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## **Federal Sequestration Impacts Friends of Youth**

As mandatory across-the-board budget cuts in federal programs take effect today, Friends of Youth is planning to reduce services that are supported by federal dollars. The automatic sequestration cuts 5 percent from programs funded by the Housing and Urban Development Administration as well as Health and Human Services, which fund many Friends of Youth programs.

In all, the funding reduction will total more than \$186,000. Friends of Youth will need to reduce costs by at least \$102,000 in this fiscal year, which ends in June. Programs affected by the budget cuts include:

- Youth Haven, our under-18 emergency shelter for homeless and runaway youth;
- Transitional housing programs for homeless young adults and pregnant and parenting young mothers;
- Federally funded foster home programs;
- Residential group homes for youth under 18;
- Street outreach case management for homeless and at-risk youth.

These cuts are exceptionally difficult to achieve for our agency because the bulk of our budget supports salaries for staff working with youth. Most of our programs require 24 hour staffing. In these programs we cannot turn to furloughs to help us absorb the decrease in funding. We have to have a full staff on duty, every single day of the year, to keep youth safe.

We will do our best to keep you informed as new information becomes available.

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## **Celebration of Youth Luncheon on March 15**

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Peggy Bunker of KOMO-TV returns to emcee our annual Celebration of Youth Luncheon on **Friday, March 15**, from **11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bellevue Hyatt Hotel**. Friends of Youth clients and program graduates will share their personal stories of success at the eighth annual luncheon event. After more than 60 years of service to the families, Friends of Youth also celebrates its recent successes including our new Homeless Youth Service Center in Redmond as well as the Kirkland Youth Service Center.

There is still time to register!

Please RSVP for the Celebration of Youth by **March 11** at

<https://community.friendsofyouth.org/page.aspx?pid=368>

**If you are unable to attend, please click here to make a donation.**

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## **72-Hour Notice Restored for Youth Shelters**

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Homeless and runaway youth may be more likely to seek shelter under new legislation signed February 27 by Governor Jay Inslee. Senate Bill 5147 restores the 72-hour notification for licensed youth shelters to notify a parent or legal guardian about the status of a youth under 18 who seeks shelter at the agency.

Friends of Youth joined with other youth shelter providers across the state to advocate for the 72-hour notification bill and to congratulate

hour period will help keep young people safe. Read more [here](#).

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