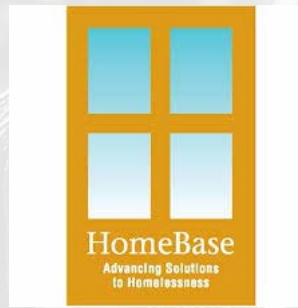




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100-Day Challenge on Youth Homelessness

March 2019

Prince George's County



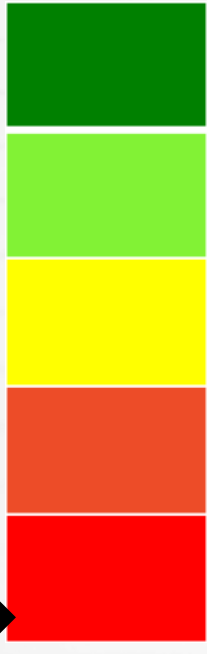
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Our Goal:



In 100 days, 100% of students at three targeted 2-year and 4-year institutions who identify as homeless will be housed or who identify as at risk of homeless will remain housed. By March 6, 50 young adults (18-24 yrs) who are homeless will be housed in safe and stable housing, of which 75% will be employed and/or in educational or training programs.

Our Team:

- ▶ Stephanie Pair, Prince George's Community College
- ▶ Robert Bell, Sasha Bruce Youthwork (UHY Emergency Shelter)
- ▶ Natasha Jones, McKinney Vento Liaison, K-12
- ▶ Ann Marie Binsner, Court Appointed Special Advocates
- ▶ Beverly Bruce, CoC TH & PSH Provider
- ▶ Amy Rice, St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Family (UHY Transitional Housing)
- ▶ Darquita Fletcher, Child Welfare Agency
- ▶ Stephen Stevens, Bowie State University
- ▶ Malina Heng, University of Maryland, College Park
- ▶ Anthony Nolan, Parks and Recreation
- ▶ Karen Clark, Eckerd Connects, WIOA Youth Career Center
- ▶ Orethea Matthison, Local Management Board
- ▶ Sandra Shephard, Maryland Multicultural Youth Center (UHY host homes)
- ▶ Nicolas Rousselot, Homeless Youth Action Board

OVERVIEW OF THE JOURNEY

DAY 1

DAY 50

DAY 100

DAY 150

**MOBILIZATION &
DIRECTION SETTING**

**SUPPORTING IMPLEMENTATION
DURING THE 100-DAY JOURNEY**

**HELPING LEADERS
LOCK IN THE GAINS**

Community
Green Light

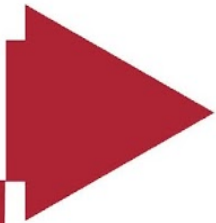
Design
Session with
System Leaders

Launch
Workshop
(Full Cohort)

Midpoint
Review

Sustainability
Workshop
(Full Cohort)

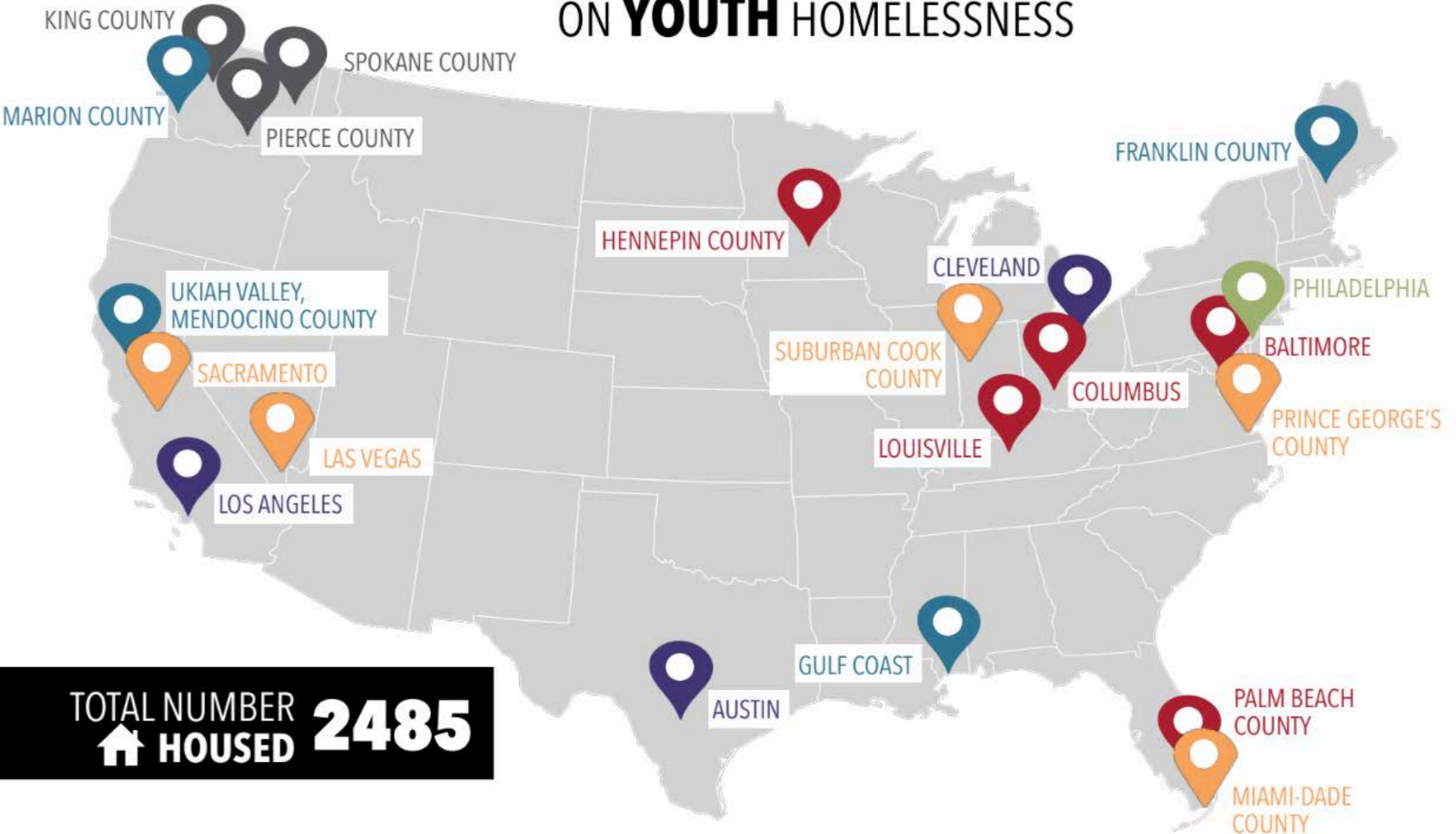
What's Next
Workshop



100-DAY CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY SUCCESS

ON **YOUTH** HOMELESSNESS



TOTAL NUMBER
↑ HOUSED **2485**

Key Accomplishments

- ▶ Increased, authentic networking amongst community partners;
- ▶ Intentional collaboration with post-secondary and community educational institutions;
- ▶ Increased partnerships with community management companies and private landlords;
- ▶ New employer partnerships;
- ▶ Inaugural Job and Resource Fair;
- ▶ By-Name registry and case coordination

LESSONS: *What worked? Why?*

- ❖ **Frequent, regular meetings (whole team and subgroups)**
 - ▶ *Subgroups provided increased support for individual members; flexibility; use of technology*
 - ▶ *Deeper understanding of the process*
 - ▶ *Wealth of knowledge around the table*
- ❖ **Intense focus on a clear goal and team OWNED**
- ❖ **Technology** (use of trello, google sheets, etc)
 - ▶ *Increased individual proficiency, allowed regular communication, kept members abreast*
- ❖ **Sponsor support and barrier elimination**
- ❖ **Expanded service network**
 - ▶ *Increase resources and how to access*
- ❖ **Midpoint review**
 - ▶ *Reinvigorating, able to look at big picture, reminder to look at structures and systems.*

Obstacles + Strategies to Overcome Them

Available and affordable housing	Innovative housing options; additional partnerships, identification of flexible funding streams; replication of best practices
Eligibility/ Restrictions for Tuition Waiver	Petition legislative change; replicate other tuition waiver programs
Keeping partners engaged	Quarterly meetings, newsletter updates, progress, identify back -up team members
Youth must be connected to jobs quickly	Build on the success of initial Job and Resource Fair
Clear understanding of each system + role	Authentic collaboration around goals and objectives
Authentic Youth Voice	Youth Action Board
Time / Conflicting Priorities	Regular communication and technology, gentle reminders
Intake Process	Creation of coordinated entry workgroup comprised of members of the CoC to tackle revision of intake process and innovative youth access

Our Results:



8 of 8 of students at three targeted 2-year and 4-year institutions who identified as homeless or at-risk of homelessness were housed!

Goal 100%. Results 100%

56 young adults ages 18-24 who were homeless were housed in safe and stable housing!

Goal 50. Results 56 (112%)

45 of the 56 young adults who were housed were also employed and/or in educational or training programs!

Goal 75%. Results 80%

Dashboard at Day 100

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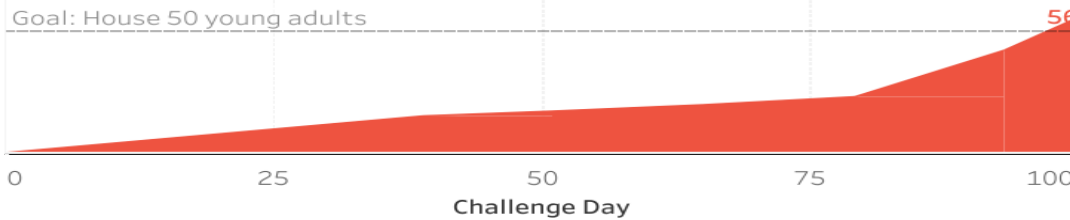
During 100 days, 100% of students at three 2- and 4-year institutions who identify as homeless will be housed or who identify as at-risk of homelessness will remain housed. In 100 days, 50 young adults (18-24) who are homeless will be housed (safe and stable), of which 75% will be employed and/or in educational or training programs.

100% (11) of students at three 2- and 4-year colleges identified as homeless (11) have been **housed or remained housed** as of Day 100.



56 young adults have been safely and stably housed as of Day 100.

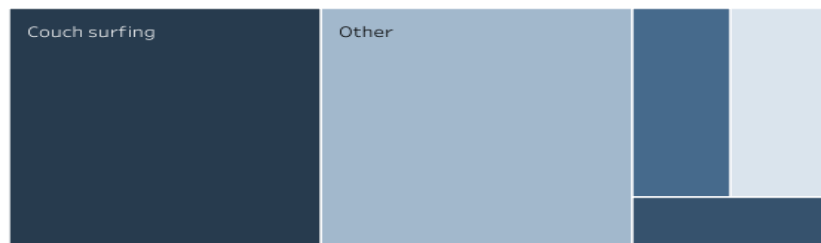
Goal: House 50 young adults



80% (45) of young adults who have been housed (56) are also **employed and/or in educational or training programs**.



38% of young adults report most frequently sleeping **on couches**.



Of the young adults who exited homelessness, **71%** went to **non-time-limited destinations** and **14%** to **time-limited destinations**.



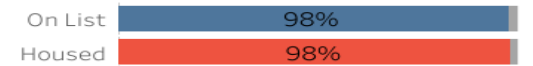
Of young adults on the by-name lists, **7%** are **LGBQ+**, but **5%** of those **housed** are **LGBQ+ young adults**.



Of young adults on the by-name lists, **2%** are **gender-diverse**, but **4%** of those **housed** are **gender-diverse young adults**.



Of young adults on the by-name lists, **98%** are **people of color**, but **98%** of those **housed** are **people of color**.



As of Day 100, young adults have been on the BNL for an average of **41 days**.



Plans & Recommendations for the Way Forward

Topic: Continuing to Build Momentum

Explanation: Continue and strengthen policy alignment in order to support and advance the work on the ground because we can only achieve goal if we do this TOGETHER

IDEAS

Key People to be involved:

- All System Leaders to understand and support coordination: aligning initiatives, authentic youth collaboration, advocacy, awareness campaign, data sharing

Recommended Actions	Suggested Time Frames
Authentic Youth Engagement (AYE)	ASAP - ongoing
R-U-OK?	Spring Quarter
Data Sharing + By-Name List coordination	ASAP - ongoing
Advocacy and Legislation	ongoing

Topic: Increase “Affordable” Housing

Explanation: Build awareness about the current situation in order to increase “affordable” options

IDEAS

Key People to be involved:

- Bowie State and UMD admin; Judge Adams, Gloria Brown Burnette (director of DSS), DCAO (Dr. Aske w from County Exec.; Angela Alsobrooks (County Exec)

Recommended Actions	Suggested Time Frames
Review summary of the need and the available resources	Spring quarter
Identify ways to increase pool of “affordable” units	Spring quarter
Leverage funding streams and support to increase supply	Next quarter - summer
Year-round campus housing	Now - spring quarter for summer
Support Housing Navigator Role	Spring quarter

Recommendation

Topic: Integration with Education

Explanation: Increase awareness, use, and accessibility to tuition waiver and improve efficiency and processes

IDEAS

Key People to be involved: MHEC, ICHY, MCAP

Recommended Actions	Suggested Time Frames
Approve common consent form	ASAP
Pursue policy change in support of one-time application for tuition waiver	ASAP
Continue to address barriers	Spring and ongoing
Coordinate efforts to serve students as a community	Spring and ongoing

