in pre-placement, and 33 placed and/or receiving post-placement services.

This represents:

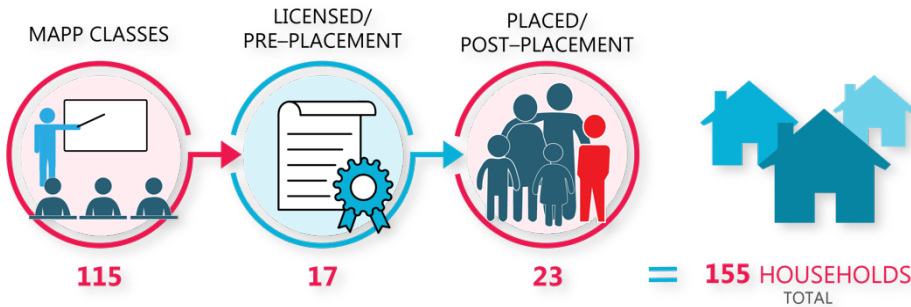
- 29 percent increase in youth supported
- 120 percent increase in youth placed and post-placement

*“My fathers who want to adopt me are judged because they are gay, and I am judged because of what I did in the past; we can love and support each other.”*

– YGB Youth Happy to Be Adopted, Age 16

# YGB HOUSEHOLDS SEEKING ADOPTION

## HOUSEHOLD STATUS

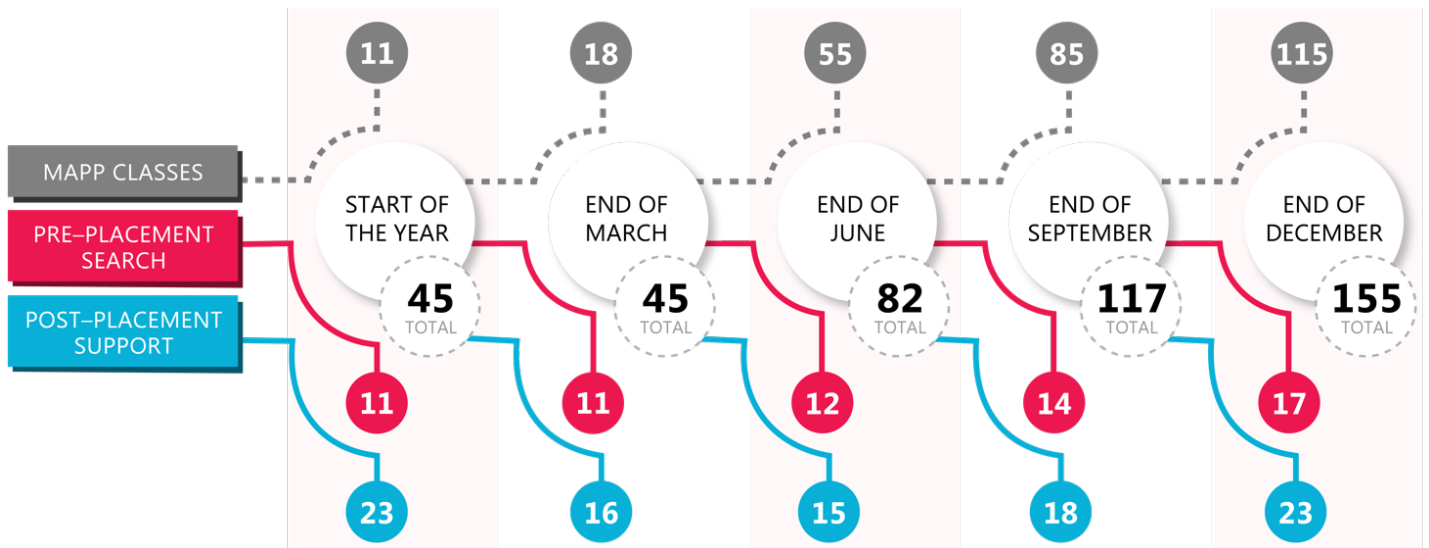


A total of 155 households were engaged with YGB during 2019. At year end, 115 households (74 percent) were attending MAPP classes on the road toward licensing, of whom 55 households had completed all ten MAPP classes. Seventeen households (11 percent) had been licensed by YGB and were in various stages of the search process. Twenty-three (15 percent) had one or two youth currently placed with them.



## 244 PERCENT INCREASE IN YGB SERVICE TO HOUSEHOLDS

## 55 PERCENT INCREASE IN HOUSEHOLDS ACTIVELY SEARCHING



At the start of 2019, 45 households were engaged with YGB. These included 23 receiving post-placement support, 11 households in the search process, and 11 in MAPP classes.

By year end, 155 households were engaged with YGB, including 23 receiving post-placement support, 17 in the search process, and 115 attending MAPP classes.

# YGB APPROACH TO DISRUPTIONS

There were four instances of disruptions in 2019, two involving the same child with different households. Despite careful vetting, matching, and support services, there are times when a match, unfortunately, disrupts. Following a move in, some parents find themselves unable to meet the extensive needs of their child despite their best intentions and hopes. When this happens, YGB staff work with parents to make this very difficult decision, and then to communicate that decision to the child. Every effort is made to move the child to another YGB home, and make sure the child can maintain a consistent relationship with their YGB worker.

# YGB SAMPLE SUCCESS STORIES

Given the urgent need for parents for older youth in foster care, it can be confounding when people step up, attend parenting classes, have their home study, and then wait and wait for their kids to arrive.



Neoline and Sporadic were inspiring in their steadfast commitment over an eight-year journey of challenges with the foster care system.

Many may have given up. Thankfully, they did not, and eventually, two young sisters joined their family.

YGB excels at providing responsive, pre-adoption assistance at every turn, followed by personalized family supports for as long as families can benefit.

*"Thanks for taking such good care of our little girl... It's amazing how much you can love someone in such a short time. ...I have fallen so deeply in love with her."*

–YGB Adoptive Parent



When Joanne and Christopher Wright met Ryan, they immediately knew he was the child they wanted to bring into their family. They were only at the beginning of their parenting journey, and they were not yet licensed, foster parents. By the time they were able to complete their prep work, Ryan had been placed in a pre-adoptive home with another family.

They didn't stop thinking about Ryan, and when his adoptive placement failed, they were waiting to bring Ryan into their home. It is clear that Ryan is finally with the "Wright" family for him!

*"The Wrights are people I can put my trust and faith in; they are my biggest supporters—that's what family is. YGB has been a lifesaver..."*

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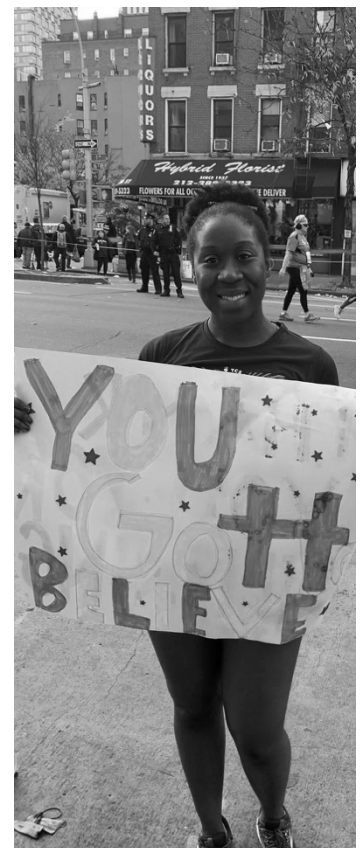
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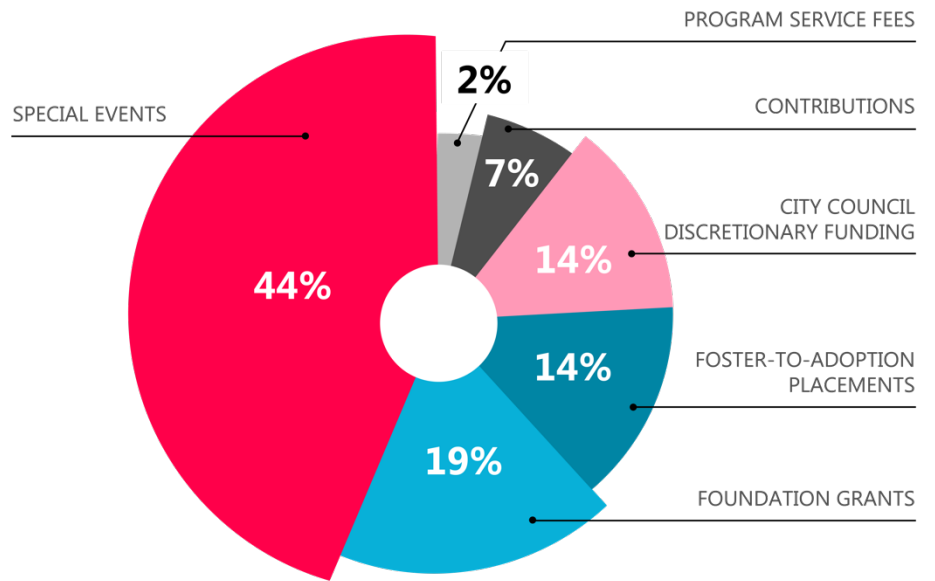
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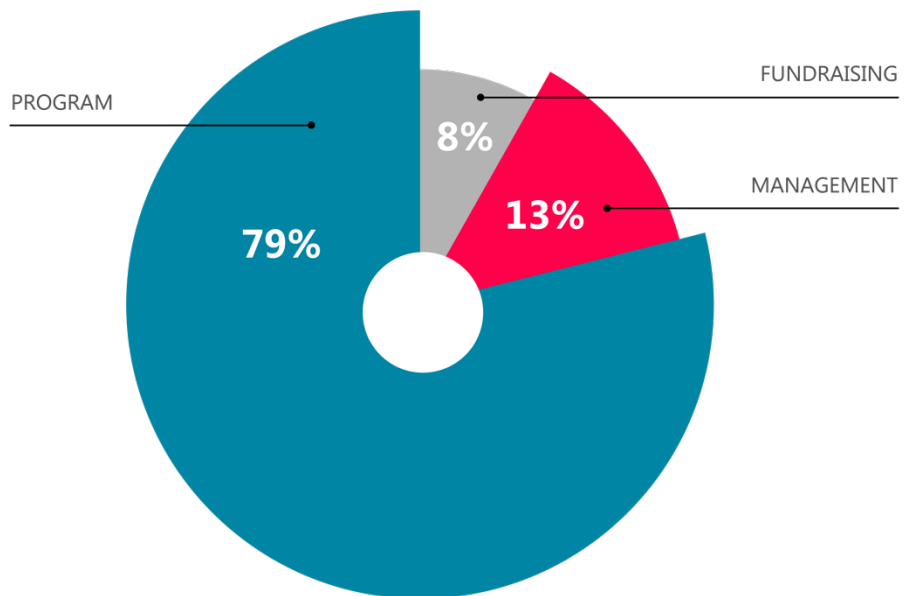


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## 2018 – 2019 EXPENSES (PER AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)





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