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FOR YOUTH**  
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Last year, First Place for Youth served 1,697 young people ages 16 to 24 across all our programs. Through our My First Place™ (MFP) program, 572 youth received housing and intensive wraparound services, supporting them in building the skills for long-term success in school, work, and life.

### Traits of youth at MFP entry in 2018

- 51% were not in school
- 58% were unemployed
- 45% had prior justice system involvement
- 21% were pregnant/parenting

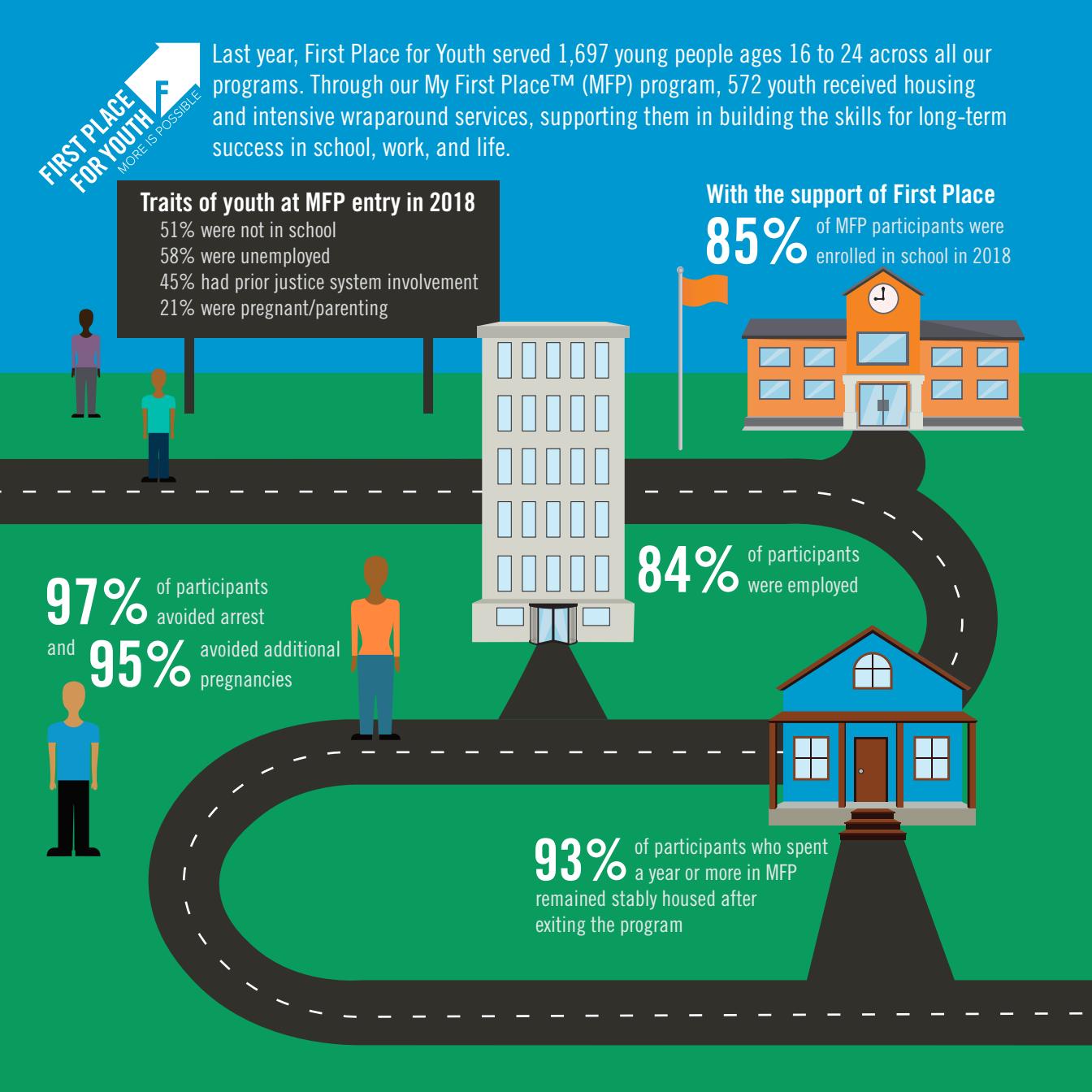
### With the support of First Place

**85%** of MFP participants were enrolled in school in 2018

**97%** of participants avoided arrest  
and **95%** avoided additional pregnancies

**84%** of participants were employed

**93%** of participants who spent a year or more in MFP remained stably housed after exiting the program





Founded in 1998, the mission of First Place for Youth is to help foster youth build the skills they need to make a successful transition to self-sufficiency and responsible adulthood. Through our flagship My First Place™ program, the organization serves youth ages 18 to 24 in Alameda, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Santa Clara and Solano Counties. In addition, First Place manages the San Francisco and Solano County Independent Living Skills Programs where foster youth ages 16 to 21 can connect to multi-dimensional support, including a high school completion framework supporting youth most at risk of dropping out.

In 2017, First Place launched the My First Place Network to facilitate partnerships with other providers interested in implementing the My First Place model. Current partners include HopeWell (MA) and the Children's Village (NY). First Place has also partnered with the Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative and the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services to support a redesign of the state's foster care services.

As an outcome-driven organization, First Place relies on data to inform decision making in all our work. Through robust data systems, we ensure participants receive the most effective interventions and services to help them reach their goals and achieve the outcomes that result in sustained self-sufficiency in their adult lives.



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