Bringing Together Youth-Serving Systems to End Homelessness for Youth Under 18

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Values and Principles to Ending Homelessness for Youth and Young Adults

USICH Framework/4 Core Outcomes

Focus on Special Populations

Positive Youth Development & Trauma Informed Care

Family Engagement

Immediate Access to Housing with NO Preconditions

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Values and Principles to Ending Homelessness for Youth and Young Adults

- Youth Choice
- Individualized and Client Driven Support
- Social & Community Integration
- Coordinated Entry
- Additional Community Values/Principles
1. Start with a community planning process that includes strong youth collaboration and is centered around measurable goals

2. Map out the community response you are trying to create and the role each system can play to increase access to housing and services for youth with housing instability

3. Model out the resources that you need on the back end to prevent and end youth homelessness. Braid together funding sources to fill gaps between systems.
Step One: Cross-System Collaboration

1. Improving identification and referrals (from all systems)

2. Partnering to improve transition/discharge planning from child welfare placements and courts/detention

3. Creating housing opportunities that share resources and leverage the skills of child welfare, courts, and homeless response systems

4. Focusing on shared solutions for 16-17 year old unaccompanied minors that can prevent adult homelessness
Step Two: Mapping

Map the pathways out of homelessness for unaccompanied minors
Sample: Navigating through Pathways

CPS Referral State Custody

Front Porch

CPS Referral Not Removed

Crisis Housing

Family of Origin

TLP/TH

Family Based Service

Permanent Housing

No CPS Referral

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Step Two: Mapping

- Design the front porch
  - Access
  - Assessment
  - Prioritization
  - Referral

- Define the role child welfare and the homeless response system will play
1. Identify where referrals come from

- Schools
- Courts
- Behavioral Health
- Child Welfare
- Other

2. Predict Service Intervention

- No Risk
- Low Risk
- Moderate Risk
- High Risk
- Currently unhoused

3. Cohorts

- Close Case

4. What Services and/or Housing Assistance are needed?

- Telehealth Support services, phone consult, parent coaching
- Selective prev. programs (e.g. Strengthening Families, Guiding Good Choices)
- In-home interventions (e.g. Family Functional Therapy, Multidisciplinary Wraparound Teams)
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Sample: Front Porch

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Cohort

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Moderate Risk

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Currently unhoused

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Sample: Front Porch
Current

Child Welfare

Courts/JJ

Homeless Response

Minors who fall in the cracks btw. systems

Note: BH can also play a role in funding treatment

Also produce referrals

Schools

Behavioral Health

Permanency Navigator Team

Response
Step Three: Modeling

1. Model the housing and services array needed on the back end and which system is best equipped to provide the different housing and services in the array

2. Figure out what you already have, where you have gaps, and where you need to modify existing projects/funding

3. Braid together the funding streams to create the ideal system – think shared responsibility
Sample: Modeling the Pathways

CPS Referral

- State Custody (85%)
- Not Removed (5%)

Front Porch (10%)

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- Referral Not Removed (5%)

No CPS Referral (10%)

- 10% of these clients do not require additional services.

Crisis Housing (6 mo.)

Family of Origin (6 mo.)

- TLP/TH (9 mo.)
- Family Based Service (6 mo.)

Permanent Housing (90%)

- 95% exit housing with improved stability.

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1. Improve the use of current resources
   - Improve housing options offered through extended foster care & Chafee funds
   - Better target FUP for youth

2. Create new targeted resources that leverages the resources of both systems
   - Supportive Housing for youth exiting care
   - New preferences with your PHA
   - Partnership with higher education programs for youth with foster care history
YHDP Lessons Learned
July 2018

In January 2017, HUD awarded funding to 10 communities for the first cohort of grantees under the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP). These communities embarked on an intensive planning process to identify the strategies, service and housing models, and local policies that will inform their overall approach to prevent and end youth homelessness. As part of the YHDP, communities have the flexibility to implement approaches that can be tailored to the unique needs and strengths of youth with both high- and low-service needs. As a cohort, these communities have collectively identified challenges and successes in their work to achieve the goal of preventing and ending youth homelessness. Common themes include:

1. **Youth are Experts.** Ensure youth and young adults with lived experiences of homelessness are treated as experts and involved in planning and decision-making. Young people should have as strong a role as adults in this work - sharing their voice, experience, and expertise as part of every meeting, every critical document review, every call. The real work in a community is creating the environment where this inclusion is authentic, where young people are empowered to use their influence and promote their ideas, and where older adults are aware of and address their own biases about what young people, including young people who have experienced homelessness, can contribute to the work. Key takeaways:

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**Homeless Response System Facilitation Guide:**
Partnering with Child Welfare to Improve Transition Planning for Youth Exiting Foster Care At-risk of Homelessness

**Purpose and Use of the Facilitation Guide**
This facilitation guide is for leaders in the homeless response system seeking to form partnerships with their local child welfare agency to strengthen transition planning and related transition services for youth in foster care in order to prevent homelessness among youth who ‘age out’.
Resource Links

Ending Youth Homelessness: *Mainstream System Collaboration*

YHDP Lessons Learned

*Contact us via email!*
Breakout Sessions

2:40 – 3:40 pm

Amplifying Youth Voices through Youth Action Boards
Capitol Ballroom

Host Homesharing as an Alternative to Youth Homelessness
Caucus Room

Thrive@25: Reducing the Risk of Homelessness through Youth Engagement and teaming Among Youth Exiting Foster Care
Senate Room