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I. Data Tables

A. Coordinated Entry Data Tables

Coordinated Entry Data Tables are calculated manually from HMIS prioritization lists.

Prioritization List - By Need Category (# households and average months homeless)

| Parenting Youth Households | 1/10/20 | | 5/7/20 | | 11/10/20 | |
|--|---------|-------|--------|-------|----------|-------|
| | # HH | LOTH* | # HH | LOTH* | # HH | LOTH* |
| Chronic Homeless | 5 | 15.8 | 1 | 36 | 7 | 20.4 |
| Non-Chronic, disability, more than 12 months homeless | 4 | 20.8 | 4 | 18 | 2 | 18 |
| Non-Chronic, disability, less 12 months homeless | 17 | 5.3 | 10 | 7 | 13 | 7 |
| Non-Chronic, no disability, more than 12 months homeless | 17 | 25.4 | 15 | 20.3 | 15 | 18.5 |
| Non-Chronic, disability, less than 12 months homeless | 75 | 5.8 | 32 | 5.2 | 42 | 4.4 |

*LOTH = length of time homeless (average)

| Parenting Youth Households | 2/8/21 | | 2/8/22 | |
|--|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| | # HH | LOTH* | # HH | LOTH* |
| Chronic Homeless | 3 | 98 | 2 | 18.8 |
| Non-Chronic, disability, more than 12 months homeless | 0 | 0 | 2 | 15.4 |
| Non-Chronic, disability, less 12 months homeless | 10 | 3.1 | 6 | 2.6 |
| Non-Chronic, no disability, more than 12 months homeless | 20 | 21.8 | 11 | 24.2 |
| Non-Chronic, disability, less than 12 months homeless | 31 | 5.6 | 20 | 3.2 |

| Young Adult Households | 1/10/20 | | 5/7/20 | | 11/10/20 | |
|--|---------|-------|--------|-------|----------|-------|
| | # HH | LOTH* | # HH | LOTH* | # HH | LOTH* |
| Chronic Homeless | 16 | 19.3 | 21 | 21.1 | 10 | 23.7 |
| Non-Chronic, disability, more than 12 months homeless | 9 | 20.2 | 14 | 17 | 4 | 15 |
| Non-Chronic, disability, less 12 months homeless | 75 | 6.1 | 41 | 5.8 | 23 | 5 |
| Non-Chronic, no disability, more than 12 months homeless | 26 | 30.6 | 16 | 21.6 | 13 | 23.1 |
| Non-Chronic, disability, less than 12 months homeless | 78 | 5.2 | 38 | 5.5 | 39 | 5.5 |

*LOTH = length of time homeless (average)

| Young Adult Households | 2/8/21 | | 2/8/22 | |
|--|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| | # HH | LOTH* | # HH | LOTH* |
| Chronic Homeless | 20 | 23.7 | 15 | 26.1 |
| Non-Chronic, disability, more than 12 months homeless | 4 | 14.5 | 4 | 20.5 |
| Non-Chronic, disability, less 12 months homeless | 27 | 5.4 | 24 | 5.8 |
| Non-Chronic, no disability, more than 12 months homeless | 16 | 20.6 | 24 | 19.5 |
| Non-Chronic, disability, less than 12 months homeless | 34 | 4.5 | 55 | 4.1 |

B. HMIS Data Tables

HMIS Data Tables are calculated from HMIS customized reports developed by ICA for this plan.

Households At Risk of Homelessness

Unaccompanied youth and young adult (UYA) and parenting youth (PY) enrolled in prevention programs (does not include RHY). All categories deduplicated except prior living situation and exit destination.

| Total | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 | Difference |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------|
| Unaccompanied Youth <18 | 45 | 23 | -22 |
| Young Adults 18-24 | 233 | 295 | +62 |
| Total: Unaccompanied & Young Adults (UYA) | 278 | 318 | +40 |
| Parenting Youth <18 | 13 | 10 | -3 |
| Parenting Youth 18-24 | 174 | 176 | +2 |
| Total: Parenting Youth (PY) | 187 | 186 | -1 |
| Total Youth Percentage (UYA/PY) | 60% / 40% | 63% / 37% | |

| Race & Ethnicity | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Unaccompanied & Young Adults | | |
| American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous | 11 | 11 |
| Asian or Asian American | 3 | 7 |
| Black, African American, or African | 54 | 45 |
| Multi-Racial | 18 | 19 |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | 2 | 0 |
| White | 183 | 227 |
| Data Not Collected | 7 | 9 |
| Parenting Youth | | |
| American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous | 7 | 10 |
| Asian or Asian American | 1 | 0 |
| Black, African American, or African | 38 | 49 |
| Multi-Racial | 11 | 12 |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | 2 | 1 |
| White | 125 | 112 |
| Data Not Collected | 5 | 5 |
| UYA Total Percentage: White/Non-White | 68% / 32% | 73% / 27% |
| PY Total Percentage: White/Non-White | 68% / 32% | 61% / 39% |
| Total (UYA+PY) Percentage: White/Non-White | 68% / 32% | 69% / 31% |
| Unaccompanied & Young Adults | | |
| Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x) | 28 | 30 |
| Non-Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x) | 242 | 286 |
| Data Not Collected | 8 | 2 |
| Parenting Youth | | |
| Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x) | 15 | 15 |
| Non-Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x) | 168 | 171 |
| Data Not Collected | 6 | 3 |
| UYA Total Percentage: Non/Hisp-Lat | 90% / 10% | 91% / 9% |
| PY Total Percentage: Non/Hisp-Lat | 92% / 8% | 92% / 8% |
| Total (UYA+PY) Percentage: Non/Hisp-Lat | 91% / 9% | 91% / 9% |

| Gender | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Unaccompanied & Young Adults | | |
| Female | 172 | 203 |
| Male | 103 | 112 |
| Transgender | 1 | 1 |
| Data Not Collected | 2 | 2 |
| Parenting Youth | | |
| Female | 154 | 149 |
| Male | 34 | 39 |
| Transgender | 0 | 0 |
| Data Not Collected | 1 | 1 |
| UYA Total Percentage: F/M/T | 62% / 37% / <1% | 64% / 35% / <1% |
| PY Total Percentage: F/M/T | 85% / 18% / 0% | 79% / 21% / 0% |
| Total (UYA+PY) Percentage: F/M/T | 70% / 30% / <1% | 70% / 30% / <1% |

| Exit Destinations | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Unaccompanied & Young Adults | | |
| Emergency Shelter | 3 | 4 |
| Place Not Meant for Human Habitation | 2 | 1 |
| Institutional | 3 | 1 |
| Permanent Housing (PH) | 182 | 76 |
| Temporary Housing | 17 | 14 |
| Data Not Collected | 72 | 60 |
| Parenting Youth | | |
| Emergency Shelter | 1 | 1 |
| Place Not Meant for Human Habitation | 1 | 1 |
| Institutional | 0 | 1 |
| Permanent Housing (PH) | 127 | 75 |
| Temporary Housing | 8 | 8 |
| Data Not Collected | 133 | 95 |
| UYA Total Percentage: PH/Non-PH | 88% / 12% | 79% / 21% |
| PY Total Percentage: PH/Non-PH | 93% / 7% | 87% / 13% |
| Total (UYA+PY) Percentage: PH/Non-PH | 90% / 10% | 83% / 17% |

Households Experiencing Homelessness

Unaccompanied youth and young adult (UYA) and parenting youth (PY) enrolled in emergency shelter, outreach, and transitional housing programs (does not include RHY). All categories deduplicated except prior living situation and exit destination.

| Total | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 | Difference |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------|
| Unaccompanied Youth <18 | 7 | 8 | +1 |
| Young Adults 18-24 | 601 | 662 | +61 |
| Total: Unacc. & Young Adults (UYA) | 608 | 670 | +62 |
| Parenting Youth <18 | 0 | 0 | NC |
| Parenting Youth 18-24 | 205 | 200 | -5 |
| Total: Parenting Youth (PY) | 205 | 200 | -5 |
| Total Youth Percentage (UYA/PY) | 75% / 25% | 77% / 23% | |

| Race & Ethnicity | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Unaccompanied & Young Adults | | |
| American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous | 16 | 38 |
| Asian or Asian American | 7 | 10 |
| Black, African American, or African | 138 | 145 |
| Multi-Racial | 31 | 48 |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | 0 | 3 |
| White | 411 | 414 |
| Data not collected | 5 | 10 |
| Parenting Youth | | |
| American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous | 11 | 16 |
| Asian or Asian American | 3 | 0 |
| Black, African American, or African | 73 | 77 |
| Multi-Racial | 22 | 13 |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | 0 | 0 |
| White | 94 | 93 |
| Data not collected | 2 | 1 |
| UYA Total Percentage: White/Non-White | 68% / 32% | 63% / 37% |
| PY Total Percentage: White/Non-White | 46% / 54% | 47% / 53% |
| Total (UYA+PY) Percentage: White/Non-White | 63% / 37% | 59% / 41% |
| Unaccompanied & Young Adults | | |
| Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x) | 61 | 65 |
| Non-Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x) | 543 | 594 |
| Data not collected | 4 | 9 |
| Parenting Youth | | |
| Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x) | 23 | 17 |
| Non-Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x) | 182 | 182 |
| Data not collected | 0 | 1 |
| UYA Total Percentage: Non/Hisp-Lat | 90% / 10% | 90% / 10% |
| PY Total Percentage: Non/Hisp-Lat | 89% / 11% | 91% / 9% |
| Total (UYA+PY) Percentage: Non/Hisp-Lat | 90% / 10% | 90% / 10% |

| Gender | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Unaccompanied & Young Adults | | |
| Female | 235 | 282 |
| Male | 363 | 363 |
| Gender other than singularly | 3 | 10 |
| Transgender | 7 | 13 |
| Parenting Youth | | |
| Female | 174 | 169 |
| Male | 29 | 30 |
| Transgender | 2 | 1 |
| UYA Total Percentage: F/M/T | 39% / 60% / 1% | 42% / 54% / 4% |
| PY Total Percentage: F/M/T | 85% / 14% / 1% | 85% / 15% |
| Total (UYA+PY) Percentage: F/M/T | 50% / 48% / 2% | 52% / 45% / 3% |

| Prior Living Situation | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| Unaccompanied Youth & Young Adults | | |
| Emergency Shelter (ES) | 131 | 164 |
| Place Not Meant for Human Habitation (PH) | 193 | 211 |
| Safe Haven (SH) | 5 | 4 |
| Institutional (I) | 58 | 61 |
| Permanent Housing (PH) | 20 | 14 |
| Temporary Housing (TH) | 304 | 298 |
| Parenting Youth | | |
| Emergency Shelter (ES) | 46 | 49 |
| Place Not Meant for Human Habitation (PH) | 45 | 46 |
| Safe Haven (SH) | 0 | 3 |
| Institutional (I) | 4 | 3 |
| Permanent Housing (PH) | 12 | 10 |
| Temporary Housing (TH) | 111 | 112 |
| UYA Total Percentage: ES/SH+I+TH/PN | 19% / 53% / 28% | 22% / 49% / 29% |
| PY Total Percentage: ES/SH+I+TH/PN | 22% / 56% / 22% | 23% / 55% / 22% |
| Total (UYA+PY) Percentage: ES/SH+I+TH/PN | 20% / 54% / 26% | 22% / 51% / 27% |

| Exit Destinations | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Unaccompanied & Young Adults | | |
| Emergency Shelter | 82 | 90 |
| Place Not Meant for Human Habitation | 86 | 96 |
| Safe Haven | 1 | 3 |
| Institutional | 24 | 30 |
| Permanent Housing (PH) | 197 | 192 |
| Temporary Housing | 220 | 219 |
| Parenting Youth | | |
| Emergency Shelter | 21 | 28 |
| Place Not Meant for Human Habitation | 8 | 0 |
| Safe Haven | 0 | 1 |
| Institutional | 2 | 3 |
| Permanent Housing (PH) | 106 | 83 |
| Temporary Housing | 65 | 60 |
| UYA Total Percentage: PH/Non-PH | 32% / 68% | 30% / 70% |
| PY Total Percentage: PH/Non-PH | 52% / 48% | 47% / 53% |
| Total (UYA+PY) Percentage: PH/Non-PH | 37% / 63% | 34% / 66% |

Households in Permanent Housing

Unaccompanied youth and young adult (UYA) and parenting youth (PY) enrolled in permanent housing programs including rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing (does not include RHY). All categories deduplicated except prior living situation and exit destination.

| Total | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 | Difference |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------|
| Unaccompanied Youth <18 | 1 | 2 | +1 |
| Young Adults 18-24 | 83 | 104 | +21 |
| Total: Unacc. & Young Adults (UYA) | 84 | 106 | +22 |
| Parenting Youth <18 | 0 | 0 | NC |
| Parenting Youth 18-24 | 87 | 100 | NC |
| Total: Parenting Youth (PY) | 87 | 100 | NC |
| Total Youth Percentage (UYA/PY) | 49% / 51% | 51% / 49% | |

| Race & Ethnicity | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Unaccompanied & Young Adults | | |
| American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous | 4 | 6 |
| Asian or Asian American | 1 | 2 |
| Black, African American, or African | 21 | 25 |
| Multi-Racial | 5 | 12 |
| White | 53 | 61 |
| Parenting Youth | | |
| American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous | 6 | 8 |
| Asian or Asian American | 1 | 1 |
| Black, African American, or African | 31 | 31 |
| Multi-Racial | 10 | 13 |
| White | 39 | 47 |
| UYA Total Percentage: White / Non-White | 63% / 37% | 58% / 42% |
| PY Total Percentage: White / Non-White | 45% / 55% | 47% / 53% |
| Total (UYA+PY) Percentage: White / Non-White | 54% / 46% | 52% / 48% |
| Unaccompanied & Young Adults | | |
| Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x) | 5 | 9 |
| Non-Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x) | 79 | 97 |
| Parenting Youth | | |
| Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x) | 6 | 7 |
| Non-Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x) | 81 | 93 |
| UYA Total Percentage: Non/Hisp-Lat | 94% / 6% | 92% / 8% |
| PY Total Percentage: Non/Hisp-Lat | 93% / 7% | 93% / 7% |
| Total (UYA+PY) Percentage: Non/Hisp-Lat | 94% / 6% | 92% / 8% |

| Gender | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Unaccompanied Youth & Young Adults | | |
| Female | 38 | 49 |
| Male | 43 | 53 |
| Transgender | 3 | 4 |
| Parenting Youth | | |
| Female | 78 | 91 |
| Male | 9 | 9 |
| Transgender | 0 | 0 |
| UYA Total Percentage: F/M/T | 45% / 51% / 4% | 46% / 50% / 4% |
| PY Total Percentage: F/M/T | 90% / 10% / 0% | 91% / 9% / 0% |
| Total (UYA+PY) Percentage: F/M/T | 68% / 30% / 2% | 68% / 30% / 2% |

| Prior Living Situation | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Unaccompanied Youth & Young Adults | | |
| Emergency Shelter (ES) | 37 | 54 |
| Place Not Meant for Human Habitation (PH) | 39 | 41 |
| Safe Haven (SH) | 1 | 1 |
| Institutional (I) | 1 | 1 |
| Permanent Housing (PH) | 2 | 3 |
| Temporary Housing (TH) | 5 | 8 |
| Parenting Youth | | |
| Emergency Shelter (ES) | 59 | 67 |
| Place Not Meant for Human Habitation (PH) | 24 | 20 |
| Safe Haven (SH) | 1 | 0 |
| Institutional (I) | 0 | 1 |
| Permanent Housing (PH) | 1 | 3 |
| Temporary Housing (TH) | 3 | 11 |
| UYA Total Percentage: ES/SH+I+TH/PN | 45% / 8% / 47% | 51% / 10% / 39% |
| PY Total Percentage: ES/SH+I+TH/PN | 68% / 4% / 28% | 68% / 12% / 20% |
| Total (UYA+PY) Percentage: ES/SH+I+TH/PN | 56% / 7% / 37% | 59% / 11% / 30% |

| Exit Destinations | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Unaccompanied Youth & Young Adults | | |
| Emergency Shelter | 3 | 5 |
| Place Not Meant for Human Habitation | 6 | 6 |
| Safe Haven | 1 | 0 |
| Institutional | 6 | 7 |
| Permanent Housing (PH) | 44 | 48 |
| Temporary Housing | 12 | 12 |
| Parenting Youth | | |
| Emergency Shelter | 1 | 3 |
| Place Not Meant for Human Habitation | 1 | 1 |
| Institutional | 1 | 2 |
| Permanent Housing (PH) | 62 | 58 |
| Temporary Housing | 13 | 15 |
| UYA Total Percentage: PH, Non-PH | 61% / 39% | 62% / 38% |
| PY Total Percentage: PH, Non-PH | 79% / 21% | 73% / 27% |
| Total (UYA+PY) Percentage: PH, Non-PH | 71% / 29% | 68% / 32% |

C. RHY (Runaway and Homeless Youth) Data Tables

HMIS RHY Data Tables are calculated from HMIS customized reports developed by ICA for this plan.

Households At Risk of Homelessness

Unaccompanied youth and young adult (UYA) and parenting youth (PY) enrolled in RHY-specific prevention programs (basic center program – prevention). There were four providers in FY20 and one provider in FY21. All categories deduplicated except prior living situation and exit destination.

| Total | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 | Difference |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Unaccompanied Youth <18 | 163 | 41 | -122 |
| Young Adults 18-24 | 11 | 4 | -7 |
| Total: Unacc. & Young Adults (UYA) | 174 | 45 | -129 |
| Parenting Youth <18 | 0 | 0 | NC |
| Parenting Youth 18-24 | 0 | 0 | NC |
| Total: Parenting Youth (PY) | 0 | 0 | NC |
| Total Youth Percentage (UYA/PY) | 100% / 0% | 100% / 0% | |

| Race & Ethnicity | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Unaccompanied & Young Adults | | |
| American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous | 1 | 1 |
| Asian or Asian American | 1 | 1 |
| Black, African American, or African | 24 | 4 |
| Multi-Racial | 20 | 8 |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | 0 | 0 |
| White | 121 | 31 |
| Data Not Collected | 7 | 0 |
| UYA Total Percentage: White/Non-White | 72% / 28% | 69% / 31% |
| Unaccompanied & Young Adults | | |
| Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x) | 22 | 5 |
| Non-Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x) | 140 | 37 |
| Data Not Collected | 12 | 3 |
| UYA Total Percentage: Non/Hisp-Lat | 86% / 14% | 88% / 12% |

| Gender | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Unaccompanied & Young Adults | | |
| Female | 116 | 19 |
| Male | 52 | 22 |
| Gender Non-Conforming | 2 | 3 |
| Transgender | 3 | 0 |
| Questioning | 1 | 1 |
| UYA Total Percentage: F/M | 67% / 30% | 42% / 49% |
| GNC/T/Q | 1% / 2% / <1% | 7% / 0% / 1% |

| Exit Destinations | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 |
|---|-----------------|------------------|
| Unaccompanied & Young Adults | | |
| Emergency Shelter | 0 | 2 |
| Place Not Meant for Human Habitation | 0 | 0 |
| Institutional | 1 | 1 |
| Permanent Housing (PH) | 149 | 7 |
| Temporary Housing | 7 | 2 |
| Data Not Collected | 4 | 2 |
| UYA Total Percentage: PH/Non-PH | 95% / 5% | 50% / 50% |

Households Experiencing Homelessness

Unaccompanied youth and young adult (UYA) and parenting youth (PY) enrolled in RHY-specific emergency shelter, outreach, and transitional housing programs (basic center-shelter, street outreach, and transitional living programs). There were seven providers in FY20 and six providers in FY21. All categories deduplicated except prior living situation and exit destination.

| Total | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 | Difference |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------|
| Unaccompanied Youth <18 | 122 | 120 | -2 |
| Young Adults 18-24 | 62 | 28 | -34 |
| Total: Unacc. & Young Adults (UYA) | 184 | 148 | -36 |
| Parenting Youth <18 | 0 | 0 | NC |
| Parenting Youth 18-24 | 0 | 0 | NC |
| Total: Parenting Youth (PY) | 0 | 0 | NC |
| Total Youth Percentage (UYA/PY) | 100% / 0% | 100% / 0% | |

| Race & Ethnicity | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Unaccompanied & Young Adults | | |
| American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous | 5 | 4 |
| Asian or Asian American | 0 | 15 |
| Black, African American, or African | 35 | 31 |
| Multi-Racial | 18 | 11 |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | 0 | 2 |
| White | 122 | 81 |
| Data not collected | 4 | 4 |
| UYA Total Percentage: White/Non-White | 68% / 32% | 56% / 44% |
| Unaccompanied & Young Adults | | |
| Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x) | 12 | 29 |
| Non-Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x) | 170 | 114 |
| Data not collected | 2 | 5 |
| UYA Total Percentage: Non/Hisp-Lat | 93% / 7% | 80% / 20% |

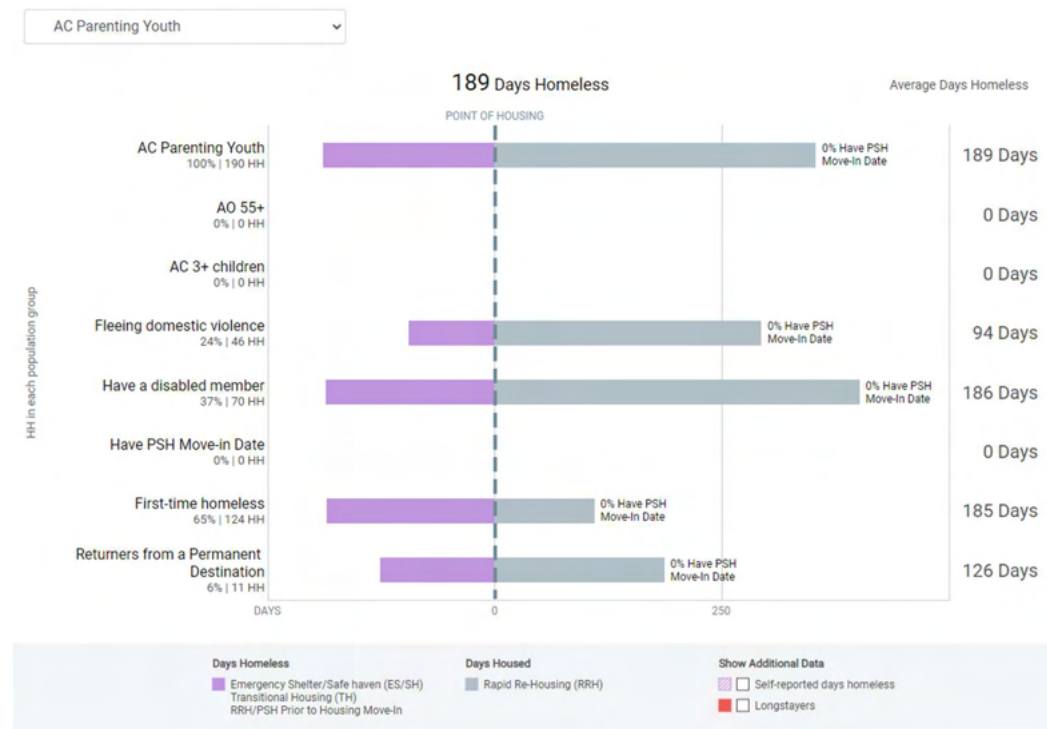
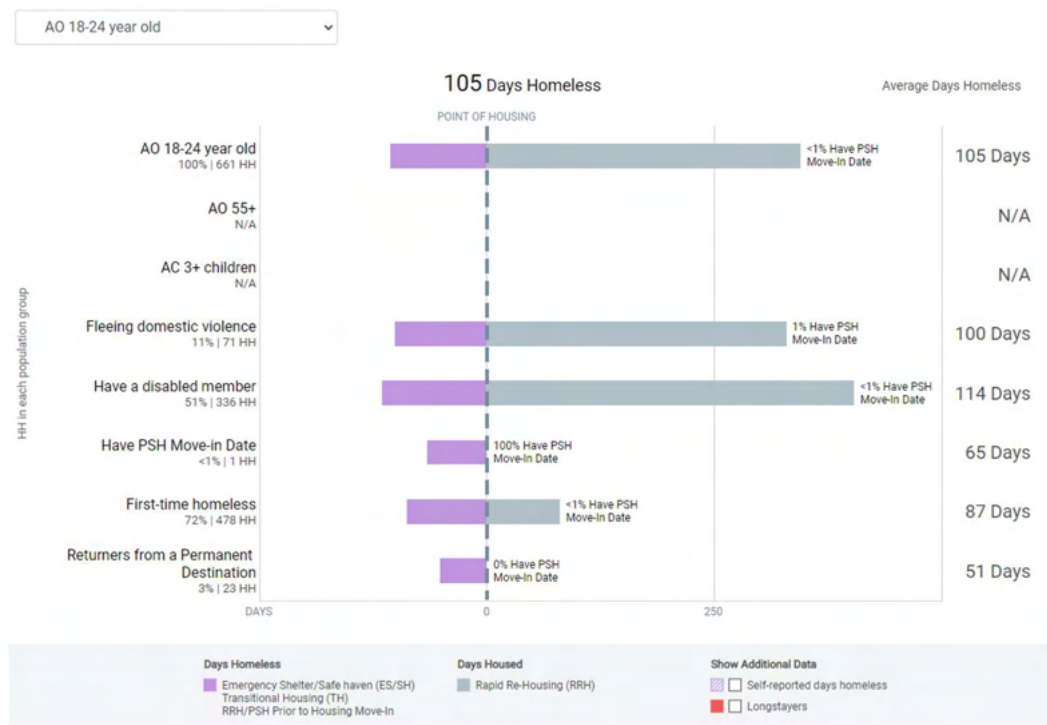
| Gender | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Unaccompanied & Young Adults | | |
| Female | 107 | 76 |
| Male | 74 | 70 |
| Gender other than singularly | 2 | 0 |
| Transgender | 1 | 2 |
| UYA Total Percentage: F/M/GNC/T | 58% / 40% / 1% / 1% | 51% / 47% / 0% / 2% |

| Prior Living Situation | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Unaccompanied Youth & Young Adults | | |
| Emergency Shelter (ES) | 13 | 5 |
| Place Not Meant for Human Habitation (PH) | 22 | 10 |
| Institutional (I) | 10 | 4 |
| Permanent Housing (PH) | 14 | 9 |
| Temporary Housing (TH) | 130 | 111 |
| Data not collected | 5 | 9 |
| UYA Total Percentage: ES/SH+I+TH/PN | 7% / 80% / 13% | 4% / 88% / 8% |

| Exit Destinations | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Unaccompanied & Young Adults | | |
| Emergency Shelter | 3 | 1 |
| Place Not Meant for Human Habitation | 0 | 0 |
| Institutional | 7 | 3 |
| Permanent Housing (PH) | 107 | 22 |
| Temporary Housing | 45 | 8 |
| Data not collected | 26 | 101 |
| UYA Total Percentage: PH/Non-PH | 66% / 34% | 65% / 35% |

D. Stella P. Data Tables

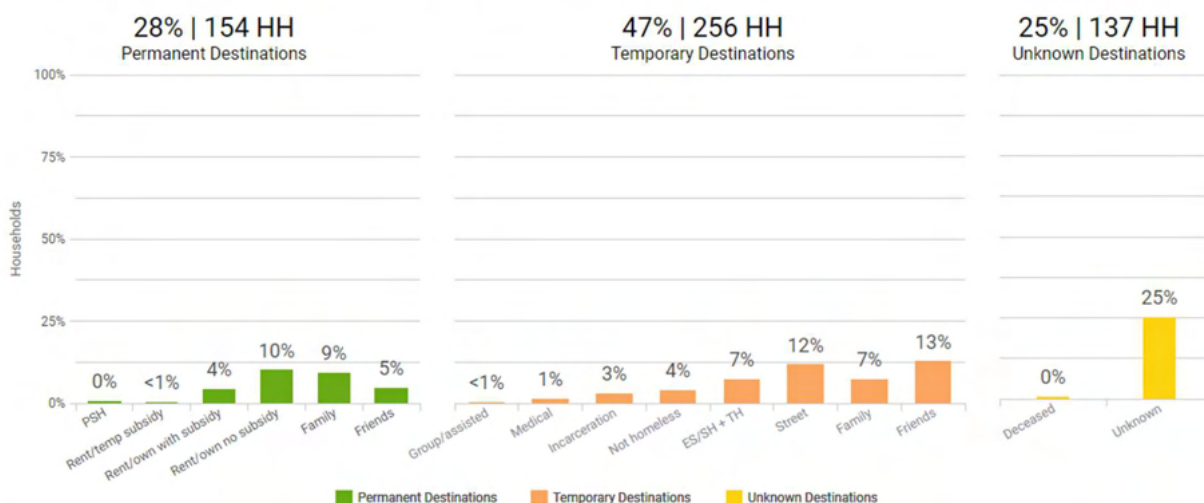
1. Days Homeless by Population Group



2. Exits by Destination by Population Groups

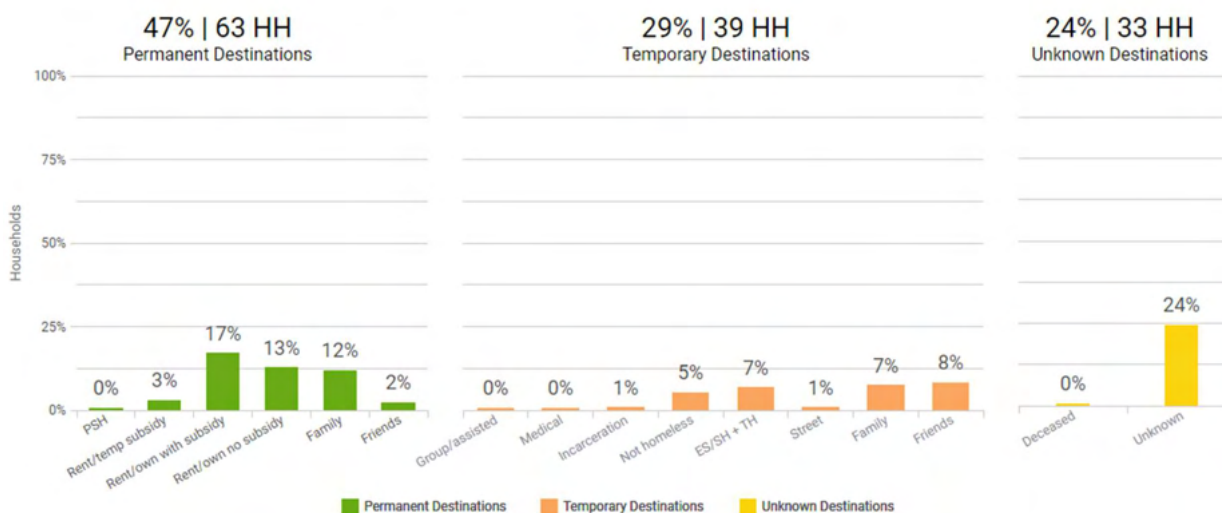
AO 18-24 year old

All Population Groups



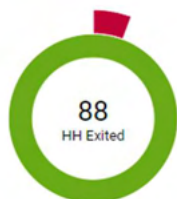
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All Population Groups

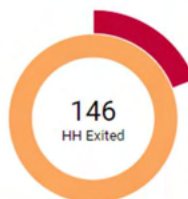


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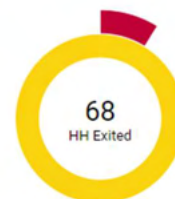
HH that Exited in the first 6 mo of the Current Report Period AO 18-24 year old All Population Groups



6%
Returned after Exits to
Permanent Destinations
5 of 88 HH



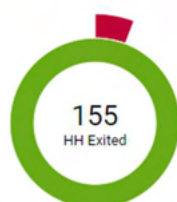
19%
Returned after Exits to
Temporary Destinations
28 of 146 HH



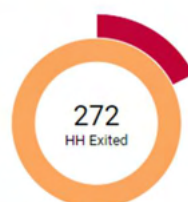
9%
Returned after Exits to
Unknown Destinations
6 of 68 HH

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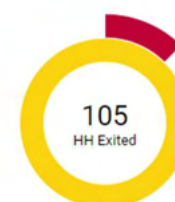
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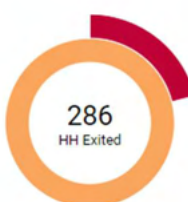
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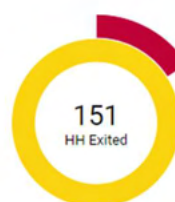
HH that Exited between 12 and 24 mo prior to the Current Report Period AO 18-24 year old All Population Groups



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Returned after Exits to
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39 of 217 HH



21%
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60 of 286 HH



16%
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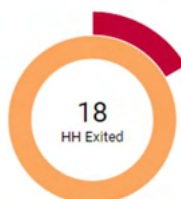
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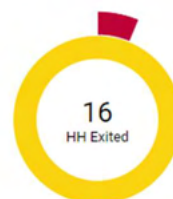
All Population Groups



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Permanent Destinations
1 of 36 HH



17%
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3 of 18 HH



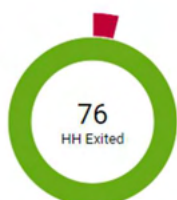
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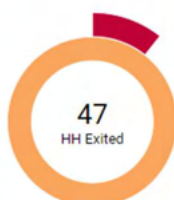
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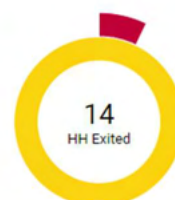
All Population Groups



4%
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Permanent Destinations
3 of 76 HH



11%
Returned after Exits to
Temporary Destinations
5 of 47 HH



7%
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Unknown Destinations
1 of 14 HH

Permanent Destinations Temporary Destinations Unknown Destinations Returns

HH that Exited between 12 and 24 mo prior to the Current Report Period

AC Parenting Youth

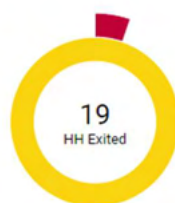
All Population Groups



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Permanent Destinations
6 of 93 HH



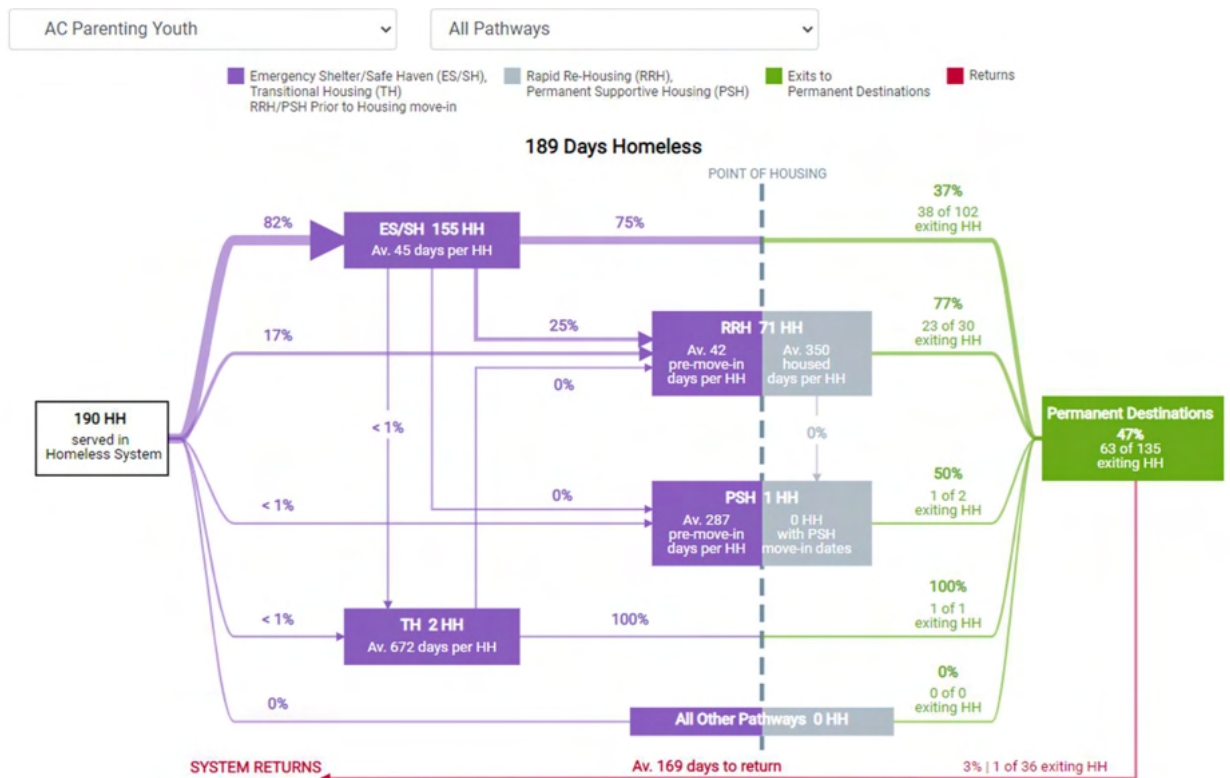
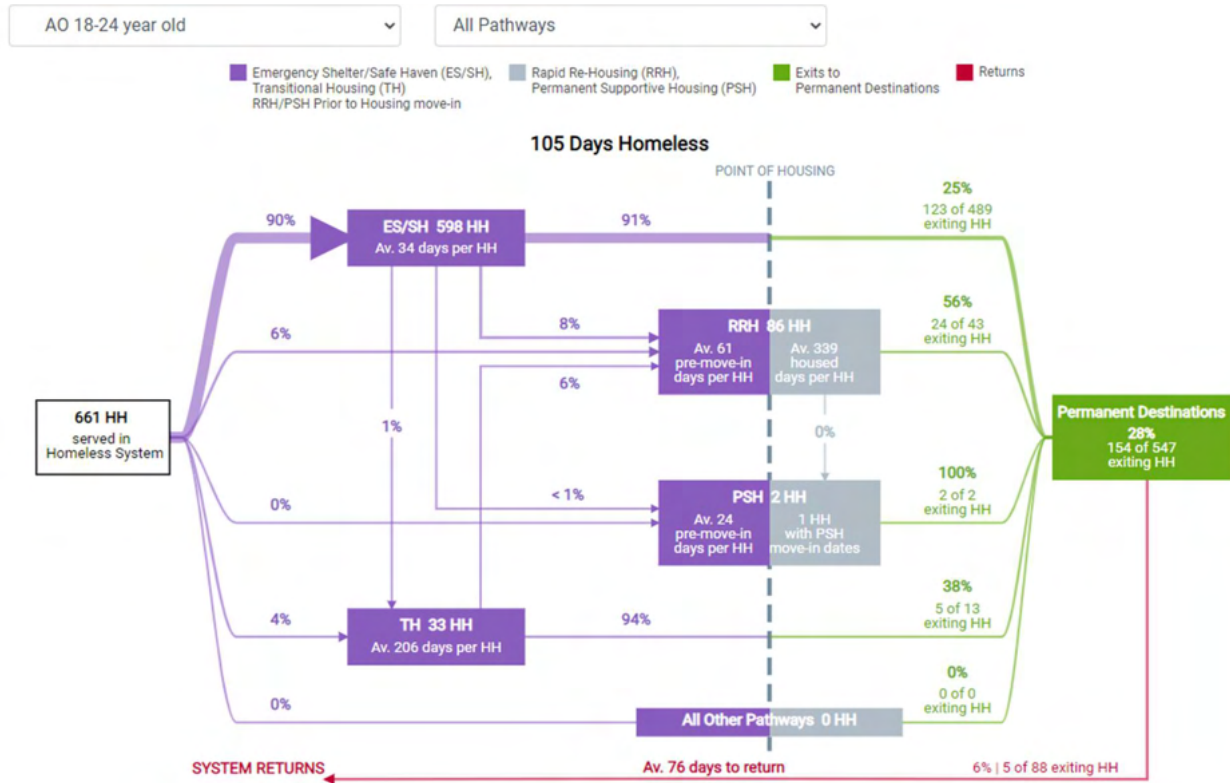
4%
Returned after Exits to
Temporary Destinations
2 of 50 HH



5%
Returned after Exits to
Unknown Destinations
1 of 19 HH

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4. System Maps



II. Local Homeless Coalition Comprehensive Community Plans (CCP)

Brown

***Coordinated Community Plan to
Prevent & End Youth Homelessness***



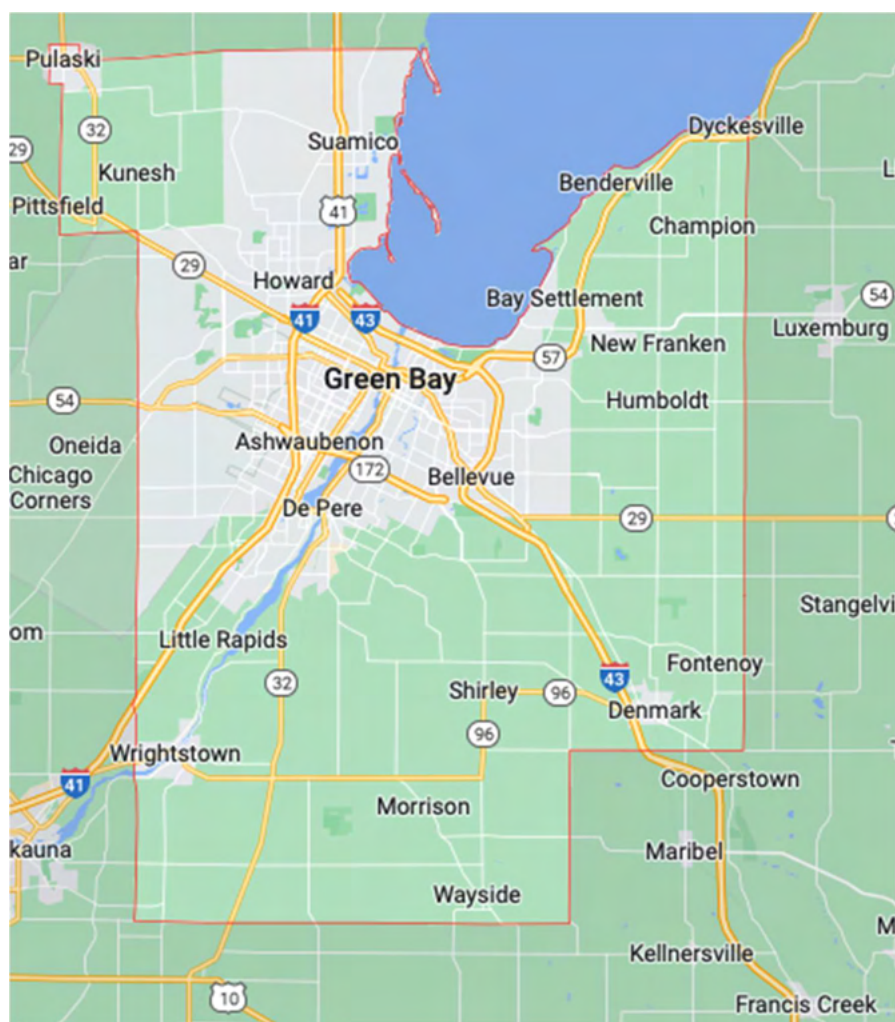
WIBOSCOC

Brown County Coordinated Community Plan

I. Introduction

The Brown County Homeless and Housing Coalition covers the geographic area of Brown County, Wisconsin. As of the 2020 census, the Brown County population was 268,740. Major cities in Brown County include Green Bay and De Pere. There are 24 other municipalities; some are significant, and 31 unincorporated communities. Oneida Nation is a Native American community which is partially located in Brown County

Below is a map of Brown County:



Google

The mission of the Brown County Homeless and Housing Coalition (BCHHC) is to provide leadership in the development, advocacy, and coordination of community strategies to prevent and end homelessness.

BCHHC began in the early 1980s as an effort to identify the needs of those displaced by the movement to transform run-down, aging neighborhoods in downtown Green Bay into more

prosperous areas. During this “gentrification” period, single-room occupancy buildings closed their low rent apartments for residents. Social service providers for low-income residents were concerned about the fate facing those who were displaced, fearing that many would become homeless. That did happen, and the community was not prepared to address this growing need. It was in this environment that the Brown County Task Force for the Homeless was formed and Brown County’s first homeless shelter, Crossroads, opened to house individuals and families experiencing homelessness from 1990-2002.

The early days of the Task Force focused on educating local City and County government officials about the impact of gentrification and the needs of those displaced. Public forums, presentations and coverage in the local media were common, and for the first time, local statistics were gathered on those seeking shelter. A Subcommittee to the Human Services Committee of the Brown County Board was formed under Task Force leadership with the goal of educating the Board about the emerging homeless population. This Subcommittee addressed issues such as public assistance to local shelters, the need for community mental health outreach workers, transportation, and police concerns. The BCHHC still works to address those concerns today, with a focus on Housing First and No Wrong Door initiatives.

The BCHHC is a legal nonprofit 501(c)3 organization.

The BCHHC has an Executive Committee, elected officers, voting members, and non-voting supporting members. Meetings are open to the community. The BCHHC currently has:

- 17 voting partner member organizations
- 2 Youth Action Board (YAB) representatives who get 1 vote
- 20 non-voting supporting member organizations
- Non-voting individual Advocate members (un-affiliated with an organization)

The BCHHC membership is made up of a team of community organizations who directly or indirectly serve those who are facing the many challenges of securing and maintaining safe, stable housing. They provide access to agencies through monthly coalition meetings.

Voting members elect an Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is responsible for:

- Developing a structure for the Coalition meetings that will encourage greater commitment by the membership to participate in meetings and activities that will enhance the value in what the Coalition offers to its members and to the community.
- Monitoring how well the Coalition coordinates the opportunities for networking and facilitating exchange of information and delivery of services by programs within the Continuum of Care.
- Acting as the nominating committee.

Two YAB members were elected on February 23, 2022, to represent their peers at the BCHHC and WIBOSCOC YAB. The BCHHC voted at their March 9, 2022, meeting to change the bylaws to include two YAB members and give the Brown County YAB one vote.

One of the elected Brown County YAB Representatives presented the draft Brown County YHDP Coordinated Community Plan (CCP) to the BCHHC and gave them opportunities to provide feedback. Members of the BCHHC were invited to send youth with lived experience to YAB meetings. Transportation to local shelters serving youth and dinner was provided for each YAB meeting from January 6 through March 9, 2022, when the plan draft was completed.

II. Mission and Vision

A. Mission Statement (adapted from WIBOSCOC Mission Statement)

The Brown County Housing Coalition, Brown County Youth Action Board, and community partners will collaborate and partner to develop an integrated system to end youth homelessness and housing instability and ensure wrap-around support for youth to thrive.

B. Vision Statement (adapted from WIBOSCOC Vision Statement)

Brown County youth and young adults will collaborate with system partners to provide:

- Individualized wrap-around supports to create a mentally and physically healthy environment for growing and learning, with partners who are culturally competent to serve youth who are LGBTQIA+, BIPOC, pregnant, parenting, fleeing domestic violence, and fleeing human trafficking
- A variety of housing options that meet the needs of youth, with youth-chosen services and pathways
- Mental health, reproductive and preventive health care, and addiction services
- Changes to laws and policies that are standing in the way of youth accessing and receiving the services they want and need.

C. Community history with Youth Homeless System

BCHHC's strategic objectives include unaccompanied youth as a priority service population. An Unaccompanied Youth Task Force was started in the Brown County community in the mid-2010s to bring service providers from various sectors, community members, and youth together to begin working on solutions.

BCHHC Youth Task Force's goal is to provide, understand, and expand services for those under the age of 24 that are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of becoming homeless in Brown County. This group of agency and school representatives work to identify unmet needs and gaps in services toward addressing youth homelessness.

In 2019, Coalition member agencies successfully advocated for the passage of 2019 WI Act 22, allowing 17-year-olds experiencing homelessness to access emergency shelters before turning 18.

The Youth Task Force updated its strategic goals in 2020. Those goals include: establishing a Youth Action Board, opening a youth drop-in center for minors, House of Hope opening the Hope Center, a community education initiative around youth homelessness, and creating additional partnerships to support youth.

In 2020, House of Hope opened the Hope Center in Brown County, a licensed shelter care facility. The Hope Center is currently the only shelter care facility in Wisconsin that is licensed ages 0–17 and will not separate parenting minors from their children.

In 2022, several additional youth services are planned to open

- East side youth drop-in center - Spring 2022, Newcap
- West side youth drop-in center - Fall 2022, House of Hope
- Youth shelter - TBD 2022, Newcap

In 2021, the Unaccompanied Youth Task Force updated its name to the Youth Task Force to include at-risk youth, pregnant and parenting youth, and other youth in crisis who may have been excluded from service by the term “unaccompanied.”

In 2022, House of Hope engaged two social justice interns from UW-Green Bay to begin advocating the Wisconsin Legislature to provide 17-year-old unaccompanied youth, who access emergency shelter via 2019 WI Act 22, access to primary physical and mental health care. At this time, 17-year-olds experiencing homelessness can contract for emergency shelter, however, they cannot access basic or preventative medical or mental health care without consent of a parent or guardian.

The Brown County YAB was formed on January 6, 2022, to begin the Brown County YHDP process.

D. *Statement from the local YAB* – We asked a Youth Action Board Representative to write a statement about YHDP, youth homelessness, the work that is being done, the importance of the work, and what her experiences were. Here’s what S.G. (age 16) said:

“When I joined the Youth Action Board, the main thing that I was looking for is a place where I could feel like I could openly talk about what I was going through and how I could help fix it, so that things could be easier for someone else who might be going through the same thing. Brown County Youth Action Board is about bringing together youth in foster care and homeless, pregnant, parenting youth and young adults so we can do something to fix our community so that kids in these situations are more prepared and have a better success rate AT LIFE. Our Youth Action Board focused on mental health, wraparound care, and healthcare laws, and allowing youth and young adults to be more independent and to get the services we need if we do not have family to take care of us. I think it was easier for us to talk about all of these things, so we felt like we were not alone, and we challenged ourselves to NOT normalize being homeless.

“Also, it helped us to know that we have the support systems we need and to identify, understand, and access the support systems so that we could be successful later on in life. I found that there were a lot of kids that really participated in the Youth Action Board and brought a lot of good ideas from a lot of different scenarios and different stories.

“If there was anything that I would do over again, I would try to make it so there are more kids who feel open enough to come talk about their experiences.

“But lastly, I would like to thank Brown County and the State Youth Action Board for giving me an opportunity to represent the Brown County Youth Action Board and advocate for all of these kids who didn't have anyone to advocate for them growing up. I am beyond thankful that I got to help create something better for kids in the future and kids now.”

III. Statement of Need

A. PIT¹

The Brown County Point-in-Time Count (PIT) includes youth-specific data from two youth-focused Rapid ReHousing Programs. On average, 75 individuals in 34 youth-headed households were served each month in 2021 and 2022.

Beginning in June of 2021, the Brown County PIT began tracking children-only households served in shelter separately from other shelter households. Since then, on average, 4 minor youth are served in shelter each month.

In February of 2022, House of Hope's singles youth shelter began being tracked separately from its family shelter. On average, 2 youth between the ages of 18–24 are served monthly. Because of current HMIS restrictions, 17-year-old youth are not counted in the single shelter.

B. Coordinated Entry²

As of March 15, 2022, the Brown County Coordinated Entry Priority List had a total of 36 youth households waiting for access to housing. Of those households, 13 were youth with children and 23 were single youth.

C. HMIS³

According to HMIS data, in the last year 220 youth were provided shelter: 131 unaccompanied youth, 35 unaccompanied minor youth, and 55 parenting youth. Minority youth are overrepresented among youth experiencing homelessness with minorities making up more than 55% of total unaccompanied youth and more than 65% of parenting youth experiencing homelessness.

In the last year, more than half (53%) of youth experiencing homelessness had been homeless previously. It is significant that youth in Brown County are experiencing homelessness more than once.

Youth in Brown County are accessing shelter and services most frequently after being doubled up with friends or family (40%), staying somewhere not meant for human habitation (27%), or accessing a motel voucher program or other emergency shelter (16%). Youth residence prior to shelter access is approximately the same for parenting youth as for non-parenting youth.

¹ "BCHHC Monthly PIT." Brown County Homeless and Housing Coalition, https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1y4TjttWCG4uEPeWc0ZDYQpOhWBgmjKl2epI9C8RkeF0/edit?usp=s_haring. 3/10/2022.

² D. Delfosse, Case Manager, House of Hope Green Bay, personal communication, 3/28/2022 to Beth Hudak, Chair, Brown County Homeless and Housing Coalition. Email attachments: Brown County Priority List Households with Children and Brown County Priority List Households without Children 3/15/2022.

³ J. Allen, HMIS Manager, Balance of State & Racine COCs, Institute for Community Alliances, personal communication, 2/22/2022 to Beth Hudak, Chair, Brown County Homeless and Housing Coalition. Email attachment: Balance of State YHDP data for Brown County for the "last complete year."

D. National Runaway Safeline⁴

In 2020, 27 youth in crisis called the National Runaway Safeline from Brown County, Wisconsin. Of those calls, more than half (58%) were made by females and a majority of youth calling found themselves in crisis because of family dynamics (27%), emotional abuse (16%), Mental Health (11%), Peer/Social Issues (11%), or Physical Assault (8%).

E. Race and Ethnicity

| Brown County, WI | Brown County Census ⁵ | Unaccompanied Youth Served in the Last Year ⁶ |
|---|----------------------------------|--|
| American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous | 3.4% | 14% |
| Asian or Asian American | 3.4% | 1% |
| Black, African American, or African | 3.0% | 28% |
| Multi-Racial or Other | 2.4% | 10% |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | 0% | 0% |
| White | 87.8% | 42% |
| Unknown/Not Collected | | 5% |

| Brown County, WI | Brown County Census (2020) | Unaccompanied Youth Served in the Last Year |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| White, Not Hispanic or Latino | 91% | 83% |
| Hispanic or Latino | 9% | 17% |
| | | |

⁴ J. Stern, Chief Engagement Officer, National Runaway Safeline, personal communication, 2/2/2022 to Beth Hudak, Chair, Brown County Homeless and Housing Coalition. Email attachment: Brown County, WI 2020 crisis contacts.

⁵ “QuickFacts Brown County, Wisconsin.” US Census Bureau, <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/browncountywisconsin>, 3/10/2022.

⁶ J. Allen, HMIS Manager, Balance of State & Racine COCs, Institute for Community Alliances, personal communication, 2/22/2022 to Beth Hudak, Chair, Brown County Homeless and Housing Coalition. Email attachment: Balance of State YHDP data for Brown County for the “last complete year.”

F. Domestic Violence⁷

In 2021, 152 youth accessed 625 domestic violence related services, this is a 28% increase in the number of youth accessing services and a 70% increase in the number of services accessed from the previous year. Between 2020 and 2021, there was a 40% increase in the number of youth who were provided shelter at Brown County's domestic violence shelter, Golden House.

G. County-Wide Estimates^{8,9}

Approximately 10,563 youth ages 15-17 and 24,143 youth ages 18-24 reside in Brown County. Using National Estimates created by Voices of Youth Count, we can predict that approximately 352 youth ages 15-17 and 2,414 youth ages 18-24 will experience homelessness in some form in Brown County in the next 12 months.

H. Employment^{10,11}

As of February 2022, Brown County's unemployment rate is 2.7%. For youth experiencing homelessness, approximately 23% in Brown County are employed. For parenting youth experiencing homelessness, 20% are employed. Of youth who were unemployed, 52% were actively seeking employment.

In Brown County, just 43% of available jobs offer a stability wage for a single adult. For two adults with children, only 18% of jobs available in Brown County pay enough to stably support two adults with two children in childcare.¹²

I. Education¹³

During the 2019-2020 school year, one in every 36 enrolled students experienced homelessness in Brown County public schools. For the more urban area of Green Bay, during the same school year, one in every 21 students experienced homelessness.

J. Other Risk Factors

There are many risk factors that contribute to a young person experiencing homelessness. Homelessness is an experience that effects the whole person, and therefore we must look at how different factors, like parenting or LGBTQIA+ status, effect stability and access to services.

⁷ M. Heim, Grants and Outreach Manager, Golden House, personal communication, 1/28/2022 to Beth Hudak, Chair, Brown County Homeless and Housing Coalition. Email regarding youth provided domestic violence related services by Golden House.

⁸ "Missed Opportunities: Youth Homelessness in America, National Estimates." Voices of Youth Count, <https://voicesofyouthcount.org/brief/national-estimates-of-youth-homelessness/>. 3/10/2022.

⁹ "QuickFacts Brown County, Wisconsin." US Census Bureau, <https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=brown%20county%20wi%20age&tid=ACST5Y2020.S0101>. 3/10/2022.

¹⁰ "Current Employment Statistics and Local Area Unemployment Statistics February 2022." Job Center of Wisconsin,

https://jobcenterofwisconsin.com/wisconomy/wits_info/downloads/Publications/PressRelease/local.pdf. 3/17/2022.

¹¹ J. Allen, HMIS Manager, Balance of State & Racine COCs, Institute for Community Alliances, personal communication, 2/22/2022 to Beth Hudak, Chair, Brown County Homeless and Housing Coalition. Email attachment: Balance of State YHDP data for Brown County for the "last complete year."

¹² "Living Wage Jobs." Not So Big Data, https://nsbdata.shinyapps.io/Living_Wage_Jobs/. 4/19/2022.

¹³ "Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Data." Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, <https://dpi.wi.gov/homeless/data>. 3/22/2022.

Pregnant and parenting youth are 200% more likely to experience homelessness than their non-parenting peers.¹⁴ In Brown County, 99 of the births that occurred in 2020 were to mothers under 18. High teen birth rates, like Brown County's 17.3% teen birth rate, increases the likelihood of homelessness and presents unique challenges and needs among youth and young adults who are parenting.¹⁵ Of the youth served in shelter in the last year, 25% were parenting.¹⁶

Unaccompanied minors represent 16% of the youth served in shelters.¹⁷ Youth who are experiencing homelessness as minors without a parent or guardian are at a higher risk of dropping out of school, labor or sex trafficking, assault, and other forms of victimization.¹⁸ In 2020 and 2021, Brown County CPS investigated 36 incidents of alleged sex trafficking of minor youth with 4 substantiated cases.¹⁹

Living with one or more disabilities is a significant risk factor to experiencing homelessness for youth. Of the youth served in shelter in Brown County in the last year, 44% live with a mental health condition, 15% struggle with addiction, 10% have a developmental disability, 10% live with a chronic health issue, and 7% have a physical disability.²⁰ In 2021, 240 youth in Brown County were admitted to psychiatric hospitals under emergency detention.²¹ Lack of access to physical and mental health care are significant concerns for youth experiencing homelessness.

Brown County's Child Protective Services works to ensure that youth and children are not subject to abuse and neglect and are protected from harm and danger. Youth who are "screened out" after a CPS referral are more likely to not receive services. In 2021, there were 4,625 CPS referrals, with 1,713 of those reports screened in. This leaves 2,912 youth not provided with protective services, which demonstrates the level of need, and also highlights the vulnerable young people who are likely falling through the cracks, not receiving needed services and support.

Youth in the juvenile justice system are more likely to be involved in the adult justice system and are more likely to experience homelessness. In Brown County, 370 youth

¹⁴ "Missed Opportunities: Pregnant and Parenting Youth Experiencing Homelessness in America." Voices of Youth Count, <https://voicesofyouthcount.org/brief/pregnant-and-parenting-youth-experiencing-homelessness/>. 3/10/2022.

¹⁵ "Wisconsin Interactive Statistics on Health Query: Teen Births Module." Wisconsin Department of Health Services, <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wish/teen-birth/birth-form.htm>. 3/10/2022.

¹⁶ J. Allen, HMIS Manager, Balance of State & Racine COCs, Institute for Community Alliances, personal communication, 2/22/2022 to Beth Hudak, Chair, Brown County Homeless and Housing Coalition. Email attachment: Balance of State YHDP data for Brown County for the "last complete year."

¹⁷ J. Allen, HMIS Manager, Balance of State & Racine COCs, Institute for Community Alliances, personal communication, 2/22/2022 to Beth Hudak, Chair, Brown County Homeless and Housing Coalition. Email attachment: Balance of State YHDP data for Brown County for the "last complete year."

¹⁸ "Unaccompanied Youth." School House Connection, <https://schoolhouseconnection.org/learn/unaccompanied-youth/>. 3/22/2022.

¹⁹ M. Seidl, Child Protection Initial Assessment Supervisor, Brown County Health and Human Services, personal communication, 2/16/2022 to Beth Hudak, Chair, Brown County Homeless and Housing Coalition. Email attachment: Child Welfare Data.

²⁰ J. Allen, HMIS Manager, Balance of State & Racine COCs, Institute for Community Alliances, personal communication, 2/22/2022 to Beth Hudak, Chair, Brown County Homeless and Housing Coalition. Email attachment: Balance of State YHDP data for Brown County for the "last complete year."

²¹ M. Seidl, Child Protection Initial Assessment Supervisor, Brown County Health and Human Services, personal communication, 3/1/2022 to Beth Hudak, Chair, Brown County Homeless and Housing Coalition. Email regarding youth admitted to psychiatric hospitals under EMIs.

have been arrested for violent crimes, 1,200 have been arrested for drug crimes, and 8,100 have juvenile justice involvement.²² Involvement with the justice system contributes to the increasing cost of homelessness and makes youth more likely to continue to involvement with the justice system in their adulthood.

K. FYI Vouchers, FUP Vouchers and RHY Data

In 2021, Brown County had one RHY-funded program, the Hope Center. During the calendar year, 33 minor youth were provided shelter: 25 teens, 4 parenting teens, and 4 infants.²³

Brown County has access to 52 Family Unification Program (FUP) vouchers. As of the end of March 2022, 36 of those vouchers are being utilized by 110 individuals in 36 households. Currently, 8 households have been approved for active vouchers and are searching for appropriate housing. A majority of the households utilizing FUP vouchers are female, with 31 of the 36 households headed by women. Five of the households utilizing vouchers are individuals who have aged out of foster care. Additional demographic information is not available at this time.²⁴

ICS, the organization coordinating the FUP vouchers, will be accepting all qualified referrals until all 52 vouchers are fully utilized.

While Brown County qualifies for Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) vouchers, we will not be able to access any until all of our FUP vouchers are actively in use.

Youth Data Summary:

The youth population experiencing homelessness in Brown County is not significantly different from the general homeless population, except that they have higher barriers to accessing services. For many youth and minors, the services they require are either not available, inaccessible, or non-existent.

Minority populations are vastly over-represented in the population of Brown County youth experiencing homelessness. Culturally specific services should be considered to meet the needs of over-represented minority populations.

More than half of youth who experienced homelessness in the last year had experienced homeless before. Prevention and Diversion services should be prioritized to make youth homelessness a rare occurrence.

Nearly half of youth served suffered from mental illness. Mental health access before emergency interventions should be prioritized and available for youth. Providing access to preventative mental health care could help mitigate the high number of youth who are involuntarily admitted to psychiatric hospitals with EMIs.

²² “UCR Arrest Data.” Wisconsin Department of Justice, <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/dles/bjia/ucr-arrest-data>. 4/12/2022.

²³ L. Reinen, Case Manager, House of Hope Green Bay, Inc., personal communication 3/29/2022 to Beth Hudak, Chair, Brown County Homeless and Housing Coalition. Email regarding minor youth served in Hope Center shelter in calendar year 2021.

²⁴ C. Damys, Solutions Specialist, Integrated Community Solutions, personal communication, 4/5/2022 to Beth Hudak, Chair, Brown County Homeless and Housing Coalition. Email regarding Brown County FUP voucher usage.

We are lacking some data. More data specific to youth experiencing or at risk of homelessness is needed for Brown County, specifically regarding employment, income, education, LGBTQIA+, sex trafficking, age of first homeless episode, disability, and pregnancy status. Data specific to youth that is available has not been recorded separately in the PIT until recently. We will continue to track youth data separately.

We are working with Clarity (the HMIS tool) to begin collecting and tracking additional information related to youth such as pregnancy status and age of first homeless episode.

FUP vouchers in the Brown County community are currently underutilized. We will work collaboratively to ensure that FUP vouchers are fully utilized, Brown County will have access to FYI vouchers, and we will collect more complete demographic information about the households that utilize FUP and FYI vouchers.

IV. Goals, Objectives, Action Steps

A. Goals

There are four USICH Core Outcomes that the WI BOS is using to determine the goals. These are:

- Stable housing, including a safe and reliable place to call home
- Permanent connections, including ongoing attachments to families, communities, schools, and other positive social networks
- Education/employment, including high performance in and completion of education and training activities, especially for younger youth, and starting and maintaining adequate and stable employment, particular for older youth
- Social-emotional well-being, including development of key competencies, attitudes, and behaviors that equip a young person to succeed across multiple domains of daily life, including school, work, relationships, and community

B. Objectives – Brown County partners recognize that the most urgent matters for youth who are experiencing homelessness are: Mental health care, substance use treatment, childcare, and affordable housing. The YAB has asked the partners to submit ideas and proposals for new projects that will help the Brown County YAB achieve their goals.

Goal 1: Stable housing, including a safe and reliable place to call home

Objective 1.1: We will develop an integrated youth and young adult support community, with programs and services that embrace positive youth development; these are strengths-based, forward-looking, protective, preventive, and empowering.

Action 1.1.1: Complete the Youth Homelessness Systems gap analysis and share outcomes with stakeholders.

- Partners Responsible: BCHHC, ICF TA, YAB
- Timeframe: Spring 2022
- HUD Key Principles: Coordinated entry, Community Integration, Housing First

Action 1.1.2: Develop a thorough plan with the support of ICF TA and communicate outcomes of the work with stakeholders and community partners.

- Partners Responsible: BCHHC and YAB
- Timeframe: May-June 2022

- HUD Key Principles: Coordinated entry, Community Integration, Housing First, Equity

Action 1.1.3: Add to Brown County youth system a west side drop-in center to reduce barriers for youth and young adults getting the support they need.

- Partner Responsible: House of Hope
- Timeframe: Fall 2022 (pending funding and construction timeline)
- HUD Key Principles: Coordinated entry, Community Integration, Housing First, Equity, Youth Choice, Positive youth development, Trauma-informed care, Family engagement

Action 1.1.4: Add to Brown County youth system an east side drop-in center to reduce barriers for youth and young adults getting the support they need.

- Partner Responsible: Newcap
- Timeframe: Spring 2022
- HUD Key Principles: Coordinated entry, Community Integration, Housing First, Equity, Youth Choice, Positive youth development, Trauma-informed care, Family engagement

Objective 1.2: We will partner with Brown County, the City of Green Bay, landlords, and builders to increase availability of affordable homes.

Action 1.2.1: Present plan to community partners

- Partners Responsible: YAB and BCHHC
- Timeframe: Ongoing

Action 1.2.2: Prioritize proposals and make recommendation to BCHHC

- Partner Responsible: YAB
- Timeframe: Spring 2022

Action 1.2.3: Further refine Plan

- Partners Responsible: BCHHC, YAB, and community partners
- Timeframe: May-June 2022
- HUD Key Principles: Coordinated entry, Community Integration, Housing First, Equity, Youth Choice, Positive youth development, Trauma-informed care, Family engagement

Goal 2: Permanent connections, including ongoing attachments to families, communities, schools, and other positive social networks

Objective 2.1: We will improve the continuity of education, where possible, by partnering with the area school districts to highlight areas of opportunities identified.

Action 2.1.1: Share education opportunities identified, improving inter-district transfers, with Northeast Wisconsin school district leadership.

- Partners Responsible: BCHHC, YAB, Local School Districts
- Timeframe: TBD

- HUD Key Principles: Positive Youth Development, Community Integration, Equity

Action 2.1.2: Connect youth with mentoring and tutoring opportunities so that youth may choose what types of mentorship relationships they are interested in and choose an individual with whom they can build a trusted relationship, and spend meaningful time, such as Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

- Partners Responsible: Youth Shelters and Drop-In Centers
- Timeframe: Summer/Fall 2022
- HUD Key Principles: Positive Youth Development, Youth Choice, Community Integration

Objective 2.2: We will continue to engage the community in identifying supportive foster families for youth, especially those ages 11-17, and provide the foster family and youth continued education and support.

Action 2.2.1: Expand foster family support to include training in trauma-informed care and counseling.

- Partners Responsible: BCHHC, Child Protective Services, House of Hope, Newcap, Foundations Health and Wholeness
- Timeframe: TBD
- HUD Key Principles: Trauma-Informed Care, Community Integration, Family Engagement, Positive Youth Development

Goal 3: Education/employment, including high performance in and completion of education and training activities, especially for younger youth, and starting and maintaining adequate and stable employment, particularly for older youth

Objective 3.1 Brown County will eliminate barriers to education and employment through mentoring, connecting with school districts, building skills and abilities, and developing childcare services.

Action 3.1.1 Develop career mentorship program

- Partner Responsible: TBD
- Timeframe: TBD
- HUD Key Principles: Community Integration, Equity, Positive Youth Development

Action 3.1.2: Share education opportunities identified; improving tutoring, transportation, access to and engagement in afterschool activities, with Northeast Wisconsin school district leadership.

- Partners Responsible: Housing Coalition and YAB
- Timeframe: TBD
- HUD Key Principles: Positive Youth Development, Community Integration, Equity

Objective 3.2 We will advocate for youth and young adults by seeking changes to current legislation impeding partners' ability to provide needed support.

Action 3.2.1 Prioritize the list of legislative issues and identify partners who can get changes made at the state level.

- Partners Responsible: Housing Coalition and YAB, House of Hope
- Timeframe: On-going
- HUD Key Principles: Positive Youth Development, Community Integration, Equity

Action 3.2.2 Draft legislative changes on priorities and make proposals to state representatives, educating them on the experiences that youth and young adults face.

- Partner Responsible: House of Hope
- Timeframe: on-going
- HUD Key Principles: Positive Youth Development, Community Integration, Equity

Goal 4: Social-emotional well-being, including development of key competencies, attitudes, and behaviors that equip a young person to succeed across multiple domains of daily life, including school, work, relationships, and community

Objective 4.1 Brown County service providers will improve access to mental health care and addiction counseling (group and individual) for youth and young adults and family members.

Action 4.1.1 Prioritize hiring youth provider staff with training and experience in AODA, mental health care, peer support, and other trauma-informed specialties.

- Partner Responsible: TBD, youth service providers
- Timeframe: On-going
- HUD Key Principles: Trauma-Informed Care, Positive Youth Development, Community Integration, Equity

Objective 4.2 We will develop and build upon services providing preventative health and dental care to youth and young adults.

Action 4.2.1 Work with community mental health providers to increase access to existing mental health resources and build additional preventative mental health resources and access point for youth.

- Partner Responsible: TBD, youth service providers
- Timeframe: On-going
- HUD Key Principles: Trauma-Informed Care, Positive Youth Development, Community Integration, Equity

In addition, the YAB and Coalition have identified the following opportunity areas:

- Stabilize the YAB by identifying youth ages 15-24 who have lived experience with homelessness or housing instability and move meetings to the library.
- Share priorities and identified needs with area service providers and representatives to identify new projects and their partners
- Prioritize programs which will reduce and eliminate youth homelessness.
- Participate in a gap assessment workshop (4 hours) which will identify areas of opportunity for Brown County youth service and support community.

- Ensure the Brown County Housing Coalition is ready and able to lead changes in Brown County to support youth and young adults in the community, with trauma-informed care and Positive Youth Development, to improve youth experiences in unstable and/or unsafe housing and reduce/eliminate homelessness in this population.

V. Governance

There are three functional groups in the effort to end youth homelessness in Brown County.

- Brown County Youth Action Board, 100% of whom have lived experience with homelessness. This board is supported by a consultant who is facilitating the YAB and Coordinated Community Plan. Their role is primarily to develop the plan, and review and prioritize proposals. This group is rebuilding to ensure more consistent attendance. The plan is to move meetings to a neutral location, ensuring participants meet the requirements of the YAB and support the YAB members in becoming recognized as partners to the coalition and other stakeholders.
- Brown County Homeless and Housing Coalition. This coalition is made up of housing providers who are stakeholders to the plan. Coalition members will likely write proposals which will be added to the action plan as approved.
- And Brown County service providers and community partners. This is a stakeholder group made up of approximately 100 community members who provide a variety of services to or engage with youth. These stakeholders might also write proposals, which will be added to the action plan as approved.

The YAB coordinator is a consultant who has been hired for the purpose of getting the YAB off the ground and for facilitating the group's work to develop the plan in a condensed timeline. In addition, she is mentoring the youth to become strong and reliable leaders, facilitators, and public speakers within the YAB to ensure the YAB is able to function without the support of the consultant.

The Brown County YAB reviewed the WIBOSCOC Mission and Vision and provided feedback as to how they wanted the Brown County mission and vision to be adapted. They also developed the objectives and identified their needs. They are also expected to review proposals and build them into their action plans as they are prioritized.

One of the YAB members presented the draft plan to the Brown County Housing Coalition on March 9, 2022, to get stakeholder feedback.

BCHHC members and community stakeholders participated in a youth services gaps analysis with support from a HUD TA. The results of the analysis were shared with BCHHC members and community stakeholders, who came together to discuss possible projects based on identified gaps. At this time, agencies were able to identify projects they would like to apply for YHDP funding to begin. Identified projects were presented to YAB members for feedback; the YAB also identified several additional projects they would like to see. Information from the gaps analysis and feedback from the YAB is incorporated throughout Brown County's CCP.

A. Coalition Leadership

The BCHHC is engaged in the development of the YHDP planning team as a stakeholder.

Executive Committee Members of the BCHHC have worked with youth experiencing homelessness for years. They are experts in the field of homeless services and include representatives from shelters, food pantries, housing providers, and Brown County Health and Human Services. The Chair of the BCHHC has worked in a Brown County shelter focused on serving youth experiencing homelessness for six years and volunteered there for two years prior. Weekly, she supports the YAB with their needs. The Treasurer of the BCHHC has worked with youth experiencing homelessness for over a decade. She also sends youth from the Brown County shelter, where she is the executive director, to the YAB meetings weekly. The Vice Chair was the Executive Director at a family shelter serving youth experiencing homelessness in Brown County and is now the Executive Director for a nonprofit providing permanent housing solutions to families with children experiencing homelessness and housing instability in Brown County. The co-secretaries have been in their roles for more than five years as a food pantry provider and a county health and human services provider. They also worked for years prior to that in a Brown County Shelter focused on serving youth and at a Brown County agency that provides clothing and household assistance including rent to people experiencing poverty. All members of the Executive Committee are deeply dedicated to the success of the YHDP and the YAB.

The BCHHC voted to support the youth system gap analysis in their March 9, 2022, meeting.

The BCHHC is committed to working on board development, beginning with the Executive Committee. This will improve the coalition's functioning and help them to further define their role in the YHDP effort.

B. Committee

BCHHC Youth Task Force's mission is to provide, understand, and expand services for those under the age of 24 who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of becoming homeless in Brown County. This group of agency and school representatives work to identify unmet needs and gaps in services toward addressing youth homelessness.

C. Youth Action Board – The Brown County Youth Action Board is 100% made up of youth with lived experience of homelessness. They are equals. There is no executive committee.

The youth identified their values as they were getting to know each other. Values include: build trust, respect one another, participate fully and speak your truth, be accountable to commitments, youth leadership and representation, housing-first approach, trauma-informed care and support.

The YAB has elected two of their members to represent them at the Brown County Housing Coalition and at the Balance of State YAB. One representative facilitates the YAB meetings. The YAB coordinator is continuing to develop the representatives' skills in facilitating YAB meetings for their peers.

The Housing Coalition voted on March 9, 2022, to change its bylaws to include YAB representatives in membership and allow them to have one vote in the housing coalition.

The BCHHC Youth Task Force will incorporate YAB goals into their annual planning. The YAB will report their work to the BCHHC Youth Task Force.

VI. Stakeholders

The stakeholders identified are either involved in developing the plan, providing data to support the plan, supporting the YAB, or are intended to aid in development and implementation of projects. The BCHHC and the YAB are in the process of collecting signatures of support from the stakeholders listed as well as other stakeholders in the community.

| Stakeholder Information | | |
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| Partner Organization | Name and Role | Involvement |
| Achieve Brown County | Sarah Beckman | Provision of data for initiatives the YAB identifies |
| ADRC | Devon Christianson | Access for youth with disabilities |
| Boys and Girls Club of the Fox Valley | Katie VanGroll | Street outreach |
| Boys and Girls Club of Greater GB | Lisa Kogan-Praska | Youth services and after school programs |
| Brown County Board of Supervisors | Megan Borchardt | Support and networking for initiatives the YAB identifies |
| Brown County Executive | Troy Streckenback | Support and networking for initiatives the YAB identifies |
| Brown County Health and Human Services | Jeremy Kral | Support from case workers and child protective services |
| Brown County Housing Authority | Patrick Leifker | Housing and rent assistance |
| Brown County Human Services Board | TBD | Support and networking for initiatives the YAB identifies |
| Brown County Library | Sarah Sugden | Access to internet, computer, books, media, and educational resources/classes |
| Brown County Planning Commission | TBD | Support and networking for initiatives the YAB identifies |
| Brown County Shelter Care | TBD | Shelter care for court ordered youth |
| Brown County United Way | Robyn Davis | Support and networking for initiatives the YAB identifies |

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| Casa Alba Melanie | TBD | Support for Hispanic youth |
| CASA Brown County | Kristin Jacobs | Advocacy for abused and neglected children |
| The Children's Museum of Green Bay | Toni Burnett | Interactive educational experiences for youth |
| CollegeReady | Brent Roubal | Tutoring and educational support for youth |
| Connections for Mental Wellness | Rebecca Fairman | Mental health education for providers and schools |
| Curative Connections | Jeanne Stangel | Transportation, employment, and services for youth with disabilities |
| De Pere Council | James Boyd | Support and networking for initiatives the YAB identifies |
| Diverse and Resilient | Gerald Coon | Support and advocacy for LGBTQ+ youth 18-24 |
| Downtown Green Bay and Olde Main Street | Jeff Mirkes | Support and networking for initiatives the YAB identifies |
| EPH | Crystal DeCleene | Housing and Case Management |
| Encompass | Missy Schmeling | Childcare |
| Family and Childcare Resources of NEW | Paula Breese | Parenting classes |
| Family Services of NEW and Willow Tree Advocacy Center | Lois Mischler | Therapy, support for sexual assault and child abuse survivors, day treatment for 7–18-year-old youth, and 24/7 crisis center |
| Foundations Health and Wholeness | Ryan Good | Counseling, foster care, and host homes for youth |
| Freedom House | Jennifer Schmohe | Shelter for parenting youth 18-24 |
| Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes | Patti Shafto-Carlson | Youth services and after school programs for school aged female youth |
| Golden House | Maicheeia Lo | Shelter for youth 18-24 fleeing from domestic violence |

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| Greater Green Bay Community Foundation | Dennis Buehler | Support and networking for initiatives the YAB identifies |
| City of Green Bay | Eric Genrich | Support and networking for policy initiatives the YAB identifies |
| Green Bay Common Council | TBD | Support and networking for initiatives the YAB identifies |
| Green Bay Housing Authority | TBD | Housing assistance for youth 18-24 |
| Green Bay Police | Christopher Davis | Support for initiatives the YAB identifies with a focus on legal and safety matters |
| Green Bay School Board | TBD | Access to education |
| House of Hope Green Bay | Shannon Wienandt | Shelter for single and parenting youth 18-24 and their children, shelter for minor female youth 0-17, drop-in center for youth |
| Howe Community Resource Center | Amanda Johnson | Youth services, parenting education, and educational programs |
| ICS | Matt Roberts | FYI, FUP, and Section 8 vouchers for youth 18-24 |
| JAS House | Eunice White | Transitional Housing for youth 18-24 |
| JJ Keller Foundation | Heidi Dusek | Support and networking for initiatives the YAB identifies |
| Literacy Green Bay | Robyn Hallet | ELL classes and GED tutoring |
| Military Avenue Business Association | Leah Weycker | Support and networking for initiatives the YAB identifies |
| NeighborWorks | Noel Halverson | Apartments for youth 18-24 to rent |
| NEW Community Clinic | Kim Franzen | Health, Mental Health services for youth 18-24 and AODA and reproductive services for youth |
| NEW Community Shelter | Terri Refsguard | Shelter for single youth 18-24 |
| Newcap | Cheryl Dietrick | Shelter, Housing and case management for youth 18-24, shelter for minor male youth 11-17, drop-in center for youth |
| NWTC Dental Clinic | Sheila Gross-Rogers | Dental services for 18–24-year-old youth |

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| On Broadway | Brian Johnson | Support and networking for initiatives the YAB identifies |
| Oneida Nation | TBD | Support and networking for policy initiatives the YAB identifies with an emphasis on the Native American community |
| Options for Independent Living | Josh Theis | Access for youth with disabilities |
| Paul's Pantry | Craig Robbins | Food access for youth who are unable to access FoodShare |
| POINT/US Venture | Lynn Coriano | Support and networking for initiatives the YAB identifies |
| Safe Shelter | Pearl Webster | Shelter for youth 18-24 |
| The Salvation Army | Nan Pahl | Food, clothing, rent assistance, programs, and emergency services for youth 18-24 |
| St John the Evangelist Homeless Shelter, Micah Center, and Wellspring | Alexia Wood | Shelter and daytime resource centers for single youth 18-24 |
| St. Norbert College | TBD | Education and programs for youth 18-24 |
| St. Norbert College Norman Miller Center for Peace, Justice, & Public Understanding | TBD | Support and networking for policy initiatives the YAB identifies |
| UW-Green Bay Center for Civic Engagement | David Coury | Support and networking for policy initiatives the YAB identifies |
| UW-Green Bay Pride Center | TBD | Education and programs for LGBTQ+ youth 18-24 |
| Urban Cultural Arts | Kelli Strickland | Support and networking through art for initiatives the YAB identifies |
| Young Life | Heather Faulkner | Youth services and after school programs |
| Youth Justice | Tammy Jo Hock | Legal services and solutions for youth and support for initiatives the YAB identifies |
| YWCA Greater Green Bay | Amy Schaeuble | Childcare, DEI, fitness, and youth services |

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| We All Rise: African American Resource Center | Robin Scott | Counseling, Case management, and support with an emphasis on serving the African American community. |
| Wello | Natalie Bomstad | Services to promote health and well-being |
| Wisconsin Association Homeless and Runaway Services | Joli Guenther | Support and networking for initiatives the YAB identifies and for youth providers in WI |
| Wisconsin Childcare Alliance | TBD | Advocacy for childcare needs |
| Wise Women Gathering Place | Alice Skenandore | Street outreach, resource assistance, and educational programs |

VII. New Projects

Brown County projects will make an effort to include low barrier access to AODA and mental health support and resources. This may include hiring staff with experience in AODA, mental health care, peer support, and other trauma-informed specialties. Youth from the YAB reviewed the projects below proposed by stakeholders, provided feedback that was incorporated into the projects, and provided additional possible projects.

Brown County projects identified:

- Youth-specific permanent supportive housing
 - Newcap: non-time limited, low-barrier supportive housing for youth who have serious and long-term disabilities, such as mental illness, substance abuse, chronic health conditions, and developmental and physical disabilities. This will provide individually tailored intensive case management and community-based supportive services
- At-risk youth outreach programming – both traditional outreach services and mobile outreach services
 - Newcap: Mobile Youth Outreach – a small RV will provide street outreach to youth in Brown County. It will travel around engaging unsheltered or at-risk youth and young adults providing basic needs assistance, health and mental health services, connections to necessary resources, including shelter and housing.
- Diversion services for youth and their families
 - Partnership with schools and other places youth congregate to educate and connect at-risk students and their families to available resources.
 - Provide stipends to the families (or chosen families) of at-risk youth to keep them housed.
- Drop-in Center creation and programming
 - House of Hope: Drop-in center to be developed in its existing facility. Services provided at the drop-in center will include prevention, outreach, diversion, emergency shelter, housing support, follow up services and supportive services such as case management, transportation support, life skill building, mentorship, parenting support for pregnant and parenting youth, mental health care, physical health care, employment and job readiness, job search and application assistance, education and

- tutoring opportunities, translation and interpretive services (including ASL) when needed, and connection to mainstream resources.
- System Navigation Support
 - Youth-specific support role to help young people navigate a complex housing system. This project will provide a centralized point of contact and support for young people and could also incorporate a talk/text line.
- Address Racial Equity
 - Prioritize culturally specific supports for youth.
 - Provide trainings in cultural competency and Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging.
- Youth-centered Coordinated Entry systems improvement
 - Work on smoother transition from RHY HMIS to HMIS
 - Partner with other systems (i.e., hospitals, schools, psychiatric, etc.) in the community to identify vulnerable youth and their families outside of the homeless system and provide guidance and resources so that youth and their families can easily and quickly access resources and housing.
 - Create new required HMIS fields to identify and provide resources to pregnant youth.
- Mentorship programs
 - Mentors to serve as trusted adults who will help youth access systems, basic needs, education opportunities, employment and training, housing, parenting supports, life skills training, mental and physical health care, and other mainstream resources.
 - Youth with lived experience design and implement a mentorship program for elementary and middle school aged youth experiencing homelessness to help younger children grow their circle of friends and network of support. This will include active programming such as sports.
- Host homes
- Transitional Housing
 - JAS House: up to 12 transitional units for former foster youth – in collaboration with an organization in the community to assist with HMIS.
- Rapid ReHousing
- Joint Traditional/Rapid ReHousing
- Mentoring and Tutoring network linked tightly to Drop-in Centers
- Comprehensive support for pregnant and parenting youth
 - Partnering with local childcare providers to reserve spots for the children of youth or to provide funding to help bridge the gap between Wisconsin Shares and the cost of childcare.
 - Access to comprehensive childbirth education so young parents are aware of all their options and rights before, during, and after childbirth.
 - Access to community Doula support for pregnant youth who do not have family support.
- Addressing gaps in Mental Health Care
 - Hiring staff with mental health care experience and training as case managers and youth-focused staff.
 - Collaborate with and engage mental health professionals in the community to allow youth to quickly access mental health specialist and navigate the health care system. A pool of flexible funding would address immediate youth needs: transportation, employment, childcare, etc.
- Hotline/text line/talk line

- A designated line for youth to access services and to talk with someone before a crisis occurs.
- Financial Literacy
 - Budgeting support, learning to file taxes, bank account access, support with building wealth.
- Legal support
 - Access to legal advice and support, could be tied into drop-in centers in partnership with Legal Action.
- Education and Employment support
 - Partnerships with schools and local colleges/universities to provide scholarships and support to at-risk youth.
 - Hands-on job training as partnership with large corporations and businesses to help youth gain and maintain stable employment.
 - Improve inter-district school transfers to ensure at-risk and homeless youth do not lose education credits when transferring between school districts.

VIII. Signatures

A signature page document of partner agencies will be provided. Representatives of the required groups are listed below. Signature collection is in progress and will be submitted with the final plan.

Each coalition will have a page for signatures. The signatures required are below:

- ***Coalition Leadership*** – This will be the Board member and the Coalition Chair.
 - Beth Hudak, Brown County Homeless and Housing Coalition Chair
 - Signed
 - Jessica Diedrich, Brown County Homeless and Housing Coalition Vice Chair
 - Signed
- ***Public Child Welfare Agency*** – From at least one county.
 - Jeremy Krahl, Executive Director of Brown County Health and Human Services
 - Waiting on approval
- ***Local Government Agency*** –
 - Troy Streckenbach, Brown County Executive
 - Waiting on approval
 - Eric Genrich, Mayor of Green Bay
 - Signed
- ***Local Youth Action Board*** –
 - Serenity Griffin, Brown County Youth Advisory Board Representative
 - Signed
 - Daisy Lester, Brown County Youth Advisory Board Representative
 - Signed
- ***Runaway and Homeless Youth Provider*** – If applicable.
 - Shannon Wienandt, House of Hope Green Bay
 - Signed

F. Additional Stakeholder Signatures

- The Brown County YAB and the Brown County Homeless and Housing Coalition are continuing to reach out to stakeholders to get them to sign on to support the CCP. We will continue to pursue additional supporters.
- Signed on Stakeholders
 - Golden House
 - ADRC
 - Urban Cultural Arts
 - Bay Area Workforce Development Board

IX. Other

Ideally, Brown County youth services would be youth-centric and comprehensive, which is why we would like a youth systems gap analysis to be completed in Brown County with the YAB, Housing Coalition, and Stakeholders. Community Partners in Brown County agree that youth and young adults need affordable and stable housing, access to mental health care services, drug and alcohol addiction counseling, access to wrap-around services, and changes to laws.

To create comprehensive change, we need to:

- Re-build a strong, cohesive housing coalition that works together to address opportunities (versus working in silos or competing with one another).
- Identify best practices which will serve youth experiencing (or at risk of experiencing) homelessness.
- Re-think affordable housing planning and transportation to work across Northeast Wisconsin. Affordable housing is being built outside of the city limits; public transportation is not comprehensive and is inefficient to travel to/from work.
- Identify additional partners for all action items, YAB and Housing Coalition
 - Timeframe: on-going.
- Leverage FUP vouchers for youth, shelters
 - Timeframe: on-going
- Identify gaps in data specifically for youth, and separate youth data from young adult data. More data specific to youth experiencing or at risk of homelessness is needed for employment, education, LGBTQIA+, disability, and sex trafficking.
- Collect and track additional information related to youth such as pregnancy status and age of first homeless episode by working with Clarity.
- Advocate the Wisconsin State Legislature for unaccompanied minor youth experiencing homelessness to access mental and physical health care services without parent/guardian consent.

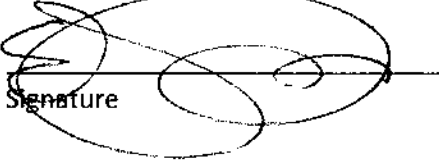
Local Homeless Coalition

The

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Elizabeth Hudak

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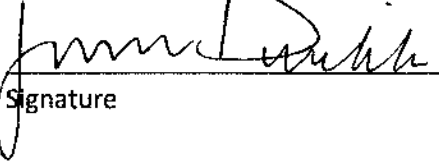
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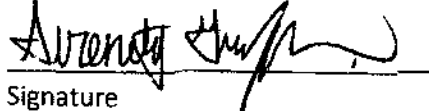
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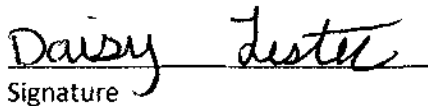
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Serenity Griffin
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Daisy Lester
Name (print)


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Local Government

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Eric Genrich Mayor of Green Bay _____
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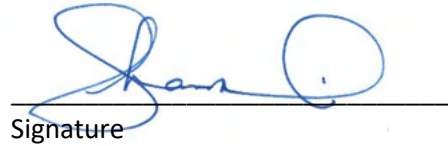
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Runaway and Homeless Youth Services Provider

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Shannon Wienandt

Executive Director, House of Hope Green Bay Brown County

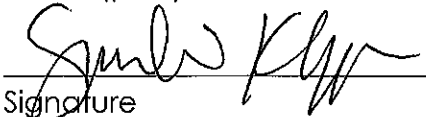

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Partner Agencies/Stakeholders

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| <u>Sarah Klapper</u> | <u>Deputy Program Ops Manager</u> | <u>Brown</u> |
| Name (print) | Title | County |
| <u></u> | <u>4/19/22</u> | |
| Signature | Date | |

Brown County YHDP Signature Page

The Partner Agencies below have reviewed and are in support of the Brown County Coordinated Community Plan to End Youth Homelessness.

The undersigned parties agree to collaborate with the Brown County Youth Action Board to assess and address the needs of youth at-risk of and experiencing homelessness in the Brown County community within the scope of each agencies individual mission.

Partner Agencies/Stakeholders

Devon Christianson

Devon Christianson, Director, ADRC

3.31.2022

Date

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Partner Agencies/Stakeholders



Maichee Lo, Executive Director, Golden House

Date 4/4/2022

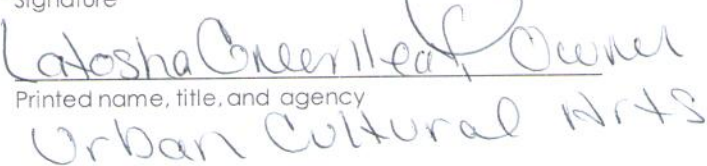
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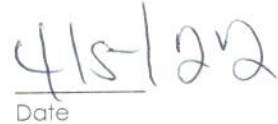
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Partner Agencies/Stakeholders


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Urban Cultural Arts


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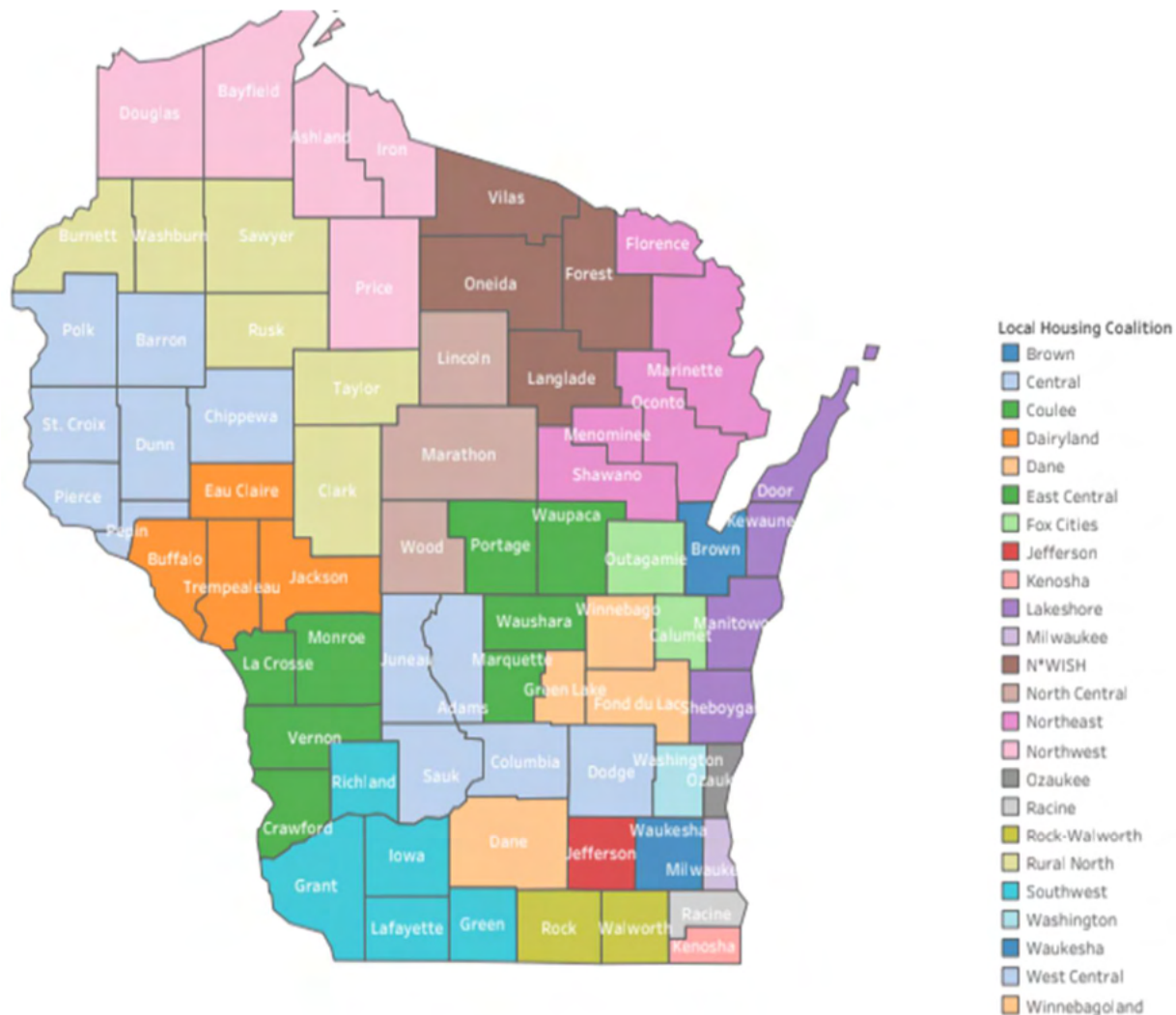


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Central Coordinate Community Plan

I. Introduction

Central is comprised of five south central counties including, Adams, Columbia, Dodge, Juneau and Sauk (2nd on the list below – light blue in color). This planning process is open to agencies, organizations and institutions with an interest in becoming involved in addressing issues facing youth and young adults to age 24 that are homeless in our service area. This process will strive to include youth and young adults as well as a variety of people to represent homeless service providers, faith-based groups, local businesses, substance abuse and mental health counselors, law enforcement, schools, hospitals, health care providers, elected officials, consumers or former consumers, and representatives of the youth and young adult populations. This Community based process will work to coordinate services, share information, identify gaps in services, increase funding and work with youth toward ending youth homelessness.



II. Mission and Vision

Central has voted to accept the WI Balance of State Mission and Vision as follows:

A. Mission Statement:

With shared responsibility and driven by youth leadership and cross-sector collaboration the Wisconsin Balance of State YHDP Coalition's mission is to prevent youth homelessness whenever possible and if it is not, ensure that the experience is rare, brief and non-recurring.

B. Vision Statement:

To this end, we envision a future in Wisconsin where all youth and young adults:

- Receive immediate and equitable access to everything they need to thrive in housing, education, employment, well-being and positive community connections.
- Access inclusive and individualized, wrap-around supports to create a mentally and physically healthy environment for growing and learning.
- Take power with leadership opportunities at every level in the youth-serving system.
- Thrive in a variety of housing options that meet the individual needs of youth by providing youth-directed services, connections to community resources and paths to life-long stability through immediate assessment and progressive engagement.
- Partner with culturally affirming and trauma-informed providers that address the specific needs of LGBTQIA+, BIPOC, pregnant and parenting youth, youth fleeing domestic violence and survivors of human trafficking. Acknowledge impact of policies that increase systematic disparities of race, disability, sexual orientation and gender identity.
- Advocate for changes in policy that support, rather than penalize youth seeking self-determination and self-sufficiency.
- Support their mental health and overall wellness needs by close collaboration with mental health, substance abuse and health systems and by uplifting youth to follow their passions through a positive youth development framework.

C. Statements from the local YAB: It is nice to be listened to and heard. To share ideas and experiences and to help make a change. Working together, we can make a difference.

III. Statement of Need:

A. Point in Time (PIT) – A snapshot of homeless on 1 evening.

For the purposes of the PIT, the following HUD definitions apply:

Youth – Persons under age 25. HUD collects and reports youth databased on persons under 18 and persons between 18 and 24.

Parenting Youth – A youth who identifies as the parent or legal guardian of one or more children who are present with or sleeping in the same place as that youth parent, where there is no person over age 24 in the household.

Unaccompanied Youth - Unaccompanied Youth are persons under age 25 who are not accompanied by a parent or guardian and are not a parent or guardian presenting with or sleeping in the same place as his/her child(ren). Unaccompanied youth are single youth, youth couples and groups of youth presenting together as a household.

2021 PIT Data for Central

| Coalition | | Emergency Shelter | Transitional Housing | Unsheltered | Total |
|-----------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------|
| Central | Total HH w/out children | 19 | 1 | 5 | 25 |
| | Total people w/out children | 20 | 1 | 5 | 26 |
| | Unaccompanied Youth HH<18 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | Unaccompanied Youth people<18 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | Unaccompanied Youth HH 18-24 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| | Unaccompanied Youth people 18-24 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| | Total HH with children | 4 | 2 | 0 | 6 |
| | Total people with children | 10 | 8 | 0 | 18 |
| | Parenting Youth HH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Parenting youth people 18-24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Children of Parenting Youth | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Central PIT Demographics for 2021

| Coalition | | Parenting Youth | Young Adult | Unaccompanied Youth |
|-----------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Central | Female | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| | Male | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | Transgender | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Gender Non-Conforming | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | White | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| | Black or African American | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Native American | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Multi-Racial | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Asian | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Hispanic/Latino | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino | 0 | 3 | 1 |

The highest number of youth experiencing homelessness are white, non-Hispanic females, followed by white, non-Hispanic males. The PIT shows that on one night, there was one unaccompanied youth in shelter who was under 18 years old, two sheltered and 1 unsheltered unaccompanied youth between 18 and 24 years old. This is just one night. In addition, this

does not count any youth who are doubled up and homeless. For the PIT, only category 1 (homeless) are counted. According to the Sauk Prairie School District Homeless Liaison, she has two homeless teens and two teen parents who would be counted for this process and that is only 1 school district in our area. We have 28 school districts. If we projected 4 x 28 it would be 112 category 2 homeless youth at one time during the year!

B. Coordinated Entry- Homeless present to a no-wrong-door agency and following an interview, are placed on a priority list for housing.

| Coordinated Entry Prioritization List Data | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Coalition | | PL: 2/5/2020 | PL: 2/8/2021 | PL: 4/18/2022 |
| Central | HH w/children | 35 | 10 | 17 |
| | Parenting Youth (sub-set) | 3 | 0 | 2 |
| | HH w/out children | 66 | 29 | 75 |
| | Young Adults (Sub-set) | 10 | 4 | 4 |

Central shows there are homeless youth at all times of our PIT and in Coordinated Entry. Although the number of single youth decreased from 2020 to 2021, it has remained steady since 2021 and the number of families went back up in 2022. The PIT also shows 4 youth on the one night. Our homeless population is on the rise and there is a need to house our youth. Again, this only shows category 1 and 4 clients, not category 2.

C. Census, Poverty, Education and Employment – Data demonstrating the need for a Youth homelessness program in Central.

The total population of Central's five counties is 261,021 total. Of these, 52,989 are below 18 years of age. For Central, our population of youth aged 12-17 is 18,954 with a projected youth homelessness of 631. This data is based on Annie E. Casey Kids Count 2020 Projections using US Census data. The numbers show 1 in 30 youth within this age range will be homeless. The study also found that 72% of youth who experienced homelessness on the streets also couch surfed. More than 40% experienced more than one episode of homelessness within a year and 73% experienced an episode lasting longer than 1 month. Episodes of running away are even higher at 6-7% of total youth population or 1138 for Central.¹

McKinney Vento showed 670 homeless youth in Central, documented from 2019 to 2020. The Pandemic started in 2020 so this number may be lower than normal. For school year 2018 to 2019, 805 homeless youth were documented in our school systems.²

It is very important that we work with the School districts to provide diversion, housing options and support to decrease this great number of homeless youth.

¹ U.S Census Bureau QuickFacts and Annie E. Casey Kids Count

² Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI)

For the young adult population aged 18-24 in Central, it is estimated that 2496 will be homeless in a year's time. During the one-night Point in Time (PIT) Count of January 27, 2021, Central found four unaccompanied youth. This is in January when most youth have found couch and warm place to stay. That population (couch surfing) was not counted during the PIT so our unaccompanied youth population is much higher as indicated by McKinney Vento and the Annie E. Casey Kids Count 2020 projections. This projection shows the 2496 count.

Central, being mostly rural, has left many of our marginalized youth (e.g., unaccompanied, LGBTQ, pregnant and parenting, juvenile justice, low income and youth of color) with unmet basic needs such as housing, education, employment, and social and emotional well-being.

D. Needs pointed out by our Youth Advisory Board – Reviewing categories as follows Central Youth (YAB) identified the following needs. Data to support needs is included.

Working with our Youth Advisory Board, many needs have been identified for each of the following categories: Youth and Young Adults (YYA) experiencing or at risk of homelessness, pregnant and parenting youth, unaccompanied minors, black, indigenous, and other YYA of color, LGBTQ+ YYA, YYA with disabilities, YYA victims of Human Trafficking & Exploitation, YYA survivors of Domestic Violence, YYA with justice system involvement, immigrant and undocumented YYA, YYA involvement with Child Welfare, and Unaccompanied students.

1. Youth and Young Adults Experiencing or at Risk of Homelessness: Online media page for homeless youth, need for credit development or larger security deposit to compensate for lack of financial/rental history, services available to 16-17 year olds (healthcare, housing, etc.) onsite educational services with quiet study rooms, housing during academic breaks, free and timely health and mental health inpatient and outpatient care, transportation, affordable housing and many more listed in each of the following sections.

As stated in earlier sections, no one data system can account for all youth experiencing homelessness in the Central Counties. Based on Annie E Casey Kids Count Projections (2020), using US Census data, we estimate that 12% of the total adult population within the service area is age 18-24. Using Voices of Youth County Prevalence Rates of 1 in 10 youth experiencing homelessness within this demographic category. We estimate 2496 youth homeless in the five counties of Central. These youth may be experiencing one of the following risk factors:

Experiences of poverty – Data from the Annie E. Casey Foundation Kids Count Data Center indicates that from 2015 to 2019, 246 youth or 8.7% have experience poverty in Adams County, 397 or 3.3% in Columbia County, 710 or 4% in Dodge County, 705 or 13.5% in Juneau County, and 813 or 5.7% in Sauk County. Data also indicated 25% of youth ages 18 to 24 have incomes below the federal poverty level. The unemployment rate in 2020 for Central is Adams – 9.5%, Columbia – 5.9%, Dodge – 5.3%, Juneau – 7.2% and Sauk 7.5%. The unemployment rate is the share of people who are looking for a job who cannot find one. It does not take into account discouraged workers who have stopped looking for a job, or individuals are working part-time but want to be working full-time.³

³ Annie E. Casey Foundation Kids Count Data Center

Students experiencing family homelessness and housing instability – Data from Kids Count indicated that 26766 Central households are paying more than 30% of their income for housing. This puts them over the recommended housing cost and at risk of becoming homeless. Through the Wisconsin Emergency Rental Assistance (WERA) program, Central assisted 698 households with rent in 2021. The Department of Public Instruction - McKinney Vento showed 670 homeless youth in Central, documented from 2019 to 2020.⁴

2. Pregnant & Parenting youth: 24/7 affordable childcare, Donation location for essential child care items, medical connections, weekly check-up with a mentor, confidential resources so as not to feel ashamed, housing opportunities including maternity homes, legal services, nutrition counseling, child friendly school/employers, access to legal guardian, quick access to low barrier shelter, ongoing support groups, free preschool/afterschool activities, and 24/7 hotline with nurse staff.

Teen Pregnancy – The Wisconsin Department of Health Services reported 69 teen births in 2020 in Central.⁵

3. Unaccompanied Minors: Legal services, mentoring, shelter specific to those under 17 years, safe places for foster youth, alternative opportunities to finish school, access to medical and mental health care without parent consent, law change – 16 year olds access to shelter and housing services, shared housing, host homes, and wrap around services.

A recent report from Annie E. Casey Kids Count 2020 Projections using US Census data states that 1 in 30 youth aged 13-17 will be homeless. This same report found that 72% of youth who experienced homelessness on the streets also couch surfed. More than 40% experienced more than one episode of homelessness within a year and 73% experienced an episode lasting longer than 1 month. Episodes of running away are even higher at 6-7% of the total youth population. (631 in Central)

4. Black, Indigenous, other YYA of color: Individual therapy options, diversity in staffing, food assistance, safe, affirming case management that youth can connect with, peer support groups, BIPOC mentors, TSBIRT training, culturally specific and appropriate resources, transportation, affordable housing and rental assistance.

Working on finding additional data sources

5. LGBTQ+ YYA: Education for shelter staff, choice in case manager who is affirming and safe, support groups, inclusive landlords, access to affirming medical care, education for all people in contact, access to therapy and self-harm awareness, legal name change for minors – law change, housing options specific to the population – LGBTQ shelter and TLP's and education.

Youth on the Central YAB have spoken to this category from experience. One youth was denied health care for a year due to gender identity. Patience and understanding are a must with youth.

⁴ DPI

⁵ The Wisconsin Department of Health Services

6. YYA with disabilities: 24/7 hotline for in home support, mentoring, safety and life skills, emotional support, donations for specific supplies needed – wheelchairs, crutches, ramps, assistance accessing medications, affordable ADA housing and rental assistance, support groups, Making educational staff more aware of 504 plans and IEP's, connection with DVR, transportation, access to education and employment skills and quick access to ADA low barrier shelter.

Working on collecting data from school sources.

7. YYA Victims of Human Trafficking & Exploitation: Shelter specifically for survivors, Legal processes to drop charges or convictions that may be acquired while victim of human trafficking, supports in getting records expunged, SANE nurses at ALL medical facilities, shelters for youth under the age of 17, mental health on a quicker, more efficient basis, wrap around/ continued support for victims, after-hours access for information, training on best practices, and mobile/community based street outreach.

Central is partnering with Hope House of South Central Wisconsin and PAVE, both Domestic Violence shelters who provide education, assistance and guidance for both 7 and 8. There is a need and they are both very active in our communities.

Working on obtaining additional data from both shelters for number 7 and 8.

8. YYA survivors of Domestic Violence: Restraining orders and protection for the victim/survivor, counseling services, self-defense classes offered, child abuse specific or under 18 specific orders, transitional support after a domestic violence shelter, basic medical training for staff, separate shelter, legal supports, and safe location for housing.

9. YYA with Justice System Involvement: Wrap around services, Supportive Social worker or individual who doesn't support poor actions but is on youth's side and not shunning, transitional services after exiting programming, reduce recidivism, mentors, positive influences, safe and stable foster families for teens, training of foster homes in Trauma Informed Care, Training foster care in how justice system works, youth having co-legal guardian at shelter, positive recreational outlets, ability to access records and permanent documents, interview and work clothing, supportive employment, paid opportunities to contribute to the community, law changes regarding juveniles in apartments, ability to sign a housing contract, and representation in juvenile felony convictions.

Youth involved or formerly involved in the juvenile justice system – The Wisconsin Department of Justice reported 9413 juvenile crimes committed in Central in 2020. This included violent, property, social, drug and other crimes. Data summarize drug related arrests, violent arrests, and juvenile arrests; factors both contributing to and increasing the costs associated with homelessness. Central had 1131 drug crime arrests and 195 violent crime arrests.⁶

10. Immigrant & undocumented YYA: Access to services and legal advice, access to affordable healthcare, reduce language barriers, translators/bilingual staffing, funding resources, safe houses, supports for youth whose parents are deported, assistance in staying in connection

⁶ The Wisconsin Department of Justice

with parents who have been deported, economic support for youth whose parents are deported/unable to work if not documented, safe refuge locations, breaking down stigma with landlord – education and advocacy, support gaining temporary and/or full citizenship, and access to education and employment skills.

Looking to work with local schools who indicate a great need for assistance for English as Second Language (ESL) youth.

11. YYA involvement with child welfare: Education for foster parents and encouraging those who are in it for the right reason, classes for foster parents, more oversight of youth within “the system”, youth advocates, unannounced foster care placement checks, improved services for older youth involved in system – do not let them fall through the cracks, better training for interviewing youth, ask them separately from parents, unaccompanied youth in shelter (that aren’t court ordered) need to stay longer than 20 days, Foster homes trained in Trauma Informed Care, alternative opportunities to finish high school, better education and interpretation of McKinney-Vento, laws for emancipation, youth legal aid agency, and affordable, safe housing.

Youth experiencing Child Abuse and Neglect – the Wisconsin Child Abuse and Neglect Report released 12/2021 from the Wisconsin department of Children and Families showed 3398 referrals made to Child Protective Services in the five counties of Central.⁷

Youth in crisis – In 2017, 17 calls were made to the National Runaway Hotline from youth in Central. Callers to the Hotline included youth in crisis, those contemplating running away, and those who had run away or were kicked out of their home. The top five issues presented were family dynamics, emotional/verbal abuse, physical abuse/assault, neglect and mental health.⁸

12. Unaccompanied Students: Tutors, buddy system, internet access, homeless accommodations, textbook cost assistance, school supplies and computer accessibility, printers, job connections for after graduation, more charter schools, alternative schools to complete education, donation center for: schools specific supplies, tuition, test fees, etc., safe homes, school based outreach and assessment of housing needs, support in getting drivers licenses and ID’s for employment, and safe affordable housing.

IV. Goals, Objectives, Action Steps:

Central held a series of Adams, Columbia, Dodge, Juneau and Sauk County Stakeholder and youth focus groups. During the shared meeting, we were able to identify our local challenges, gaps in services and how we can work together to end youth homelessness. The following information was gathered:

Factors contributing to youth homelessness:

- Lack of available, affordable, safe and stable housing.
- Unsafe family/home environment (parents manipulative, other abuse)
- Unmet Mental Health needs

⁷ Wisconsin Child Abuse and Neglect Report

⁸ National Runaway Hotline

- Unable to accept youth's sexual orientation
- Lack of support (groups, mentors, information)
- Generational poverty
- Lack of patience with youth, not taken seriously

What are the gaps in local services for homeless youth?

- Lack of services for youth age 14 – 18.
- More need for youth outreach at all ages, telling them about available resources
- Lack of affordable/public transportation
- Lack of timely mental health care
- Safe, youth focused, shelter
- Lack of needed items for school (computers, cell phones, etc.)
- Trained Case Managers, shelter employees in diverse youth populations and trauma informed care.
- Lack of youth housing (17-24) – understanding landlord's, affordable rent, welcoming community.

How can we work together as a community to address youth homelessness?

- Provide a variety of housing for youth 17 plus, to meet the different needs. Congregate living placement and scattered apartments.
- Hire a youth housing navigator/Case Manager
- Provide mentoring services for youth 14 and up. Provide Peer support.
- Provide Rent Smart type education, financial education, landlord incentives and supports
- Ability to access mental health needs in a timely manner
- Youth system navigator to meet with and guide youth where they are and at drop in centers.
- More mental health services.

Access to Stable and Affordable Housing:

The lack of safe, affordable housing is a major contributor to youth homelessness in Central. There is a lack of availability and access to stable affordable housing in all five of our counties. There is very limited rental housing available in the region.

Studies on affordable housing are limited and the demand for subsidized housing nearly always exceeds supply. Currently, there are 2 applicants on the Adams County Section 8 waiting list and 32 on the Columbia County waiting list. This is part of Central Wisconsin Community Action Inc.'s Section 8 program that currently has 668 clients leased up with income based Section 8 vouchers.⁹

A household is considered to be cost-burdened and severely cost-burdened if they spend more than 30% and 50% of their income on housing. Currently there are almost 11 million renter households in the US with extremely low incomes. In Central, there are 26,766 households that

⁹ Lisa Williams – Central Wisconsin Community Action Council, Inc. Section 8 Manager

pay more than 30% of their income toward rent, thus cost-burdened. In our five counties, 25.72% of renters are considered cost-burdened.¹⁰ Households experiencing cost burden may be forced to choose between paying housing costs and other basic necessities, such as food, health care, schooling or other basic needs.

Goal 1: Stable Housing - Youth and young adults are immediately provided with safe, flexible housing options. These options will allow youth to thrive in a variety of housing options that meet their individual needs and provide for long-term, sustainable housing.

Objective 1.1: Explore creative housing options and strategies for youth.

Action Steps:

- Explore landlord engagement strategies to support youth finding and maintaining safe affordable, stable housing.
- Explore Housing Navigator/landlord liaison option for youth
- Explore different types of temporary housing options to meet different needs.
- Explore long-term housing options for youth to maintain stable housing
- Research Case Management and wrap around services for youth
- Incorporate Youth focused Coordinated Entry process

Partner(s) Responsible: CoC and ESG program recipients, affordable housing providers, landlords, SSO's, Youth Advisory Board, Dodge Co. Interagency

Timeframe: Continual

HUD Key Principles**

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|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Equity | Positive Youth Development | Trauma-Informed Care | Family Engagement |
| Housing First | Youth Choice | Community Integration | Coordinated Entry |

Lack of family support and permanent connections:

Homelessness is a problem that goes beyond 'rooflessness' and a lack of access to safe shelter. The homelessness experience of young people is often a fluid experience moving between different types of homelessness from night to night, based on where they can find space or where they felt safe for the evening. For many youths, instability in their homes forces them out onto the streets before they are adults. Family experiences like child abuse and/or neglect, domestic violence, parental substance use, or family conflict can lead to youth homelessness. Ninety percent of youth accessing youth shelters state that they experience difficulties at home, such as constant fighting or screaming. Parental issues and ensuing conflict related to a

¹⁰ The Annie E. Casey Foundation – Kids Count Data Center 2015-19

youth's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression is another reason youth become homeless. Youth are kicked out of their home or leave home because it is too dangerous to stay.¹¹

Members of our Youth Advisory Board stated many of the above experiences. One was in Foster Care as his parent was not able to raise him properly. One left home due to inability of family to deal with gender identity. A support system is lacking.

Goal 2: Permanent Connections – Youth and young adults are supported with developing safe, trauma informed, consistent, people who will guide, support, and advocate with them to get their needs met. To develop a support system that meets their individual needs.

Objective 2.1: Explore youth outreach and supportive services for youth who are homeless, at risk of homelessness or transitioning into independent living.

Action Steps:

- Explore youth advocates/mentoring programs
- Explore system navigator/community case workers
- Explore youth drop in centers/youth resource centers or locations to meet
- Explore peer support for transitional age youth.
- Explore delivery of life skills options

Partner(s) Responsible: Youth advisory Board, Partner programs,

Timeframe: May 20, 2022

HUD Key Principles**

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|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Equity | Positive Youth Development | Trauma-Informed Care | Family Engagement |
| Housing First | Youth Choice | Community Integration | Coordinated Entry |

Education:

Children living in poverty are two to three times more likely to be chronically absent—and face the most harm because their community lacks the resources to make up for the lost learning in school. Students from communities of color as well as those with disabilities are disproportionately affected.¹² Absence from school has dire long-term consequences for students including higher rates of dropping out of school, and becoming involved in the criminal justice system. The National Center on Family Homelessness reports that 75% of homeless

¹¹ National Network for Youth – nn4youth.org/learn/youth-homelessness

¹² Department of Public Instruction

elementary school students performed below grade level in reading and math. That number rose to 85% for high school students. Students who are homeless struggle with learning disabilities and emotional difficulties at higher rates than their housed peers do. Homeless students also face the challenge of being both over and under identified for special education.

¹³ One of our youth reported he was driven five hours away and diagnosed with five disabilities that he did not have in order for his foster family to receive additional funding.

Goal 3: Education and Employment- Youth and young adults have access without barriers to a variety of education and employment opportunities to achieve the personal goals and financial stability necessary to thrive.

Objective 3.1: Provide resources necessary to succeed in school and work.

Action Steps:

- Explore affordable transportation options for youth
- Explore options for computers, phones, other necessary items to succeed in school and work
- Explore alternative educational pathways for students experiencing homelessness
- Increase awareness and expand programs for populations such as LGBTQIA+ and pregnant and parenting teen programs
- Provide education and employment training opportunities to case managers
- Promote WIOA for education and employment
- Research safe location to distribute necessary items for youth parents and locate items.

Partner(s) Responsible: WIOA, School liaisons, Youth Advisory Board,

Timeframe: Ongoing

HUD Key Principles**

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|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Equity | Positive Youth Development | Trauma-Informed Care | Family Engagement |
| Housing First | Youth Choice | Community Integration | Coordinated Entry |

Emotional Well Being:

Struggles with mental health and substance abuse are significantly higher among students reporting homelessness, comparable across homeless living situations. Data shows that tragically, many high school students experiencing homelessness resort to self-harm as a response to the trauma of homelessness. Students experiencing homelessness were 7.19 times

¹³ The National Center on Family Homelessness

more likely to attempt suicide and 3.21 times more likely to have a suicide plan compared to stably housed youth.¹⁴

All youth in our YAB expressed concern with the lack of quick mental health supports. They stated it took a month or more to qualify and receive care. One youth who received housing in an efficiency stated they were lonely and looking for support programs. They also stated they were not sure how to obtain personal records their family was not willing to provide. All contributed to their emotional well-being.

Goal 4: Social Emotional Wellbeing - The health and well-being of youth and young adults are prioritized by meeting youth where they are and providing them with the resources and supports, they need to achieve happiness, health, self-sufficiency and self-actualization.

Objective 4.1: Increase access to community supports, mental health and AODA resources for youth experiencing homelessness.

Action Steps:

- Produce a current mental health and AODA resource list of providers.
- Explore transportation options to help youth get to appointments
- Explore expanding mental health satellite offices in schools and/or community centers/libraries
- Explore peer support programs for youth.

Partner(s) Responsible: Coalition, Liaisons, YAB

Timeframe: Ongoing and current

HUD Key Principles**

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|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Equity | Positive Youth Development | Trauma-Informed Care | Family Engagement |
| Housing First | Youth Choice | Community Integration | Coordinated Entry |

V. Governance:

A. Coalition Leadership, Committee Structure, and Youth Action Board Governance Structures. Central Governance Structure. Officers include the chair, vice-chair, and secretary. Each agency or member, who has fulfilled the requirements to be a part of the CoC has one vote. Officers serve a two-year term and can hold two consecutive terms. A quorum is a simple majority of voting members. The creation of committees is determined by a majority vote of the members. Task forces are created on an ad-hoc basis to accomplish a task-specific assignment on a time-limited basis.

¹⁴ Wisconsin Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)

Central formed a YHDP Executive Team to work on this CCP and interface with our YAB. YAB working with Executive Team for input.

Youth Action Board. The Youth Action Board serving Central is using a President/VP format with core group model with contributing members serving either in an official status. Decisions will be made via consensus voting, a process to ensure each person's input is valued, heard and considered. If the YAB is unable to reach consensus, they will move to majority rule voting where two-thirds of the group must be in agreement to move forward. How the YAB Interfaces with CoC Leadership. (Model and changes needed in Central charter?) To be worked on and voted on at the next quarterly meeting

VI. Stakeholders

| <u>Partner</u> | <u>Partner's Name and Role</u> | <u>Involvement</u> |
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| Youth with lived experience | Central Youth Action Board | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YAB • BOS YAB • YHDP |
| Central Coalition | YHDP Subcommittee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversight of YHDP • Collaboration with YAB |
| Public Child Welfare Agencies | Adams, Columbia, Dodge, Juneau and Sauk County Health and Human Services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided information and • Committed to perusing joint future projects |
| School Districts | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in local stakeholder planning meetings • Provided information and • Committed to perusing joint future projects |
| Institutions of Higher Education | Moraine Park Madison Area College | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in local stakeholder planning meetings • Provided information and • Committed to perusing joint future projects |
| Workforce Development | Workforce Development Board of South Central Wisconsin | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HITF Youth Subcommittee • HITF membership • Participation in local stakeholder planning meetings • Provided information and • Committed to perusing joint future projects |

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| Local and State Law enforcement and Judges | Beaver Dam Law Enforcement Sauk Corrections Field Supervisor | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided information and • Committed to perusing joint future projects |
| Local and State Government | County Board Supervisor – Dodge Co. County Board – Columbia Co. Co Board – Sauk County | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in local stakeholder planning meetings • Provided information and • Committed to perusing joint future projects |
| Public Housing Authorities | Sauk County Housing Authority Dodge County Housing Authority Juneau County Housing Authority | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CoC membership • Provided information and • Committed to perusing joint future projects |
| CoC and ESG Program Recipients | Renewal Unlimited Central Wisconsin Community Action Council, Inc. Hope House of South Central WI PAVE Sauk Co. Health Dept. Baraboo Homeless Shelter River Haven Shelter New Beginnings Shelter | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CoC membership • Youth Subcommittee and YAB facilitation • Participation in local stakeholder planning meetings • Provided information and • Committed to perusing joint future projects |
| Health, Mental Health and Substance Use Agencies | Public Health Sauk Co. Bridges of Dodge Co Onward and Upward Veteran Services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in local stakeholder planning meetings • Provided information and • Committed to perusing joint future projects |
| Non-Profit Youth Organizations | 5-Stones Dodge County Boys and Girls Club Catholic Charities Church Health Services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Subcommittee • Participation in local stakeholder planning meetings • Provided information and • Committed to perusing joint future projects |
| Action Teams and Task Forces | United Way of Dodge County Salvation Army St. Vincent de Paul | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in local stakeholder planning meetings • Provided information and |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committed to perusing joint future projects |
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Central will continue to Identify and contact Community Partners and Youth Advisory Board members.

VII New Projects:

- Safe affordable housing for youth. Consider TH and RRH housing program to meet the needs of youth
- More work with School homeless liaisons to meet the needs of our youth.
- Housing navigation for youth
- Case Management to develop skills and assess needs moving forward
- Continue to have Youth Action Board meet and discuss projects and ideas.
- System Navigator
- Review the RFP and have those interested in YHDP funding submit an application and go through the WI BOS RFP process
- Work to unite all agencies for the betterment of our youth
- Continue with YHDP Executive Team and Stakeholders

VIII Signatures: Attached

Central
Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program
Coordinated Community Plan to End Youth Homelessness

Local Homeless Coalition

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Suzanne M. Hoppe
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Executive Director Renewal Unlimited, Inc.
Title

April 20, 2022
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Wendy Schneider - Director Central
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Homeless Prevention Unit Supervisor
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Youth Action Group Members

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Rae Laughnan-Watin
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See Attached Self-Attestation
Signature

Date 4/20/2022
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Anastacia Briseno
Name (print)

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Jaxson Daniel
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Angel Smith <asmith@worksmartnetwork.org>

Re: self-attestation

1 message

Rae Laughnan <raelaughnan@gmail.com>
To: Angel Smith <asmith@worksmartnetwork.org>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 4:18 PM

I, Rae Laughnan-Watin, have completed, reviewed, and agree to the following document(s):

Coordinated Community Plan

I certify that the information is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Customer Acknowledgement: [type name here][Date]

On Mon, Apr 18, 2022, 4:17 PM Angel Smith <asmith@worksmartnetwork.org> wrote:

Hi Rae,

Below is the attestation for the coordinated community plan. If you are okay with what we have discussed, please reply with what is below in blue replacing your name and date.

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Human Services Director
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Robert M. McIlroy Co. Board Dodge
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Robert M. McIlroy 4/8/22
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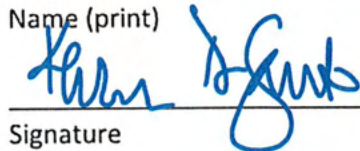
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Coulee

***Coordinated Community Plan to
Prevent & End Youth Homelessness***



WIBOSCOC

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Submitted

I. Introduction

The Coulee Collaborative to End Homelessness (CCEH) (AKA Coulee CoC) brings under one umbrella multiple public and private, nonprofit, philanthropic, social service agencies, jail and criminal justice support staff, faith-based organizations, healthcare, veteran's services and community volunteers – all of whom have a single goal, to end homelessness in our community. Ending homelessness in the Coulee Continuum of Care (COC) – covers four counties in the Wisconsin Balance of State Continuum of Care (WIBOSCO), including Crawford, La Crosse, Monroe, and Vernon Counties.



The CCEH is committed to working together to prevent homelessness and achieve functional zero on all subpopulations by the end of 2025. We work to collectively deploy all of our resources in the most efficient and effective manner, hold ourselves accountable to shared goals and outcomes, and support each other to be creative and relentless in our quest to solve the issue of homelessness. The CCEH does not have 501c3 status.

The CCEH works together under the following guiding principles:

Systems Improvement: Homelessness is a highly complex and dynamic condition that has evolved over time. The goal is to create a system that responds effectively and rapidly to the crisis of homelessness. In a system, all stakeholders, programs, and organizations work together in coordination to accomplish a clear set of shared objectives. The overall objective of the housing crisis resolution system is to ensure that anyone who is homeless quickly returns to stable housing.

Collaborative Collective Impact: An effective homeless response system depends on strong, coordinated partnerships between multiple agencies, sectors, and community

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members. Collective impact initiatives involve a centralized infrastructure (CCEH), clear and common agenda, shared measurement, mutually reinforcing activities, continuous communication and a dedicated team. Our teamwork will be nimble, action-oriented, data-driven, and dedicated to ongoing quality improvement. Problem solving will be successful by maintaining a bias towards action. We agree on and hold ourselves accountable to a collective goal.

Data Driven: Critical to creating a system is maintaining a data-informed, results oriented approach. This Strategic Roadmap is data-driven and outlines measurable goals and objectives for reducing homelessness. System and program-level performance is measured, results are used for continuous quality improvement is founded on evidence-based practices and strategies in the field, focused on efforts that will yield the greatest possible results, and designed to provide the Continuum of Care and community leadership a framework for ending the crisis of homelessness for the entire Coulee Region community. We will iterate and test solutions and, based on performance data, invest in and scale up strategies that work--and stop doing things that do not work.

Client Centered: Clients – people experiencing homelessness – are at the center of the system design. The system is designed to ensure easy and streamlined access for everyone, particularly those who experience the greatest challenge navigating the complexities of publicly funded services and programs. Programs within the system adopt fair, transparent, and understandable policies about how assistance is accessed and how these policies respect client choice and self-determination. People who have previously experienced homelessness or who are currently homeless are welcome members of CCEH where their input is vital in creating services that are effective in assisting them to find solutions to their housing crises.

Housing First: Our social policy is focused on Housing First, which is currently endorsed by the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness as “best Practice” for governments and service agencies in the fight to end chronic homelessness in America. People experiencing homelessness need housing above all else. Strategies and interventions must focus on returning households to safe, secure housing that they can use as a starting place to address other issues. CCEH adheres to the five principles of Housing First policy:

- Immediate access to permanent housing with no housing readiness requirements
- Consumer choice and self-determination
- Recovery orientation that focuses on individual well-being and access to a wide range of supports
- Individualized and client-driven supports
- Social and community integration

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Access to affordable housing. An overwhelming majority of homelessness is caused by the fact that, for decades, increases in the cost of living have outpaced wages. Today more than ever, there is a shortage of housing units that low income people can afford. As the gap between income and housing cost grows, more people face homelessness. Coulee Region housing data shows there is simply not enough available affordable housing. Without this housing stock, many people are likely to continue to cycle in and out of homelessness. The priority must be to creatively expand the supply of affordable housing

Homelessness is a public health crisis. Our home is not just a dwelling place, it should be a place of comfort, shelter, safety and warmth. It is the main setting for our health throughout our lives; it is the very foundation of recovery for many who have experienced trauma and specifically the trauma of homelessness. More than ever, it is clear that the collective health of the community, not just those experiencing homelessness, is dependent upon securing safe housing for all.

II. Mission and Vision

The Coulee Youth Action Board approved the Wisconsin Balance of State's Mission and Vision statements as valid and appropriate, but wanted to include additional statements as seen below.

Coulee Youth Action Board Mission Statement Addition

We create new resources and opportunities within the community for homeless or runaway youth. We strive to give all the reassurance of knowing they are not alone.

B. Wisconsin Balance of State Youth Action Board Vision Statement -

- Coulee Youth Action Board Vision Statement Addition

Our loyalty to the community is a beginning for change. We strive to give the homeless or runaway youth in the community to succeed and build better futures.

C. Community history with Youth Homeless System –

Prior to COVID19 coming to the Coulee region, we had started holding quarterly Youth Advisory Board meetings. Representatives from the CCEH partnered with the Youth Action Committee from Family and Children's Center to identify and invite youth, ages 16-24, who have previously or were currently experiencing homelessness to meet with us to discuss their experiences. During these meetings, we provided dinner to the youth that joined us and provided a brief explanation of what the Balance of State is and our goal regarding ending homelessness in our area.

We spent time listening to the youth explain their barriers to finding and sustaining housing and then provided them with a \$25 gift card to thank them for their participation. We were able to hold these YAB meetings twice and both times we had different youth who attended.

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In Fall of 2021, Black Leaders Acquiring Collective Knowledge Inc (BLACK) was approved by the Wisconsin Balance of State to be the Coulee region YHDP lead facilitating organization. After receiving the lead facilitation role, BLACK issued a new call to action for youth serving providers to recommend eligible youth to form a Youth Action Board (YAB). Over the following weeks BLACK received referrals of interested youth from a variety of local partners. For example, BLACK received referrals from county social workers, community health workers, juvenile justice representatives, school district homeless liaisons, school district cultural liaisons, local community members and youth serving nonprofits. Out of nineteen original referrals, eight youth members continue to participate, while 2 others participate when they can. It is hopeful to note, the Coulee YAB has also grown in membership due to members recruiting their peers, friends and/or family members who share lived experience with homelessness. With initial leadership from BLACK's facilitators/Runaway Homeless Youth providers, the YAB members were able to create shared group guidelines, core values, a group mission, vision and shared needs/gaps in supportive housing. In recent talks to decide who will represent the Coulee region coalition on the Wisconsin Balance of State Youth Action Board, multiple members offered to fill the role stating they didn't want just one but everyone's voice to be heard. They recommended a rotating WiBoS YAB seat, which has yet to be determined as possible. We are thrilled to report the Coulee YAB membership continues to grow and the dedication and collaboration of youth members increases as time progresses.

Services

Prior to 2021 the interventions specific to run away or homeless youth were primarily provided by La Crosse County Human Services including a crisis stabilization center and youth detention center. Detention is not desirable and clinical crisis stabilization is not always needed so it was agreed that another option should be sought to fill the gap in service. State (DCF) and federal (WAHRS/FYSB) grant contracts for the provision of Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) services in La Crosse were transferred from Lutheran Social Services to Black Leaders Acquiring Collective Knowledge (B.L.A.C.K.) in January 2021. Black Leaders Acquiring Collective Knowledge (B.L.A.C.K.) is the lead agency in runaway and homeless youth (RHY) service provision through a collaborative partnership in La Crosse County. Runaway and Homeless Youth Mediation and Emergency Services (RHYMES) is the name of this collaborative model which includes three additional youth-serving organizations grounded in culturally affirming service delivery: The Center: 7 Rivers LGBTQ Connection; Cia Siab, Inc., and YWCA La Crosse. B.L.A.C.K., with the support of the RHYMES collaborative, will continue to provide RHY services to La Crosse County for unaccompanied youth and youth at risk of running away and homelessness ages 12 up to 21. YWCA La Crosse applied for and received ESG-CV funding to initiate emergency shelter services and transitioned the format to a drop-in center location due to barriers to establishing a permanent shelter location. B.L.A.C.K. received additional DCF RHY funding, FYSB, and AmeriCorps funding to increase staffing capacity to respond to both on-site and community outreach needs. YWCA La Crosse currently operates the drop-in center location while B.L.A.C.K. & YWCA La Crosse staff the 24 hour crisis line. B.L.A.C.K. provides crisis

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intervention services, ongoing case management, community outreach and education with the support of its collaborative partners as appropriate. Cia Siab, Inc. has dedicated in kind staff time to offer youth programming on site for LGBTQ+ identified Hmoob youth to connect with RHY programming. The Center: 7 Rivers LGBTQ Connection has offered staff training and cross-training for organizations to ensure a unified LGBTQ+ inclusive service delivery model. All partners have worked together for two years to establish the current model with Cia Siab, Inc. inviting all partners to the table. The current model was built with all partners contributing their resources and time with a focus on centering youth who are currently underserved in typical RHY models and overrepresented in needs of RHY services as alternatives to systems interventions. Emergency shelter remains a long-term goal and our current modification to a drop-in center allows for access to emergency shelter, basic health and safety needs, 24 hour crisis line, family mediation, case management, and follow up care focused on safe and stable housing, permanent connections, health and well-being, and longer term self-sufficiency for unaccompanied youth, runaway youth, or youth impacted by homelessness.

The B.L.A.C.K. Youth Program Coordinator was hired in May 2021 and the B.L.A.C.K. Youth Advocate was hired in June 2021. The YWCA signed a lease with Family & Children's Center for the use of a building for shelter. Shelter support staff and the LGBTQ+ Youth Advocate positions have been posted. B.L.A.C.K. has MOUs with CAP Services' Family Crisis Center in Stevens Point and Family & Children's Center Host Homes project in La Crosse to be able to provide shelter to any youth in need until the local shelter is up and running. CAP Services also has an MOU with YWCA to provide 24hr crisis line services until this service is available locally. La Crosse County has mobile crisis services available for youth and families as well. The B.L.A.C.K. Youth Advocate will begin accepting referrals in July 2021.

A sub-committee of the Coulee COC (Coulee Collaborative to End Homelessness) began meeting March 2022 and will continue to meet monthly. This RHY specific sub-committee is where community planning of the full spectrum of services available to run away and homeless youth will be coordinated. Additionally, B.L.A.C.K. staff have been meeting with County youth services and other community programs to establish collaborative partnerships and share information.

The Coulee COC RHY sub-committee is committed to continued community planning to increase capacity and improve service delivery. The increase in available case management services, the increase in support for Family & Children's Center's Host Homes project, and the provision of Transitional Housing for youth who are eligible, through new YHDP funding, will address the remaining gaps in services that exist.

Host Homes

Family & Children's Center's Host Homes Program provides safe, supportive transitional housing and support options for the homeless youth living in our community. It will address their needs by connecting them with caring adults who are willing to provide safe housing

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and support. The host home model is an “outside-the-system” response to youth homelessness. It provides the community with an opportunity to take care of each other.

The youth are matched with volunteer hosts who share their home. The matching process is youth-driven and the adults receive no compensation. The host home gives youth the time, space and support to address immediate needs and work towards their personal goals. The program aims to prepare youth to leave the program and be ready for a stable, independent living situation and to fully participate in the community.

The host homes and youth will be supported by a social worker at Family & Children’s Center’s.

Independent Living Resources Region 6

Young adults, ages 18-21 who have aged out of foster care, are eligible for Independent Living Services. Independent Living Services eases the transition from foster care for young adults by providing the tools necessary to help them succeed and thrive on their own. An Independent Living Specialist focuses on resource and skill development to help young adults live successfully in the community by building an Individualized Life Skills Plan. There are also opportunities for groups.

Independent Living Services include assistance for young adults with:

- Applying for college
- Finding a job
- Managing a budget
- Finding affordable housing
- Meal planning

The Coulee YAB and Stakeholders are unaware of any such youth-specific services that are offered in the Monroe, Vernon, and Crawford counties. All YHDP projects that are written for the Coulee CoC will include these counties to ensure our entire coalition is benefiting from the youth homeless services.

D. Statement from the local YAB

With the initial guidance and ongoing facilitation assistance from Black Leaders Acquiring Collective Knowledge (BLACK), the newly formed Coulee Youth Action Board (YAB) held thirteen meetings since January 2022. The YAB consisted of 9 total members, which includes 4-6 recurring active members. On 04/20/2022, Instead of a formal unified statement, the YAB voted to approve the sharing of quotes, notes and aspirations from their discussions over the last few months. See the list & quotes below.

Coulee Youth Action Board Needs;

- Possible Shelter in the old Shopko/Empty building
 - Since YHDP doesn’t pay for shelter we will raise the money to buy the building locally and have YHDP pay for the services

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- Transitional housing in the empty church on George St. La Crosse
- Fundraising ideas for the cost of buying Shopko for Transitional Housing or Rapid Rehousing joining programs;
 - penny war, bake sale, lemonade stand/car wash/garage sale
 - Funny cool dances so kids give us money
 - if fundraiser goes with dance offering winners free entree and a limo ride to dance
- Food sale; homemade food plates/homemade tv dinners (soul food sunday/cuban food/taco tuesday)
- Local & Regional business sponsors for events/fundraisers we host
- Egg Hunt/Pink Bunny Run Around Activity
 - Charge money. And raffle baskets. Face Painting etc.
- Spring Fling with water balloons, facepaint, food, cornhole, bouncy house
 - Juneteenth representation
 - Riverside park announcement/at Juneteenth talent shows

All Youth & Young Adults

“Program that has less strict criteria for helping people who are homeless (breaks in stay making people ineligible), make qualifications larger so they don’t break people into groups of eligibility...more low income housing..” 3/9/2022

Unaccompanied Minors

“Contact with landlords for housing help, more open shelters with more resources..more resources for those in foster care needing help” 3/16/2022

Black, Indigenous and Youth & Young Adults of Color

“Support groups...accessibility to help (groups), erasure of bias training, mental health support, better access to legal support and help” 3/16/2015

LGBTQ+ Youth

“help combatting anti-lgbt+ laws, services to help with gender dysphoria such as name changing or gender confirming treatments, accessible and safe bathrooms, access to community services without bias....specific support lines” 3/16/2022

Youth & Young Adults with Disabilities

“Easier access to support groups, accessible housing (wheelchair ramp, supportive services to make home accessible, medical help (badgercare))” 3/16/2022

Survivors of Human Trafficking or Exploitation

“Specific police training for helping trafficking victims” 3/16/2022

III. Statement of Need

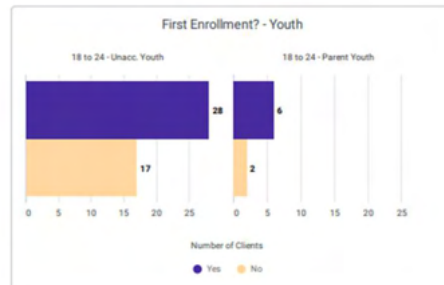
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Emergency Shelter/Street Outreach/Transitional Housing/Safe Haven

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According to data received by the ICA System Administrator on March 7th, the Coulee CoC served 38 unaccompanied youth (ages 18-24), 28 of those individuals being first time recipients of the emergency shelter, street outreach, transitional housing, and safe haven programs. 16 of these individuals identified that they were living in a place not meant for habitation. Of those 16 individuals, 13 of them exited into the destination as they entered. 27 unaccompanied youth identified as White, 2 as multi-racial, and 8 as Black.



| Prior Living Situation | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|---|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Residence Prior to Project Entry ^ | Unacc Youth (Under 18) | Unacc Youth (18-24) | Total Unaccompanied Youth | Parent Youth (Under 18) | Parent Youth (18-24) | Total Parenting Youth |
| 1 | Emergency shelter, including hotel or motel paid for with emergency shelter voucher, or RHY-funded Host Home shelter | 0 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 2 | Place not meant for habitation (e.g., a vehicle, an abandoned building, bus/train/subway station/airport or anywhere outside) | 0 | 16 | 16 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 3 | Hospital or other residential non-psychiatric medical facility | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | Jail, prison or juvenile detention facility | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | Substance abuse treatment facility or detox center | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 | Rental by client, no ongoing housing subsidy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 7 | Hotel or motel paid for without emergency shelter voucher | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| 8 | Staying or living in a family member's room, apartment or house | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9 | Staying or living in a friend's room, apartment or house | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 10 | Transitional housing for homeless persons (including homeless youth) | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 | Data not collected | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 12 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | | 0 | 38 | 38 | 0 | 8 | 8 |

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| Exit Destinations | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|---|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Destination ^ | Unacc Youth (Under 18) | Unacc Youth (18-24) | Total Unaccompanied Youth | Parent Youth (Under 18) | Parent Youth (18-24) | Total Parenting Youth |
| 1 | Emergency shelter, including hotel or motel paid for with emergency shelter voucher, or RHY-funded Host Home shelter | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| 2 | Place not meant for habitation (e.g., a vehicle, an abandoned building, bus/train/subway station/airport or anywhere outside) | 0 | 13 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | Jail, prison or juvenile detention facility | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | Owned by client, with ongoing housing subsidy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | Rental by client in a public housing unit | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 6 | Rental by client, no ongoing housing subsidy | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7 | Rental by client, with other ongoing housing subsidy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 8 | Staying or living with family permanent tenure | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9 | Staying or living with friends, permanent tenure | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 10 | Hotel or motel paid for without emergency shelter voucher | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 11 | Staying or living with family temporary tenure (e.g. room, apartment or house) | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 12 | Staying or living with friends, temporary tenure (e.g. room, apartment or house) | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 13 | Client refused | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 14 | Data not collected | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 15 | No exit interview completed | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 16 | Other | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | | 0 | 34 | 34 | 0 | 8 | 8 |

| Race | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Race ^ | Unacc Youth (Under 18) | Unacc Youth (18-24) | Total Unaccompanied Youth | Parent Youth (Under 18) | Parent Youth (18-24) | Total Parenting Youth |
| 1 | Black, African American, or African | 0 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| 2 | Multi-Racial | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | White | 0 | 27 | 27 | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| 4 | Client refused | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | | 0 | 38 | 38 | 0 | 8 | 8 |

| Ethnicity | | | | | | | |
|---------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Ethnicity | Unacc Youth (Under 18) | Unacc Youth (18-24) | Total Unaccompanied Youth | Parent Youth (Under 18) | Parent Youth (18-24) | Total Parenting Youth |
| 1 | Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x) | 0 | 36 | 36 | 0 | 7 | 7 |
| 2 | Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x) | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Totals | | 0 | 38 | 38 | 0 | 8 | 8 |

| Gender | | | | | | | |
|---------------|--|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Gender | Unacc Youth (Under 18) | Unacc Youth (18-24) | Total Unaccompanied Youth | Parent Youth (Under 18) | Parent Youth (18-24) | Total Parenting Youth |
| 1 | Female | 0 | 14 | 14 | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| 2 | Male | 0 | 22 | 22 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 3 | A gender other than singularly female or male (e.g., non-binary, genderfluid, agender, culturally specific gender) | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | | 0 | 38 | 38 | 0 | 8 | 8 |

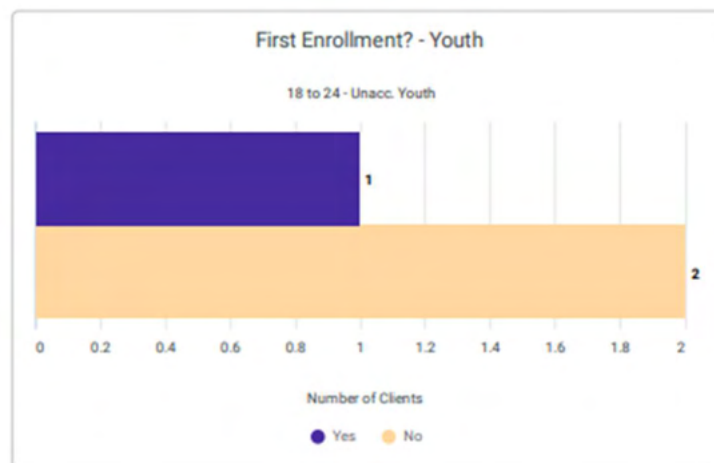
Rapid Rehousing/Permanent Supportive Housing

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According to the HMIS data provided as it pertains to unaccompanied youth entered into RRH or PSH programs, we see a significant decline in numbers. Only 3 individuals received a housing program with case management and of those 3, only 1 of them was successfully exited into permanent housing.

When you consider the amount of unaccompanied youth from the above data who are needing to access emergency shelter, street outreach, TH, and Safe Haven programs, a significant gap in housing opportunities for unaccompanied youth, ages 18-24, can be assumed. Without having homeless service programs that are youth-specific, that leaves the unaccompanied youth to fight for the same housing resources and programs as those who identify as higher barrier due to longer episodes of homelessness, physical and mental health diagnoses, and AODA addictions. The youth are guaranteed to stay towards the bottom of the CE list, and therefore, likely never offered a housing program. This, we believe, demonstrates the extreme need for more youth-specific services in the Coulee region.



| Prior Living Situation | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|---|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Residence Prior to Project Entry ^ | Unacc Youth (Under 18) | Unacc Youth (18-24) | Total Unaccompanied Youth | Parent Youth (Under 18) | Parent Youth (18-24) | Total Parenting Youth |
| 1 | Emergency shelter, including hotel or motel paid for with emergency shelter voucher, or RHY-funded Host Home shelter | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | Place not meant for habitation (e.g., a vehicle, an abandoned building, bus/train/subway station/airport or anywhere outside) | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | Hotel or motel paid for without emergency shelter voucher | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| Exit Destinations | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|--|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Destination ^ | Unacc Youth (Under 18) | Unacc Youth (18-24) | Total Unaccompanied Youth | Parent Youth (Under 18) | Parent Youth (18-24) | Total Parenting Youth |
| 1 | Rental by client, no ongoing housing subsidy | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| Race | | | | | | | |
|--------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Race ^ | Unacc Youth (Under 18) | Unacc Youth (18-24) | Total Unaccompanied Youth | Parent Youth (Under 18) | Parent Youth (18-24) | Total Parenting Youth |
| 1 | Asian or Asian American | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | White | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| Ethnicity | | | | | | | |
|-----------|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Ethnicity | Unacc Youth (Under 18) | Unacc Youth (18-24) | Total Unaccompanied Youth | Parent Youth (Under 18) | Parent Youth (18-24) | Total Parenting Youth |
| 1 | Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x) | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| Gender | | | | | | | |
|--------|--------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Gender | Unacc Youth (Under 18) | Unacc Youth (18-24) | Total Unaccompanied Youth | Parent Youth (Under 18) | Parent Youth (18-24) | Total Parenting Youth |
| 1 | Female | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | Male | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Homeless Prevention

10/01/2020 - 10/01/2021

According to the below tables, the Coulee CoC served a significant amount of unaccompanied youth with Homeless Prevention dollars. In total, we served 63 unaccompanied youth and of those, 51 of them were first time recipients of homeless prevention support. We are encouraged by this because it paints a picture that suggests 63 youth were successfully prevented from experiencing homelessness. As it appears that the

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most need lies in the homeless prevention, we would be interested in increasing our resources in homeless prevention and diversion to ensure we can continue meeting the needs of unaccompanied youth in this area.



| Prior Living Situation | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|--|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Residence Prior to Project Entry ^ | Unacc Youth (Under 18) | Unacc Youth (18-24) | Total Unaccompanied Youth | Parent Youth (Under 18) | Parent Youth (18-24) | Total Parenting Youth |
| 1 | Emergency shelter, including hotel or motel paid for with emergency shelter voucher, or RHY-funded Host Home shelter | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | Rental by client, no ongoing housing subsidy | 0 | 56 | 56 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 3 | Rental by client, with other ongoing housing subsidy | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | Staying or living in a family member's room, apartment or house | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5 | Staying or living in a friend's room, apartment or house | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 6 | □ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | | 0 | 60 | 60 | 1 | 5 | 6 |

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| Exit Destinations | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|--|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Destination ^ | Unacc Youth (Under 18) | Unacc Youth (18-24) | Total Unaccompanied Youth | Parent Youth (Under 18) | Parent Youth (18-24) | Total Parenting Youth |
| 1 | Rental by client in a public housing unit | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | Rental by client, no ongoing housing subsidy | 0 | 47 | 47 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| 3 | Staying or living with family temporary tenure (e.g. room, apartment or house) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | Staying or living with friends, temporary tenure (e.g. room, apartment or house) | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Totals | | 0 | 49 | 49 | 1 | 5 | 6 |

| Race | | | | | | | |
|---------------|---|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Race ^ | Unacc Youth (Under 18) | Unacc Youth (18-24) | Total Unaccompanied Youth | Parent Youth (Under 18) | Parent Youth (18-24) | Total Parenting Youth |
| 1 | American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | Asian or Asian American | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | Black, African American, or African | 0 | 9 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | Multi-Racial | 0 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | White | 0 | 43 | 43 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Totals | | 0 | 60 | 60 | 1 | 5 | 6 |

| Ethnicity | | | | | | | |
|---------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Ethnicity | Unacc Youth (Under 18) | Unacc Youth (18-24) | Total Unaccompanied Youth | Parent Youth (Under 18) | Parent Youth (18-24) | Total Parenting Youth |
| 1 | Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x) | 0 | 56 | 56 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| 2 | Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x) | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Totals | | 0 | 60 | 60 | 1 | 5 | 6 |

| Gender | | | | | | | |
|---------------|--------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Gender | Unacc Youth (Under 18) | Unacc Youth (18-24) | Total Unaccompanied Youth | Parent Youth (Under 18) | Parent Youth (18-24) | Total Parenting Youth |
| 1 | Female | 0 | 42 | 42 | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| 2 | Male | 0 | 18 | 18 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Totals | | 0 | 60 | 60 | 1 | 5 | 6 |

PIT – Coulee Point in Time Data - January 2021

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We received data from Leigh Polodna, CoC Grant Specialist with the Balance of State and the data show us that there were 8 unaccompanied youth in emergency shelter during the January 2021 PIT. We do not yet have data from the January 2022 PIT so it is unclear how this number has changed in the past year.

Wisconsin Balance of State Continuum of Care

| COULEE | Emergency Shelter | Transitional Housing | Unsheltered | Total |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------|
| Total HH w/out children | 90 | 5 | 8 | 103 |
| Total people w/out children | 92 | 5 | 8 | 105 |
| Unaccompanied Youth HH<18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unaccompanied Youth people<18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unaccompanied Youth HH 18-24 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Unaccompanied Youth people 18-24 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Total HH with children | 22 | 2 | 0 | 24 |
| Total people with children | 79 | 4 | 0 | 83 |
| Parenting Youth HH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | |
| Parenting youth people 18-24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Children of Parenting Youth | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Coordinated Entry

BLACK received data from Abbi Jeffers, the Coordinated Entry Administrative Manager with Couleecap, Inc., and with the REACH Services and Resource Center. According to our Coordinated Entry data, we had 16 young adults on the PL in 2020 and that number decreased to 9 in 2021. We believe it would be beneficial for there to be further research completed to determine the specific age range of the young adults and why there was a decrease in the number of them on the list. Given that only 3 youth were offered housing programs between 2020 and 2021, it would be good data to identify why the young adults were removed from the list and if they were successful in accessing housing.

Coulee Coordinated Entry Prioritization List Data - February 2020 & 2021

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| | PL: 2/5/2020 | PL: 2/8/2021 |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| HH w/children | 46 | 24 |
| Parenting Youth (sub-set) | 8 | 0 |
| HH w/out children | 247 | 165 |
| Young Adults (Sub-set) | 16 | 9 |

Census, poverty, education and employment

Below is data provided to summarize the demographic of the folks who make up our Coulee CoC. Most notable, we believe, is the high number of youth who are considered Juvenile. It appears that just under 10,000 youth are engaging in illegal activity. We believe it would be beneficial to identify how many of those youth are struggling with housing instability and to expand outreach resources for them to determine if we would see a decrease in that number.

Coulee Region Data Summaries - February 2022

| Coalition | Counties | Census Data | | | | |
|---------------|-------------------|---|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | From Data Source: | https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/browncountywisconsin,US/POP010220 | | | | |
| Coulee | | Population, Census 2020 | % Persons under 18 | # under 18 | % People in Poverty | # poverty |
| | Crawford | 16113 | 20 | 3223 | 13.3 | 2143 |
| | La Crosse | 120784 | 19.6 | 23674 | 10 | 12078 |
| | Monroe | 46274 | 25.2 | 11661 | 10.5 | 4859 |
| | Vernon | 30714 | 26 | 7986 | 11.9 | 3655 |
| Totals | | 213885 | | 46544 | | 22735 |
| Coalition | Counties | Child Abuse | | 2020 Arrest | | |

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| | | and Neglect | | Data | | |
| | From Data Source: | https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/cwportal/reports/pdf/can.pdf | | https://www.doj.state.wi.us/dles/bjia/ucr-arrest-data | | |
| Coulee | | CPS Referrals | Screen-in | Drug Crimes | Violent Crimes | Juvenile |
| | Crawford | 179 | 73 | 54 | 14 | 525 |
| | La Crosse | 567 | 245 | 657 | 125 | 6700 |
| | Monroe | 625 | 226 | 300 | 75 | 2272 |
| | Vernon | 227 | 100 | 18 | 10 | 320 |
| Totals | | 1598 | 644 | 1029 | 224 | 9817 |
| Coalition | Counties | Teen Pregnancy | Unemployment Rate | Children living in Poverty | Housing | |
| | From Data Source: | https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/teen-birth/form.htm | https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/tables/7424-unemployment-rate?loc=51&loct=5#details/5/7041-7112/false/574,1729,37,871,870,573,869,36,868/any/14505 | https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/tables/445-children-living-below-50-of-poverty-level?loc=51&loct=5#details/5/7041-7112/false/2049,1770,1711,1637,1569,1496,1364,1234,1068,971/any/15248,17843,17914 | https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/tables/8919-households-with-housing-costs-of-more-than-30-of-income?loc=51&loct=5#details/5/7041-7112/false/2049,1770,1711,1637,1569,1496,1364,1234,1068,971/any/17843,17914 | |

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| | | | | 4533 | | |
| Coulee | | 2020 Teen Birth Rate | Unemployment % Rate in 2020 | Number of Children Living below 50% of poverty level in 2015-2019 | Households with housing costs of more than 30% of income in 2015-2019 | |
| | Crawford | 0 | 7.30% | 289 | 1537 | |
| | La Crosse | 27 | 5.40% | 386 | 12506 | |
| | Monroe | 20 | 5.50% | 744 | 4159 | |
| | Vernon | 7 | 5.20% | 671 | 3140 | |
| Totals | | 54 | | 2090 | 21342 | |

McKinney–Vento Homeless Assistance Act Data via the WiBoS.

| Coulee | Counties | School Districts in County | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Crawford | North Crawford | 11 | 9 |
| | | Prairie du Chien | 12 | 7 |
| | | Seneca | 4 | 4 |
| | La Crosse | Bangor | N/A | N/A |
| | | Holmen | 43 | 24 |
| | | La Crosse | 166 | 149 |
| | | Onalaska | 15 | 10 |
| | | Holmen | 43 | 24 |
| | | West Salem | 22 | 21 |
| | Monroe | Cashton | 5 | 6 |
| | | Sparta | 42 | 54 |
| | | Tomah | 61 | 63 |
| | Vernon | De Soto | 35 | 32 |
| | | Hillsboro | 11 | 1 |
| | | La Farge | 4 | 4 |

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| | | Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton | N/A | N/A |
| | | Viroqua | 26 | 19 |
| | | Westby | 7 | 4 |
| Totals | | | 507 | 431 |

FYI Vouchers, FUP Vouchers(Don't have) and RHY Data

At this point in time we are not aware of any FYI or FUP vouchers in the Coulee Region.

IV. Goals, Objectives, Action Steps

Goal 1: To have the YAB embedded in CCEH moving forward to develop and assess services and programming.

Objective: Will strive to grow and maintain 60 percent participation by youth in the Coulee Region.

Action Steps: BLACK will work with the CCEH Chair and other partners to develop a form line of communication and position(s) on the CCEH.

Partner(s) Responsible- CCEH Board and partners

Timeframe: We have already started the conversation. We would expect the goal to be completed by July of 2022,

Goal 2: Develop new programming and services to address youth needs

Objective: Coulee will submit at least 2 RFP's for the YHDP funding.

Action Steps: BLACK will put out a formal ask to the larger CCEH that explains the process and the ideas that the YAB have placed as Priorities.

Our CCEH partners will then step up and connect with BLACK to discuss further plans.

BLACK will work with the CCEH youth sub groups to develop a RFP and we will submit this RFP by May 16.

Partners responsible: BLACK, RHYMES, YAB, CCEH, CCEH youth subgroup.

Time Frame: This process has started and conversations have begun.

Goal 3: Our CCEH has sufficient funding to increase housing and emergency/crisis interventions.

Objective: CCEH will develop a resource stream to help youth get connected to resources and services 99.9% of the time.

Action steps: Our CCEH will develop a youth subgroup.

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We will collectively develop a growing list of services, providers, and contacts

We will coordinate the subgroup and the YAB to assess the services being offered and make a list of what we need.

We will search for funding to fulfill the financial needs for services and resources.

Partners responsible: All CCEH youth Subgroup participants, YAB

Time Frame: This will be an ongoing effort.

V. Governance

A. Coalition Leadership –

Black Leaders Acquiring Collective Knowledge was selected as the Lead Organizing agency for the Coulee YHDP CCP process. Andrew Alvaro was chosen from BLACK to be the Coulee YHDP Lead Facilitator, under the direction of BLACK's Executive Director Shaundel Spivey. From there, a Coulee YHDP Working Group was formed out of interested parties within the local Coulee Collaborative the End Homelessness (CCEH), and previous YHDP application partners. Those partners and their roles can be found in the following Stakeholders section.

B. Committee

The CCEH was approached by BLACK Inc on the local YAB's request. BLACK requested CCEH members to participate in a CCEH youth subgroup, where eventually the Youth Action Board members could join as voting members of the CCEH. The CCEH Youth subgroup has met several times since, sending representatives to listen and share resources and skills at the YAB meetings a couple times so far. The YAB members will attend once their school schedules don't conflict with CCEH meetings and/or the CCEH Youth subgroup meetings later in the day so as to accommodate the YAB members.

C. Youth Action Group

The Coulee Youth Action Board voted unanimously on their governance structure, but wanted to leave it open to be changed if needed. At this point in time the Coulee YAB's Leadership structure is a rotating lead facilitator of meetings, and rotating notes taker, with everyone functioning as a Co-Chair or Co-Lead when their turn comes. The Coulee YAB also voted to make decisions based on a Majority Vote, or the majority of the group. That being said they have requested more explanation on Decision Making models. BLACK is working with the CCEH Chair to ensure the YAB is included in the CCEH collaborative.

VI. Stakeholders

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Below are a list of stakeholders in our community that we plan to continue to reachout to and build relationships with to continue the work needed in our community. This list is still growing.

| Stakeholder & Partner Information | | |
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| Partner | Partner's Name and Role | Involvement |
| CoC Board | Heidi Svee - CoC Board Chair | Coulee Regional YHDP Team |
| Coulee Youth Action Board | Carter Radde he/him/his Michael Vallo he/him/his Essence Bart she/her/hers Eva Valentine she/her/hers Viktoria Haugen she/her/hers | Wisconsin Balance of State YHDP Team, Coulee Region YAB |
| | Kyle Sanders he/him/his Onyx Raistlin he/him/his Scarlet Luttrell she/her/hers Robert Benson Jr. he/him/his | Coulee Region YAB |
| Local & State Government | Kim Cable - La Crosse County Board of Supervisors | Coulee Regional YHDP Team |
| | Philip Stegemann - La Crosse County Human Services Supervisor of Youth Justice Support Services | Coulee Regional YHDP Team |
| Early Childhood Development and Child Care providers | Kayleigh Ingenthron - La Crosse County Comprehensive Community Services CCS Therapist, Mental Health Professional | Wisconsin Balance of State YHDP Team, Coulee Regional YHDP Team, Coulee Region YAB |
| | | Coulee Region YAB Partner |
| Local and State Educational Agencies | Alicia Place MSW - Community Services Coordinator, School District of La Crosse Homeless Liaison | Coulee Regional YHDP Team, Wisconsin Balance of State YHDP Team |
| | Shaundel Spivey - City of La Crosse School Department Board Member | Coulee Regional YHDP Team, Wisconsin Balance of State YHDP Team, Coulee Region YAB |
| Runaway and Homeless Youth Program Providers | Shaundel Spivey - Co-Director Runaway Homeless Youth Mediation & Emergency Services (RHYMES) | Wisconsin Balance of State YHDP Team, Coulee Regional YHDP Team |

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| | <p>Rosanne Northwood - Runaway Homeless Youth Mediation & Emergency Services (RHYMES) Drop In Center Director</p> <p>Danielle Person - Runaway Homeless Youth Mediation & Emergency Services (RHYMES) Youth Advocate</p> <p>Mary Jacobson - Family & Children Center Director of Programs</p> <p>Nancy Parcher - Community Health Worker, La Crosse Family YMCA</p> <p>Wendy Watkins BS - Case Manager, Independent Living, Family and Children's Center</p> | <p>Coulee Region YAB Partner</p> <p>Wisconsin Balance of State YHDP Team, Coulee Regional YHDP Team</p> <p>Coulee Regional YHDP Team</p> <p>Coulee Region YAB Partner, Coulee Regional YHDP Team</p> <p>Coulee Region YAB Partner, Coulee Regional YHDP Team</p> |
| Non-Profit Youth Organizations | <p>Shaundel Spivey - Executive Director of Black Leaders Acquiring Collective Knowledge Inc (BLACK)</p> <p>Cia Siab Executive Director Xong Xiong</p> <p>The Center Executive Director Aleisha Schandelmeier</p> <p>Not all listed</p> | <p>Wisconsin Balance of State YHDP Team, Coulee Regional YHDP Team</p> |
| Juvenile and Adult Corrections and Probation | <p>Bridget Todd-Robbins - System of Care La Crosse County Administrator</p> | <p>Coulee Region YAB Partner</p> |
| Health, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Agencies | <p>Anneliese Skoda - La Crosse County Human Services Assistant Manager of Integrated Support and Recovery Services</p> <p>Kristina Bechtel - Western Region Integrated Care, Comprehensive Community Services Social Worker & Service Facilitator</p> | <p>Coulee Region YAB Partner, Coulee Regional YHDP Team</p> <p>Coulee Region YAB Partner, Coulee Regional YHDP Team</p> |

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| | Cathrina Dunnum, CSW - Vernon County Department of Human Services Youth Justice Social Worker | Coulee Regional YHDP Team |
| Workforce development and Employment Agencies | Michelle Burkhardt - State of Wisconsin Workforce Development E3 Works Career Planner | Coulee Region YAB Partner, Coulee Regional YHDP Team |
| Local & State Law Enforcement & Judges | Locating an interested representative | |
| Public Child Welfare Agency | Locating an interested representative | |
| Landlords | Locating an interested representative | |
| Public Housing Authorities | Locating an interested representative | |
| Institutions of Higher Education | Locating an interested representative | |
| Community Development Corporations | Locating an interested representative | |
| Affordable Housing Developers | Locating an interested representative | |
| Local Advocacy, Research, and Philanthropic Organizations | Locating an interested representative | |
| Privately Funded Homeless Organizations | Locating an interested representative | |
| Tribally Designated Housing Entity | Locating an interested representative | |
| Other | | |

VII. New Projects

The Coulee Coalition is interested in bringing at least 3 new projects to the Coulee region.

1. Supportive Services Only (SSO) - The Coulee YAB and Coulee Stakeholders agree that there is a need for Outreach services to identify any youth who are experiencing homeless in the Coulee region and provide them resources and assistance in finding permanent and supportive housing. We are also interested in using the SSO project to provide Diversion practices to prevent the youth from experiencing homelessness in the first place. Finally, Coulee does already have a Host Homes program in the Coulee area, however, we would like to create an additional Host Homes program utilizing the SSO funds to provide short term housing assistance to youth in need of housing but also in need of adult supervision and support.
2. TH/RRH Joint Project - The Coulee YAB and Stakeholder group have also identified a need for a joint TH/RRH project in an effort to provide short-term crisis housing for

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youth in addition to providing medium to long-term permanent housing into a RRH program from the TH program.

3. RRH - In addition to the TH/RRH joint project, the Coulee YAB and Stakeholders would like to see another RRH housing program to provide rental assistance and case management services to any youth experiencing homelessness.

While not all of these things can be funded through YHDP we have identified several other needs within our community in addition to the YHDP projects that the YAB and Stakeholders want to bring to the Coulee region, we have identified a dire need for a 24-hour emergency shelter for youth ages 14-24. We have identified transportation for youth as a need beyond the bus system. More respite or temporary safe lodging away from family to provide necessary time to get some help and interventions in place for the teen and family. More culturally affirming and responsive resources, housing options, and services.

Additionally, teen families need in-home support. Someone who is going to sit with them and help them navigate job hunting, securing social services and assist as a parent coach and child advocate. Teens and their families need access to community education and entertainment opportunities that are free. In addition, structured support groups that focus on recovery and support related to alcohol and drug abuse as well as mental health where teens can just drop in to get help/referrals or just be heard. We need more access points in suburban and rural communities for social services and teen/family support. This could include child development education as well as education about teen rights and responsibilities.

VIII. Signatures

Please see our attached [Coulee CCP Signatures Attachments](#).

IX. Other

Coulee Collaborative to End Homelessness Coordinated Community Plan

The signature(s) below attest to our approval and support for the Coulee coalition's Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program's Coordinated Community Plan. We promise to continue the efforts identified in the plan, including the goals and objectives to prevent and end homelessness in the coalition.

Anneliese Skoda

Assistant Manager

Integrated Support and Recovery Services La Crosse County

Name (print)

Title

County

Signature

Date 4/22/2022

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| <u>Jane Benzschawel</u> | <u>Asst. Executive Director</u> | <u>La Crosse</u> |
| Name (print) | Title | County |
| <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>4/21/22</u> | |
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Kim Cable
Name (print)

La Crosse County Board Supervisor, District 10
Title

La Crosse
County


Signature

April 21, 2022
Date

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Hetti Brown

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Executive Director, Couleecap, Inc.

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Crawford, La Crosse, Monroe & Vernon Counties

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April 21, 2022

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Kristina Bechtel

Social Worker

La Crosse County

Name (print)

Title

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Signature

4/20/2022

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Danielle Person

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Street Outreach Youth Advocate

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La Crosse

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Danielle L. Person

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Rosanne Northwood

Name (print)

RHYMES Program Director

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La Crosse

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/s/Rosanne Northwood

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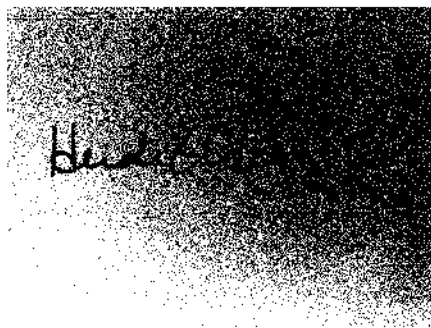
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Chair, Coulee Collaborative to End Homelessness & Program Coordinator, New Horizons Shelter and Outreach Centers
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Andrew Alvaro Rasmussen
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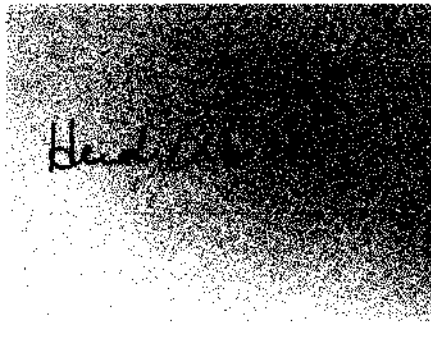
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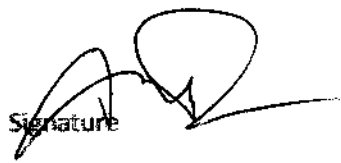
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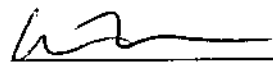
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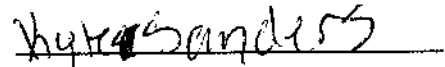
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Coulee YB
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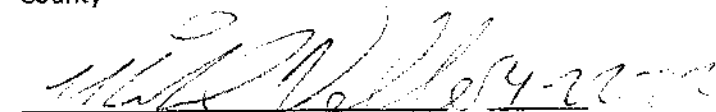
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Coulee YAB
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Laurel
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Essence Barthelemy


Name (print)

YAB Member

Title

La Crosse County

County

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Signature

Date

4/22/22

Dairyland-Chippewa

*Coordinated Community Plan to
Prevent & End Youth Homelessness*



WIBOSCOC

Dairyland Coalition+Chippewa County

Geography. This coordinated community plan is a collaborative effort between two Wisconsin coalitions – Dairyland which consists of Eau Claire, Buffalo, Jackson and Trempealeau Counties and West Central which consists of Barron, Chippewa, Dunn, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, and St. Croix. For this project only Chippewa County will be included with all of Dairyland. At this time the counties of Buffalo, Trempealeau and Jackson Counties have had very limited involvement in the planning meetings. It is hoped that through this process we will be able to bring them along. The combined population of the five counties is 254,626. The two largest cities are Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls. Their downtowns are located twelve miles from each other. It is not uncommon for people to live in one city and work in the other.

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- The Dairyland Housing Coalition (DHC) formed over 20 years ago and is not a 501 (c)(3). It meets monthly. The mission and vision of the Dairyland Housing Coalition are:
 - **Mission**

The Dairyland Housing Coalition (DHC) is a consortium of stakeholders including individuals and organizations who are concerned about housing insecurity in Buffalo, Eau Claire, Jackson and Trempealeau Counties. The purpose of the DHC is to advocate, plan and maximize resources for those that are experiencing homelessness. We will do this by identifying the needs of the homeless community and providing supportive services and resources to end homelessness in our area.
 - **Vision**

We believe that all people deserve a home. Homelessness should be brief, rare, and non-reoccurring

Current voting membership includes:

- Aging & Disability Resource Center
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of LaCrosse, Inc.-Emergency Shelter
- Center for Veterans Issues
- Chippewa Valley Free Clinic-Free Medical Care
- Concerned Citizen/Unaffiliated with any agency
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Eau Claire Area Hmong Mutual Assistance Association
- Eau Claire Area School District-Homeless Liaison
- Eau Claire City-County Health Department-Public Health/Housing Code enforcement
- Eau Claire County Housing Authority
- Eau Claire Department of Human Services
- Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley-Family shelter and Services
- Housing Authority of the City of Eau Claire
- JONAH-Faith based advocacy group
- L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library
- Lutheran Social Services-Multiple services
- The Community Table-Meals
- United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley-Local non profit and funder of many of these agencies/EFSP administrator
- Vivent Health-HIV/AIDS
- Western Dairyland, EOC-Multiple Services (Housing, HeadStart etc.)
- WI Dept of Veterans Affairs

Structurally the Coalition has a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Recording Secretary that are voted on by the membership. The Coalition has established bylaws that are reviewed annually.

The Advisory Committee is the only standing committee of the Dairyland Housing Coalition. The membership includes at minimum the Chair and Vice-Chair, and up to 8 additional volunteer members. Their responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Review of bylaws
- Assistance with the Dairyland Housing Coalition collaborative application
- Review of compliance issues required of the EHH and DHC funding sources
- Other tasks suggested by the WI BOS COC or DHC
- Assistance with nomination of officers
- Attend 90% of Advisory Committee meetings

Other possible committees may include but are not limited to: Point in Time, Membership (Engagement & Outreach), After-Hours Plan, etc.

- The West Central (WC) Homeless Coalition is not a 501 (c)(3) and meets monthly. The mission and vision of the West Central Homeless Coalition are:
 - **Mission**

To end homelessness by providing homelessness prevention, intervention, and supportive services for persons and families in our region.

- **Vision**

Homelessness should be prevented whenever possible, and when it cannot, homelessness should be rare, brief, and non-recurring.

West Central welcomes all agencies, organizations, and individuals with an interest in ending homelessness. Current membership includes:

- Benjamin's Place-Homeless
- Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin
- Center For Veterans Issues-Veterans
- Chippewa County Housing Authority-Housing programs and administration of CDBG and HOME funds
- Family Support Center-Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
- L.E. Phillips CDC Outreach Office
- Minneapolis VAMC-Veterans
- Northwoods Homeless Shelters-Homeless
- Our Neighbors' Place
- St. Croix County, Health and Human Services
- Stepping Stones of Dunn County-Homeless
- The Bridge to Hope-Domestic Violence
- The Salvation Army Grace Place, Serenity Home's and Faith House-
- Turningpoint for Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence
- United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley
- United Way of Wisconsin
- West CAP
- WI BOS
- WI Department of Veterans Affairs

Structurally the Coalition has a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary that are voted on by the membership. The Coalition has established bylaws that are reviewed annually. Committees are created with a majority vote of the membership. Task forces are created on an ad-hoc basis to accomplish a task specific assignment on a time-limited basis.

Representatives from each coalition have come together to collaborate in developing the coordinated community plan.

II. Mission and Vision

A. Mission Statement.

At the 4/19/2022 meeting, the Dairyland Youth Action Board (YAB) approved the following **Mission Statement**:

Our mission is to empower youth and young adults to live independently and be self-sufficient so that if homelessness does occur it is rare, brief, and non-reoccurring. We will continually strive to prevent and end youth homelessness by holding our partners accountable through embedding youth and young adults in their processes and evaluation; and inspiring others to advocate to influence local, statewide, and national policy on youth homelessness.

B. Vision Statement.

At the same meeting, the Dairyland YAB approved the following as their **Vision Statement:** Empower Youth and Young Adults, the experts on youth homelessness to serve as leaders, driving local decisions to find the solutions to make homelessness rare, brief and non-reoccurring, that empower youth and young adults to live independently in safe and secure housing.

The WIBOSCOC YHDP Coalition adopted the following mission and vision statements.

Mission

With shared responsibility and driven by youth leadership and cross-sector collaboration the Wisconsin Balance of State YHDP Coalition's mission is to prevent youth homelessness whenever possible and ensure that the experience is rare, brief and non-recurring when not.

Vision

To this end, we envision a future in Wisconsin where all youth and young adults:

- Receive immediate and equitable access to everything they need to thrive in housing, education, employment, well-being and positive community connections.
- Access inclusive and individualized, wrap-around supports to create a mentally and physically healthy environment for growing and learning.
- Take power with leadership opportunities at every level in the Youth-serving system.
- Thrive in a variety of housing options that meet the individual needs of youth by providing youth-directed services, connections to community resources and paths to life-long stability through immediate assessment and progressive engagement.
- Partner with culturally affirming and Trauma-Informed Care trained providers that address the specific needs of LGBTQIA+, BIPOC, pregnant and parenting youth and youth fleeing domestic violence and survivors of human trafficking. Acknowledge impact of policies that increase systematic disparities on race, disability, etc.
- Advocate for changes in policy that support, rather than penalize youth seeking self-determination and self-sufficiency.
- Support their mental health and overall wellness needs by close collaboration with mental health, substance abuse and health systems and by uplifting youth to follow their passions through a positive youth development framework.

C. Community History with Youth Homeless System.

Neither Coalition has had specific, coordinated efforts within nor between them to address the issue of youth/young adult/parenting youth homelessness. Each county does have some specific programs and services that address those populations. There is limited knowledge of services available in Buffalo, Jackson and Trempealeau counties.

All counties have school homeless liaisons. These liaisons are more active in some school districts than others. Size of the district seems to have an impact on that with the larger districts being more active.

In 2019, the Eau Claire Housing Authority was awarded 20 Family Unification Program (FUP) vouchers, with an additional 18 being awarded in 2021. These vouchers can be used for youth coming out of foster care as well as families with children. Typically, there is availability with no waiting list

Both Housing Authorities in Chippewa and Eau Claire counties were awarded five Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) vouchers in 2021. These programs have had very limited usage and are not functioning at capacity.

Buffalo, Jackson and Trempealeau Counties have not historically been very involved in the Dairyland HC so their history in youth homelessness and homelessness in general is very limited. It is worth noting that Jackson County has recently identified that they have an issue with homelessness and attended their first DHC meeting in March, 2022.

The Runaway Youth Services (RAYS) program was run by Lutheran Social Services and served 19 counties including Eau Claire and Chippewa, but not Buffalo, Jackson and Trempealeau. This program started in 1983 and ended in 2018. Currently there is no Runaway Homeless Youth (RHY) funded programs in the proposed five county service area.

Pre-pandemic, the Dairyland HC attempted to establish a Youth Action Board (YAB). A few meetings were held but unfortunately due to several reasons, many of which were COVID related, the group lost momentum and has recently been reestablished. The current YAB has met six times.

D. Statement from the Local YAB.

The Dairyland YAB has met six times. Currently there are three active members, a potential fourth, and recruiting is ongoing. The YAB has established their governance, values and completed a Gaps and Needs assessment activity. Currently the YAB consists of members only from Eau Claire. YAB from Chippewa will need to be recruited and if Buffalo, Jackson and Trempealeau counties become involved, those counties will need to be represented as well. The YAB has identified how it will be represented on the WIBOSCOC YAB and attended the first two statewide YAB meetings.

III. Statement of Need

Data from a broad group of stakeholders as well as data provided by the WIBOSCOC has been reviewed by the planning group to determine gaps and to ensure that it is an inclusive representation. Some data collected cannot be separated by county but is provided by coalition. Data analysis is difficult as some data is reported by county specifically and some by coalition and this project will include all of the Dairyland coalition and only Chippewa County of the West Central coalition. To disaggregate data to understand racial and other disparities, we will need more detail in our local data. Because Buffalo, Jackson and Trempealeau Counties have had little involvement in this process, their data is extremely limited and what data that was available is only included as the Dairyland coalition as a whole, not by individual county. It was felt that if representative from those areas were not “at the table”, it would not be an efficient use of time to analyze that specific data.

The Dairyland YAB will look at the data at a future meeting to determine if the data matches the experience of youth and young adults in the homeless response system. Currently, none of the five counties represented here have a response system specifically for youth, young adults and parenting youth. They are entered into the traditional homeless response system with no additional/different supports or services unless a program is designed specifically for this age group.

A. PIT.

January 2021 data. Dairyland data includes Eau Claire, Buffalo, Jackson and Trempealeau Counties. West Central data includes ALL counties (Barron, Dunn, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, St Croix) AND Chippewa.

| Coalition | | Emergency Shelter | Transitional Housing | Unsheltered | Total |
|-----------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------|
| Dairyland | Unaccompanied Youth HH<18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Unaccompanied Youth people<18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Unaccompanied Youth HH 18-24 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 5 |
| | Unaccompanied Youth people 18-24 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 5 |
| | Parenting Youth HH | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| | Parenting youth people 18-24 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| | Children of Parenting Youth | 3 | 2 | 2 | 7 |

| Coalition | | Parenting Youth | Young Adult | Unaccompanied Youth |
|-----------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Dairyland | Female | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| | Male | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| | Transgender | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Gender Non-Conforming | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | White | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| | Black or African American | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | Native American | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Multi-Racial | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Asian | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Hispanic/Latino | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| | Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino | 1 | 5 | 0 |

| Coalition | | Parenting Youth | Young Adult | Unaccompanied Youth |
|-----------|------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Dairyland | Chronic HH | 0 | 0 | 0 |

The Dairyland PIT data indicates that there are four parenting youth households that were either in emergency shelter, transitional housing, or were unsheltered. These households included six parenting youth and seven children. Five unaccompanied youth were identified. Parenting youth were more likely to identify as female and unaccompanied young adults were more likely to identify as male. There were five unaccompanied youth in the Dairyland Housing Coalition. The data also indicated that there were no chronically homeless parenting youth, young adults or unaccompanied youth. Similar to our geographic location those identifying as White and Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino made up the vast majority of those identifying as homeless. Most concerning was that there was one parenting youth household with one child that was unsheltered.

| Coalition | | Emergency Shelter | Transitional Housing | Unsheltered | Total |
|-----------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------|
| | Unaccompanied Youth HH<18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Unaccompanied Youth people<18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Unaccompanied Youth HH 18-24 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| | Unaccompanied Youth people 18-24 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | Parenting Youth HH | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | Parenting youth people 18-24 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | Children of Parenting Youth | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |

| Coalition | | Parenting Youth | Young Adult | Unaccompanied Youth |
|--------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|
| West Central | Female | 3 | 4 | 0 |
| | Male | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| | Transgender | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Gender Non-Conforming | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | White | 3 | 5 | 0 |
| | Black or African American | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | Native American | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Multi-Racial | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Asian | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | Hispanic/Latino | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino | 3 | 6 | 0 |

| Coalition | | Parenting Youth | Young Adult | Unaccompanied Youth |
|--------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|
| West Central | Chronic HH | 1 | 1 | 0 |

The West Central PIT data includes all counties in the coalition, not just Chippewa County. That coalition also reported 5 unaccompanied youth in emergency shelter, transitional and unsheltered. There were 3 parenting youth households comprised of 4 young adults and 4 children. Similar to the Dairyland Coalition and the geographic region in general, those identified in the PIT were more likely to identify as white, Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino. A major difference from the Dairyland Coalition was that those identified were more likely to identify as female versus any other gender.

B. Coordinated Entry.

Coordinated Entry data from 3/15/22, just over a year after the Point in Time above, indicates a greater need than identified through the PIT in terms of households with and without children. Data over the last three years shows no consistency or identifiable trends with the exception that in the West Central coalition, the number of parenting youth has remained relatively stable at 5-6. The Coordinated Entry list also indicates a great need for Prevention services with 18 households identified as needing that service between the two coalitions.

Dairyland

| | 2/5/2020 | 2/8/2021 | 3/15/22 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Parenting Youth Households w/children | 8 | 4 | 10 |
| Households w/o Children | 16 | 7 | 2 |

Prevention

11 Households

West Central

| | 2/5/2020 | 2/8/2021 | 3/15/22 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Parenting Youth Households w/children | 5 | 5 | 6 |
| Households w/o Children | 36 | 14 | 12 |

Prevention

7 Households

C. Census, Poverty, Education and Employment.

There are many factors that can contribute to homelessness or be potential predictors of future homelessness. Much of the information that is available is based on pre-pandemic numbers.

Based on the 2020 Census, 8-10% of the households in the defined 5 county area were living below the Federal poverty level.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services reported that the 2020 teen birth rate in the defined 5 county area was a total of 63.

The 2020 unemployment rate as reported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation-Kids Count Data Center in the defined 5 county area ranged from 5.5%-9.3%. The highest being Jackson county.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation-Kids Count Data Center also reported that the number of children living below 50% of poverty level from 2015-2019 (pre-pandemic) in the defined 5 county area was 2902.

And finally, the number of households in the defined 5 county area with housing costs of more than 30% of income from 2015-2019 (pre-pandemic) was 23,519 as reported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation-Kids Count Data Center.

McKinney-Vento data from 2018-2019 indicated 596 students identified as homeless in the Dairyland+Chippewa coalition. During the 2019-2020, that number dropped to 468, most likely due to the pandemic and students receiving their education virtually.

During the 2020-2021 school year, the Eau Claire Area School District identified 70 High School students who were experiencing homelessness and 18 of those students were unaccompanied. These students may or may not meet HUD's definition of homelessness. This same data was not available from the other schools in Eau Claire county nor the schools in other four counties.

D. Other Datapoints necessary to highlight specific gaps and needs.

- a. LGBTQ+ data According to the 2021 Chippewa Valley LGBTQ+ Census:
 - i. None of the 124 respondents to the question regarding homelessness report being homeless but 7 reported not currently in a good living situation.
 - ii. 97 of 123 respondents indicated that they have been homeless at least once. Seven people indicated that they have been homeless more than one time.

This data is not specific to youth or young adults and the respondents live in a geographic area not only within and but also outside of the defined five county area. More specific data is needed.

- b. Fierce Freedom, a local group focusing on human trafficking reported that during the past two years they have worked with or heard from 120 women and girls and one male youth. More specific data regarding the youth and young adult numbers are needed.

E. FYI Vouchers, FUP Vouchers and RHY Data.

The Eau Claire and Chippewa Housing Authorities each have 5 Fostering Youth to Independence (FYI) vouchers that were awarded to them in 2021. In Eau Claire, only one youth was ever leased up in this program. There are currently two youth that have been referred. In total, none of the three were parenting youth. Chippewa currently is utilizing none of the vouchers.

The Eau Claire County Housing Authority was awarded 20 Family Unification (FUP) vouchers in 2019 and received an additional 18 in 2021. Since its inception, this program has served two youth coming out of foster care, with one being a parenting youth. Currently, the Eau Claire County Housing Authority has two youth households without children and four youth households with children in the FUP program.

What does it all mean?

Based on CE and PIT data, it is estimated that on any given day, 30 youth and young adult households, with or without children, are seeking shelter or housing, or are in some type of emergency/temporary housing. That same data would indicate that an estimated 18 youth and

young adult households are seeking prevention services. When the other data is considered, those estimated numbers only increase.

IV. Goals, Objectives, Action Steps

The YHDP planning group began meeting weekly on 2/21/22 and has met nine times. This group has identified objectives related to the WIBOSCOC goals as well as potential action steps. In addition, there have been discussions about potential projects. Since there are very few resources for youth and young adults specifically, this response system is being created from the ground up. Work will need to continue to refine the action steps, develop timelines, and identify the responsible parties. Since the stakeholder group began meeting before the YAB, much of this work was completed by the adult group first but the YAB since has had input. A YAB member recently began attending the stakeholder group. Both groups have begun to identify what would the ideal YYA homeless response system should look like.

A. **Goals. Dairyland +Chippewa**

Utilizing the draft WIBOSCOC goals, the stakeholder group has spent a significant amount of time identifying objectives and action steps. The YAB has been working on their structure and at recent meetings have begun to look at these goals, objectives and actions to provide input.

a. **Goal 1: Stable Housing. Youth and Young Adults are immediately provided with safe, supported, and flexible housing options that reflect their individualized needs and pave the way for long-term, sustainable housing**

| Action Steps | Timeline | Responsible Parties |
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| Objective 1: Implement landlord engagement strategies to support youth in finding and maintaining stable housing. | | |
| A. Give youth information that they need to rent a place, how address barriers, and learn what are landlords looking for. | TBD | TBD |
| B. Landlord engagement session. Educating landlords on rental assistance programs and why its good for them. | TBD | TBD |
| C. Housing navigation services-Such as UCP, Western Dairyland, West Cap | TBD | TBD |
| D. Create a list of landlords that would take a chance on YYA. Talk to Housing Program providers to identify. | TBD | TBD |
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| Objective 2: Implement innovative low barrier housing strategies including shared housing and host families. | | |

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| A. Give YYA options such as unrelated families and individuals sharing housing, unrelated shared families | TBD | TBD |
| B. Marketing of need for housing for YYA | TBD | TBD |
| C. Host Families <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marketing strategies Forums at churches awareness of need and for recruiting Background checks | TBD | TBD |
| D. Mentor programs to help youth maintain housing/peer support similar to BBBS structure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Forgotten Initiative/national group has a local chapter, supports foster youth | TBD | TBD |
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| Objective 3: Provide sufficient funding to increase housing and emergency/crisis interventions. | | |
| A. Create Drop-in center for YYA to deescalates crisis situation similar to one in River Falls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Could be an overnight stay, a place to go during the day and then a host family if overnight shelter is needed | TBD | TBD |
| B. Advocate for ESG funding for emergency shelter/motel vouchers-Agency makes recommendations (I am not sure what this means) | TBD | TBD |
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| Objective 4: Develop strategies around affordable housing options. | | |
| A. Develop good relationships with landlords, ask them to lower rent to FMR | TBD | TBD |
| B. Hosting forums with landlords regarding issue of youth homelessness. | TBD | TBD |
| C. Work with City to provide affordable units or tax breaks | TBD | TBD |
| D. Building more affordable housing units | TBD | TBD |
| E. Shared housing | TBD | TBD |
| F. Ask HUD for waiver of FMR | TBD | TBD |
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| Objective 5: Improve the Coordinated Entry system to be youth-focused. | | |
| A. Make CE more youth friendly | TBD | TBD |

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| B. Meeting them where they are at physically and emotionally. | TBD | TBD | |
| C. Simplify wording, it is hard to understand | TBD | TBD | |
| D. Create youth specific list like veterans, and DV | TBD | TBD | |
| E. Youth specific priorities/homeless date | TBD | TBD | |
| F. Other providers are doors to coordinated entry | TBD | TBD | |
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| Objective 6: Ensure comprehensive case management as a core component of all youth projects. | | | |
| A. Peer mentors | TBD | TBD | |
| B. Case Managers trained in PYD and TIC | TBD | TBD | |
| C. Tandem has expanded to include 24 year olds Treehouse network | TBD | TBD | |
| D. YAB has a say in hiring/interview process | TBD | TBD | |
| E. Case conferencing and have the youth identify their lead case manager | TBD | TBD | |
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| Objective 7: Offer system navigators who walk along side with youth. | | | |
| A. Peer mentors, someone to actually attend meetings with youth | TBD | TBD | |
| B. Someone to help youth complete paperwork | TBD | TBD | |
| C. Hiring housing navigators | TBD | TBD | |
| D. Mental health and medical system navigators | TBD | TBD | |
| E. Education/employment navigators | TBD | TBD | |
| F. Youth create their team | TBD | TBD | |
| G. Youth involved in hiring | TBD | TBD | |
| H. Family involvement if youth want it | TBD | TBD | |
| I. Recruit navigators | TBD | TBD | |
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| HUD Key Principles | | | |
| Equity _X__ | Positive Youth Development _X__ | Trauma-Informed Care _X__ | Family Engagement _X__ |

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| Housing First _X__ | Youth Choice _X__ | Social & Community Integration _x__ | Coordinated Entry _X__ |
| Special Populations _X__ | Unsheltered Homelessness _X__ | Individualized and Client-driven supports _X__ | |

- b. **Goal 2: Permanent Connections.** Youth and young adults are supported in cultivating consistent, self-identified people who can respectfully guide, support and advocate with them to get their needs met.

| Action Steps | Timeline | Responsible Parties |
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| Objective 1: Develop a peer support model across the Dairyland and West Central CoCs. | | |
| A. Implement Case Conferencing | TBD | TBD |
| B. Promote peer support model to community and recruit mentors | TBD | TBD |
| C. Partner with area agencies who may have similar programming or pieces of the programming or volunteers that may have experience and interest in this work (e.g. Big Brothers Big Sisters) | TBD | TBD |
| D. Develop a peer support model/framework and guidelines (confidentiality, safety, respect, conduct, boundaries etc.) and list qualities of peer mentors. | TBD | TBD |
| E. YYA have a say in what peer support model that is used in the WD and WC coalitions. | TBD | TBD |
| F. Train mentors in peer support model | TBD | TBD |
| G. Research successful peer support models from similar communities | TBD | TBD |
| H. Research youth peer support models and obtain training materials. Train the trainer model? | TBD | TBD |
| I. Determine if paid supports or volunteers. Determine funding source if paid. If paid potentially contract with existing providers who may already provide the service if they exist. There are adult providers who may be willing to diversify. | TBD | TBD |
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| Objective 2: Provide access to mentorship training for adults who will be working with Y/YA's. | | |
| A. Provide PYD and TIC training | TBD | TBD |
| B. Develop or identify an inclusive training program to be used for all the training adults | TBD | TBD |
| C. Develop plan for funding programs | TBD | TBD |

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| D. Conduct ongoing evaluation of mentorship program to determine effectiveness and make necessary changes. | TBD | TBD |
| E. Determine if such programs already exist. Churches, Boys and Girls Club, or schools may be a source of info. | TBD | TBD |
| Objective 3: Develop expectations to ensure youth have a say in who supports them both in agencies and chosen family or other natural supports. | | |
| A. Youth are involved in case plan development and identifying their supports as well as needs. | TBD | TBD |
| B. Implement healthy relationship program with homeless YYA focused on safe relationships and healthy boundaries with adults | TBD | TBD |
| C. Create a system in which YYA both in YAB and not in YAB, can easily comment, suggest or be in discussion about having needs met. | TBD | TBD |
| D. Youth determines who is on their team. Training in wrap around and or consumer directed care or at least written documentation for involved adults would be beneficial. Directing instead of guiding is a fall back approach for many | TBD | TBD |
| E. Written documentation of what guiding actually looks like. | TBD | TBD |
| Objective 4: Increase staff training opportunities around Positive Youth Development, mentorship ideas, developing community connections outside of the homeless system, and mental health crisis training. | | |
| A. Hold annual trainings for providers and non-providers | TBD | TBD |
| B. Provide regularly scheduled trainings | TBD | TBD |
| C. Provide training for LEA Homeless Liaisons, social services and CBO staff interfacing with homeless YYAs to create awareness of available resources, programs and services. | TBD | TBD |
| D. Identify training opportunities and funding to participate in training. | TBD | TBD |
| Objective 5: Establish Host Homes strategies. | | |
| A. Development recruitment strategies, maybe a committee to develop a process to recruit, train, and retain host homes | TBD | TBD |

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| B. Research how other successful Host Homes are established to assist in developing a plan and expectations of Host Homes. | TBD | TBD |
| C. Involve local churches/schools in holding community forums to raise awareness of YYA homelessness and recruit host homes. | TBD | TBD |
| D. Provide information about the waiting process for individuals interested in being a host home. | TBD | TBD |
| HUD Key Principles | | |
| Equity _X__ | Positive Youth Development _X__ | Trauma-Informed Care __X_ |
| Housing First ____ | Youth Choice _X__ | Social & Community Integration __X_ |
| Special Populations ____ | Unsheltered Homelessness ____ | Individualized and Client-driven supports _X__ |

- c. **Goal 3: Education and Employment.** Youth and young adults have access without barriers to a variety of education and employment opportunities to achieve the personal goals and financial stability necessary to thrive.

| Action Steps | Timeline | Responsible Parties |
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| Objective 1: Increase relationships and opportunities that highlight alternative education pathways. (GED/UWEC/UW Stout/CVTC) | | |
| A. Invite CVTC to meetings | TBD | TBD |
| B. Enroll youth in GED/HSED programs and college prep course offered through technical colleges | TBD | TBD |
| C. Connect with literacy programs to access literacy tutors for YYAs completing a GED/HSED. | TBD | TBD |
| D. Work closely with COC and Workforce Resource Center, invite them to the table. | TBD | TBD |
| Objective 2: Provide access to life skills education (Money management, insurance, meal planning, etc.) | | |
| A. Connect with UW Extension to provide Rent smart, Money Matters, and other programs to access life skills/daily living education | TBD | TBD |
| B. Create and gather mini training modules of each life skills to work through with the youth | TBD | TBD |
| C. Ensure those youth in out of home care longer than 6 months are involved in their counties | TBD | TBD |

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| Independent Living Program (ILP). This would address these areas and more. | | |
| D. The Casey Foundation also has Independent Living Skills modules at a cost. Could the mentor be the ILS instructor? | TBD | TBD |
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| Objective 3: Increase awareness of childcare opportunities in each coalition. Advocate for additional resources when there are no options. | | |
| A. Connect YYAs with children with their local Early Head Start/Head Start organization to enroll children. | TBD | TBD |
| B. Enroll YYAs into workforce programs to access childcare assistance. | TBD | TBD |
| C. Referrals to County Child Care subsidy program | TBD | TBD |
| D. Refer to Childcare partnership through Western Dairyland | TBD | TBD |
| E. Share information with YYAs with children about regulated? family support systems and early care and education systems | TBD | TBD |
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| Objective 4: Coordinate more advanced apprenticeship opportunities as well as flexible internships for youth to explore career paths. | | |
| A. Coordinate with WFR to develop a seamless system to enroll youth in Programs | TBD | TBD |
| B. Engage Technical College apprenticeship | TBD | TBD |
| C. Enroll YYAs in career academics to introduce them to apprenticeship opportunities and tour local industries | TBD | TBD |
| D. Job Corp? | TBD | TBD |
| E. Help business to develop internship/apprenticeship/job training programs | TBD | TBD |
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| Objective 5: Increase access to education and employment training opportunities to youth. | | |
| A. Workforce Resource seems to be a connection here. | TBD | TBD |
| B. Alternative school could be a resource brought into this conversation. | TBD | TBD |
| C. Workforce Resource-WIOA programming for youth | TBD | TBD |
| D. Connect with local schools on ACP programming including work study and Youth Apprenticeship opportunities | TBD | TBD |

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| E. Connect with CVTC in cooperation with local schools in cooperation with local schools on academics, transcribed credit, and early starts to certification. | TBD | TBD |
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| HUD Key Principles | | |
| Equity _X__ | Positive Youth Development _X__ | Trauma-Informed Care _X__ |
| Housing First ____ | Youth Choice _X__ | Social & Community Integration _X__ |
| Special Populations _X__ | Unsheltered Homelessness ____ | Individualized and Client-driven supports _X__ |

- d. **Goal 4: Social Emotional Well-being.** The health and well-being of youth and young adults are prioritized by meeting youth/young adults where they are and providing them with the resources and support they need to achieve happiness, health, self-sufficiency, and self-actualization.

| Action Steps | Timeline | Responsible Parties |
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| Objective 1: Implement culturally sensitive, developmentally appropriate, comprehensive health education (mental, physical, sexual health and AODA) so youth are aware of options and strategies to live their healthiest lives. | | |
| A. Connect YYA with local educators and advocacy groups that teach safe relationship skills. | TBD | TBD |
| B. Ensure that there is a treatment plan to address past trauma. | TBD | TBD |
| C. Teach healthy coping skills to youth AND their mentors. | TBD | TBD |
| D. Mindfulness should be a part of this as well. | TBD | TBD |
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| Objective 2: Offer professional development training on Positive Youth Development and Trauma-Informed practices at every level of the system and develop expectations so that all youth services are consistent across the Dairyland and West Central CoCs. (Mentors, professionals, etc) | | |
| A. Identify trainers and trainings in PYD and TIC | TBD | TBD |
| B. Mental Health first aid training as well? Could help with early identification and treatment. | TBD | TBD |
| C. Ensure that all staff and volunteers have had PYD and TIC training | TBD | TBD |
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| Objective 3: Increase access to resources for Y/YA's who need substance abuse recovery support. | | |
| A. Identify easy access points of places where YYA feel safe to obtain access to resources. | TBD | TBD |
| B. Identify AODA resources geared towards/available to YYA | TBD | TBD |
| C. Identify peer supports and YYA friendly treatment/recovery programs | TBD | TBD |
| D. Referrals to county CCS programs which connects to treatment for mental health and substance abuse. For any youth with Medicaid In-patient treatment is now a card service. Just need to pay for room and board. Medicaid pays for care and tx only. | TBD | TBD |
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| Objective 4: Establish mentors that support youth through the system, but in a way that allows youth to lead their own lives. | | |
| A. Research and create youth led peer support model | TBD | TBD |
| B. Provide respite options if a live in situation | TBD | TBD |
| C. Utilize HUD TA-True Colors United to find out if there are other communities that have already established | TBD | TBD |
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| Objective 5: Let youth set their own goals, realizing youths' power to meet life's challenges, giving them the ability to manage stress, function in their daily lives, and "bounce forward when faced with adversity or trauma. We didn't have this but I think it is important. | | |
| A. Allow youth to choose their own adventure but provide resources and other information for the youth to make informed decisions | TBD | TBD |
| B. Training in self directed care. County CCS programs are an example. Could be a resource | TBD | TBD |
| C. Maybe integrate some strategies from Goal 3 Objective 2 on life skills, money management-Goal setting to action steps | TBD | TBD |
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| Objective 6: Increase access to mental and behavioral health resources. | | |
| A. Hire a mental Health Therapist specifically for this program | TBD | TBD |
| B. Connect youth with health insurance, explore options | TBD | TBD |

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| C. Potential collaboration with schools under new Mental Health funding just announced last week by State? | TBD | TBD |
| D. Referrals to county CCS programs for those youth who have Medicaid. | TBD | TBD |
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| HUD Key Principles | | |
| Equity _X_ | Positive Youth Development _X_ | Trauma-Informed Care _X_ |
| Housing First ____ | Youth Choice _X_ | Social & Community Integration _X_ |
| Special Populations _X_ | Unsheltered Homelessness ____ | Family Engagement _X_ |
| | | Coordinated Entry ____ |
| | | Individualized and Client-driven supports _X_ |

- B. Objectives.** During the nine planning meetings that have occurred the above potential Action steps were identified. Work will continue to refine the objectives.
- C. Action Steps.** During the nine planning meetings, the potential action steps above were identified. Work will need to continue to define those action steps.
- D. Partner(s) Responsible.** The planning group will need to continue its work and identify responsible parties to complete the action steps once those action steps are clearly defined.
- E. Timeframe.** The planning group will need to continue its work to establish the timeframe for the completion of its identified objectives and action steps.
- F. Evaluation.** All Objectives will need to have defined measurable outcomes and methods and processes for evaluations developed.

V. Governance.

Structurally the Dairyland Housing Coalition has a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Recording Secretary that are voted on by the membership. The Coalition has established by-laws that are reviewed annually.

The Advisory Committee is the only standing committee of the DHC. The membership includes at minimum the DHC Chair and Vice-Chair, and up to 8 additional volunteer members. Their responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Review of bylaws
- Assistance with the DHC collaborative application
- Review of compliance issues required of the EHH and DHC funding sources
- Other tasks suggested by the WI BOS COC or DHC
- Assistance with nomination of officers
- Attend 90% of Advisory Committee meetings

Other possible committees may include but are not limited to: Point in Time, Membership (Engagement & Outreach), After-Hours Plan, etc.

YHDP is now a committee with Kelly Christianson, United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley, Robin Adams Western Dairyland, EOC, and Nicole Anderson, Lutheran Social Services taking the lead with the planning group and reporting out to the Dairyland Housing Coalition as a whole.

At the 3/8/2022 DHC Advisory Committee meeting it was agreed that the YAB would have a voting seat at the Dairyland Housing Coalition meetings. Attendance is not limited to a specific YAB member. The Advisory Committee also agreed that the YAB would have a voting seat on the Advisory Committee. This member would need to be consistent due to the nature of some of the discussions. A Confidentiality Agreement would need to be signed as required by all members. The Bylaws changes needed to reflect these decisions will be voted on at the May 2022 DHC meeting along with other recommended Bylaw changes. YHDP will also be a standing committee of the DHC

Structurally the West Central Coalition has a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Recording Secretary that are voted on by the membership. The Coalition has established by-laws that are reviewed annually. Committees are created with a majority vote of the membership. Task forces are created on an ad-hoc basis to accomplish a task specific assignment on a time-limited basis.

At the 4/19/2022 meeting, the West Central Housing Coalition voted to have two seats on the coalition as voting members for YAB representatives, one for the Dairyland + Chippewa YAB and one for the remaining West Central counties' YAB. The bylaws will need to be amended to reflect this change.

Kelly Christianson, United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley reports out the West Central Coalition.

VI. **Stakeholders** (List of partners, description of involvement)

Members of the group met weekly for 9 weeks. Much work was done on the goals, objectives and action steps. In hindsight, more work could have and should have been done in coalition building with various stakeholders.

| Partner Name | Role | Description of Involvement |
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| LeeAnn Brooke Vanessa Christyan | YAB | Members of the YAB will provide a representative to the Statewide YAB, the Dairyland and West Central Housing Coalitions, the Dairyland Advisory Board. The YAB will participate in the development of the project and sign off on the final Coordinated Community Plan. |
| Amy Giani-Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley | ESG and COC recipient | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| Ashley Stoll-Tandem Mentorship | Non-Profit Organizations | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |

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| Becky Stendahl-Eau Claire County DHS | Public Child Welfare Agency | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| Brooke-YAB | YAB | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| Charles Payseur-Chippewa Valley LGBTQ+ Community Center | Organizations that serve culturally specific (Black, Latino, Indigenous, people with disabilities, LGBTQ) communities | Provided Data |
| Christyan-YAB | YAB | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| Colin Malaney-Eau Claire County DHS | Juvenile and Adult Corrections and Probation | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| Dani Graham - Eau Claire Area School District | Local and State Educational Agencies | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| Dave Schaller-Chippewa Falls Area School District | Local and State Educational Agencies | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| Dave Solberg-City of Eau Claire | Local and State Government | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| Diane Cable-Eau Claire County DHS | Public Child Welfare Agencies | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| Erica Schoch-WestCap | ESG and COC recipient COC Lead | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| Georgia Crownhart-Eau Claire County Housing Authority | Public Housing Authorities | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| Hannah Keller-Eau Claire County DHS | Public Child Welfare Agencies | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| Jenn Barrett-CDC Outreach Office | Non-Profit Organizations | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| Jenny Almquist-Fierce Freedom | Non-Profit Organizations | Provided Data |
| Jenny Starck-Cadott Area School District | Local and State Educational Agencies | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| Jerry Wilkie -Eau Claire County Board | Local and State Government | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| Jessica Oleson-Bue- Chippewa County Housing Authority | Public Housing Authorities | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| Jill Christopherson-Eau Claire City Council | Local and State Government | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| JoAnna Bernklau-Marshfield Clinic | Health, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Agencies | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| Jodie Arnold-Lutheran Social Services | ESG recipient | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |

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| Keith Jonathon-City of Eau Claire Housing Authority | Local Housing Authority | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| Kelly Christianson-United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley | Non-Profit Organizations, YHDP Planning Team | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| Kevin Burch-Catholic Charities | ESG recipient | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| LeAnn Ring-YAB | YAB | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| Linsey Kaufman-Western Dairyland Head Start | Non-Profit Organizations | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| Nancy Kraft-Workforce Resource | WIOA Boards and Employment Agencies | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| Nate Otto-Eau Claire County Board Member | Local and State Government | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| Nicole Anderson- Lutheran Social Services | ESG Recipient, YHDP Planning Team | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| Rob Fadness-Eau Claire County DHS-Juvenile Detention | Juvenile and Adult Corrections and Probation | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| Robin Adams-Western Dairyland Coordinated Entry | ESG and COC recipient, CE Lead, YHDP Planning team | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| Shannon Parker-Catholic Charities | ESG recipient | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| Sherri VanVuren-Western Dairyland Head Start | Non-Profit Organizations | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| Stephanie Larson-Marshfield Clinic | Health, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Agencies | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| Thanh Bui-Duquette-UW Extension | Institutions of Higher Education | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| Tim Easker-Chippewa County Dept of Human Services | Public Child Welfare Agencies | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |
| True Vue-Eau Claire Area Hmong Mutual Assistance Association | Organizations that serve culturally specific (Black, Latino, Indigenous, people with disabilities, LBGTQ) communities | Attended one or more of the YHDP planning meetings |

As the work continues, the following are potential partners that could be included in the process. It is anticipated that other others will be identified as more work is completed.

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| Potential Partners |
| Boys and Girls Club |
| CVTC |
| Department of Human Services in Buffalo, Jackson and Trempealeau Counties |
| Domestic Violence service providers |
| Family Resource Center |
| Independent Living Skills providers |
| Mental Health providers |
| Nurse Family Partnership |
| Parenting education/support providers |
| Schools within all five counties |
| Substance Abuse treatment providers |
| UWEC |

VII. New Projects

It is anticipated that most unaccompanied youth under 18 years of age would likely enter the child welfare system if they were homeless. The Dairyland response system would more than likely be addressing the needs of young adults over the age of 18.

Based on the planning group discussions and YAB discussion there has been an interest in:

- Rapid Rehousing
- Transitional+Rapid Rehousing
- Host Homes/Family Care
- Peer Support
- Systems Navigators
- Outreach
- Supportive Services, including but not limited to:
 - Transportation
 - Internet Services
 - Cell Phones

A meeting is scheduled for 4/28/2022 for interested agencies to meet to discuss potential projects. All projects must include the HUD Key Elements of:

- Equity
- Positive Youth Development
- Trauma-Informed Care
- Family Engagement
- Housing First
- Youth Choice
- Social & Community Integration
- Coordinated Entry
- Special Populations

- Unsheltered Homelessness
- Individualized and Client-driven supports

VIII. Signatures

See below

IX. Other

Future steps

The Planning group has only begun to scratch the surface. Work will need to continue over the upcoming weeks. The YAB too has work to do. Much work has been completed over the last two months and we can be proud of that, but we cannot stop. Things to work on include but are not limited to:

- The Planning group needs to continue to meet to develop a timeline for the desired Action Steps and the responsible parties
- The YAB needs to catch up to the Planning group
- Recruitment for YAB members needs to continue.
- Data regarding the local subpopulations needs to continue to be explored.
- Agreements between agencies need to be identified.
- The response system in general needs to be clarified

What we are missing:

- Key partners identified above
- Buffalo, Jackson and Trempealeau Counties
- Stakeholders-More work needs to be done to engage them. Establishing action step timelines and who is responsible for the action step will likely be challenging.
- Services for parenting youth
- Data regarding special populations

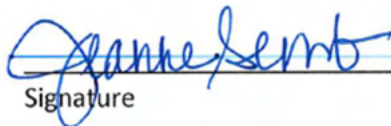
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Signature Page**

Local Homeless Coalition

The signature(s) below attests to our participation, approval, and support for the coalition's Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program's Coordinated Community Plan. The coalition promises to work collaboratively with our partners to implement the plan to prevent and end youth homelessness, including the goals and objectives outlined in the plan.

Jeanne Semb
Name (print)

Chair-Dairyland Coalition
Title


Signature

4/19/22
Date

Erica Schoch
Name (print)


Chair-West Central Coalition
Title

Erica Schoch
Signature

04/20/2022
Date

Peter Kilde
Name (print)

WIBOSCOC Board Rep- West Central Coalition
Title


Signature

4/21/2022
Date

Youth Action Group Members

The signature(s) below attest to our participation, approval, and support for the coalition's Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program's Coordinated Community Plan. We promise to continue the


efforts identified in the plan, including the goals and objectives to prevent and end homelessness in the coalition.

Brooke Frion _____ Brooke Frion _____ 4/19/22 _____
Name (print) Signature Date

Public Child Welfare Agency

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Tim Easker _____ Director- Human Services _____ Chippewa _____
Name (print) Title County

 _____ 4/18/2022 _____
Signature Date

Local Government

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Judy Gatlin _____ County Board Member-District 14 _____ Eau Claire _____
Name (print) Title County
 _____ 21 April 2022 _____
Signature Date

Brooke Frion

Kenosha

***Coordinated Community Plan to
Prevent & End Youth Homelessness***

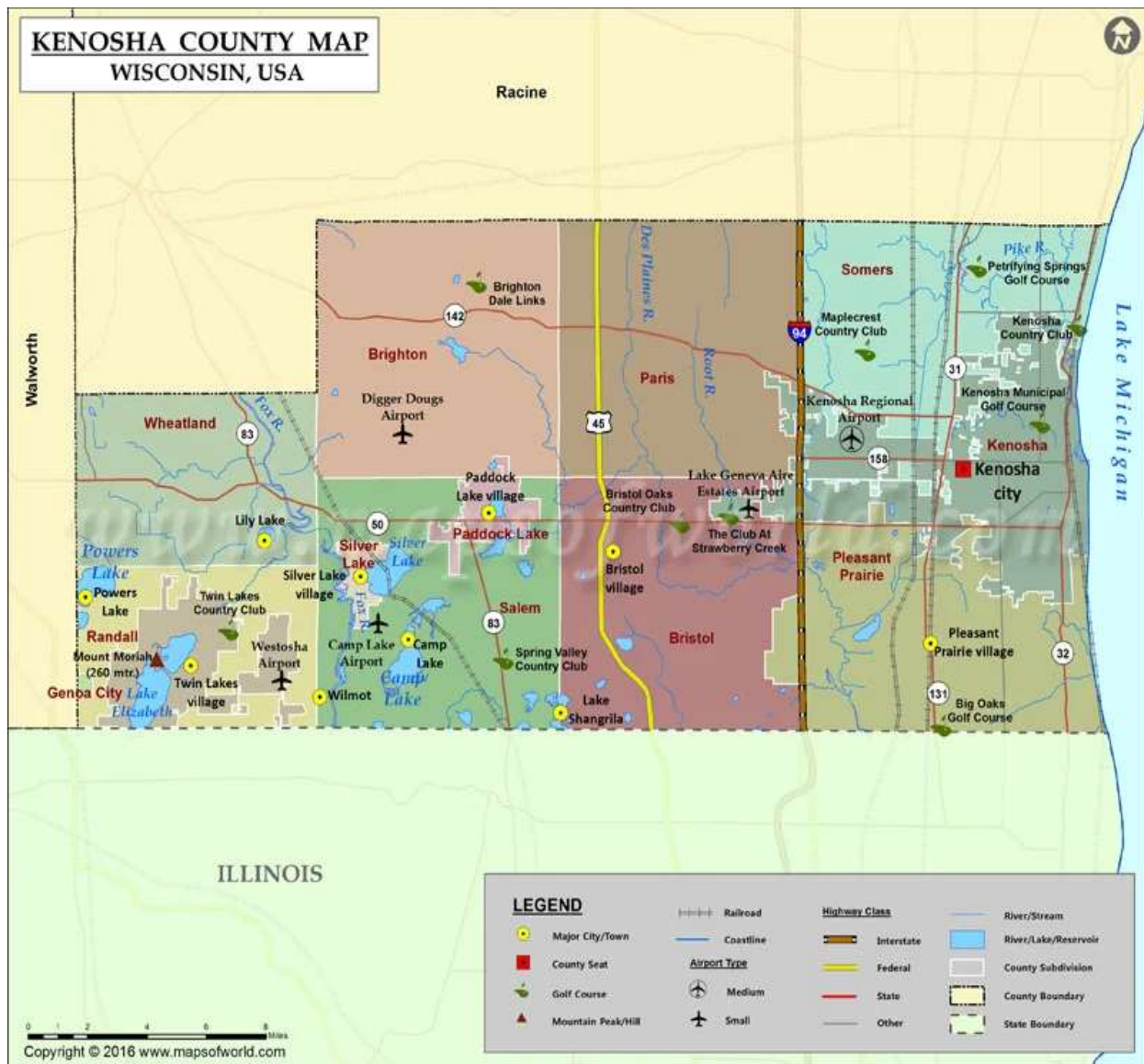


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Kenosha Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Coordinated Community Plan

Introduction

Kenosha County is an urban county (population 169,151), in southeastern Wisconsin, bordered by Lake Michigan to the east, Racine County to the north, Walworth County to the west, and the State of Illinois to the south. The municipalities in Kenosha County are the City of Kenosha (population 100,000), the villages of Pleasant Prairie, Somers, Salem Lakes, Twin Lakes, Bristol, Paddock Lake and the towns of Wheatland, Randall, Paris, and Brighton. Kenosha is considered part of the Chicago Metropolitan Area.



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Emergency Services Network

The Emergency Services Network (ESN) has acted as Kenosha's Local Coalition and served Kenosha County residents since 1986 as an unincorporated, collaborative, community-based effort to coordinate services, share information, attract increased funding, and eliminate duplication and gaps in services for individuals and families experiencing poverty and homelessness. The ESN currently has 41 membership organizations and maintains an ongoing, open invitation for new members to all entities in the private, public, and nonprofit sectors, including individuals, that have lived experience. The Members of the ESN provide key resources including food, shelter, clothing, and medical care, mental health services and make referrals to other resources in the community and surrounding area. By meeting monthly, we have been able to close many service gaps, collaborate more effectively and increase the quality and quantity of service to our community members in need.

ESN Values

- Collaboration
- Inclusiveness
- Empathy
- All people deserve to have their human needs met
- Dignity
- Warm respect
- Recognition
- Unconditional positive regard
- Independence

ESN Structure

Officers

The officers of the ESN consist of Co-Chairs and a Secretary-Treasurer.

WIBOSCOC Representatives

The WIBOSCOC representatives for the ESN are a voting Delegate who attends WIBOSCOC Membership meetings and a member of the board of directors of WIBOSCOC.

Committees

The committees of ESN include the following, as well as any others that the ESN may establish at a general meeting. Except for the Executive Committee, participation in any committee shall be voluntary and open to all members. Committees shall establish their own structures and procedures, subject to review, if requested, at a general meeting.

- Executive Committee
- Committee of the Whole (meet monthly)
- Emergency Food and Shelter Program (Standing Committee)
- Program Local Board (Special Standing Committee)
- Public Relations Committee (Standing Committee)
- Homeless Awareness and Prevention Partnership (Standing Committee)
- Hunger Prevention Council (Standing Committee)
- Energy Assistance Committee (Standing Committee)
- Legislative Committee

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Mission and Vision

Mission Statement

The BOS Mission Statement has been adopted by the Kenosha Youth Advisory Board on March 11, 2022.

The Kenosha YAB Mission was created by the Kenosha Youth Advisory Board on January 21, 2022:

“Through YAB Leadership and using our voice of experience we will develop a chain of resources that will provide an equitable space with adult partners to build and sustain a system with authentic policies that are nourishing, inclusive and empowering for young people.”

B. Vision Statement

The BOS Vision has been adopted by the Kenosha Youth Advisory Board on March 11, 2022.

The Kenosha YAB Vision was created by the Kenosha Youth Advisory Board on February 25, 2022:

The Kenosha YAB envisions that youth experiencing homelessness will have support, encouragement, and confidence to accomplish their goals by having a chain of resources to secure housing. Youth will then be able to obtain a higher education, better mental health, and an overall stable future.

Community History with Youth Homeless System – The Kenosha Local Coalition's history of addressing youth homelessness started in 1985 with an Innovative Youth Aids Grant that provided scattered site living arrangements for 17–21-year-old systems youth with intensive case management and ongoing informal aftercare. From that beginning, the system evolved to include and incorporate the following:

- A Federal Transitional Living Program (TLP) grant for 18-21 Homeless Youth with scattered living arrangements and intensive case management operated by Kenosha Human Development Services, Inc. from 1990 – 2017 (from 1990 to 2004 we had an in-house shelter for 5 youth at any point in time).
 - Program objectives/strategies:
 - ❖ Positive Youth Development
 - ❖ Safety: Find secure, stable, safe, affordable living accommodations where participants will be able to continue to live after program discharge.
 - ❖ Well-being/Self-sufficiency: Assist participants increase skills and income.
 - ❖ Self-sufficiency: Assist participants achieve greater self-determination.
 - ❖ Permanent connections: Assist participants identify and build a support network.
- A HUD supportive housing grant for Homeless Youth 18-24 years old from 1997-2018 written by the local BOSCO continuum, operated by Kenosha Human Development Services, Inc. and funded continuously for 21 years.
- Runaway and Homeless Youth Basic Center and Street Outreach Programming operated by Kenosha Human Development Services, Inc. and funded continuously for over 30 years
- A commitment from the Kenosha County Department of Human Services since 1985 to house all unaccompanied youth under 18 years old through the Independent Living Program operated by Kenosha Human Development Services, Inc.
- A long history (1985-present) of expertise in housing and supporting unaccompanied youth. Local BOSCO members have trained staff nationwide in supporting youth who are homeless through presentations, trainings, and publications.
- Executive Director of Kenosha Human Development Services, Inc. published an aftercare manual for youth leaving the system in 1987.
- Kenosha Human Development Services, Inc. became the aftercare provider for systems youth aging out of care in region IV (Racine, Kenosha, and Walworth Counties) in Wisconsin. We provide rental assistance, direct support, and case management.
- The Kenosha Housing Authority in collaboration with the Kenosha County Division of Children and Family Services, Prevention Services Network and Kenosha Human Development Services, Inc. added 70 FUP (Family Unification Program) Section 8 Vouchers to the community in 2010. Target populations are youth aging out of foster care and parents reunifying with their children with a lack of adequate housing.

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Statement from the Kenosha YAB

“The work that is being done is bringing resources and awareness to youth homelessness, if situations aren’t addressed, they will be ignored, and the cycle of youth homelessness won’t improve. We are dealing with a lot of homelessness and if we attack these situations, we will come up with better opportunities to help give youth an extra hand to prevent adult homelessness. Driven motives from YAB will end homelessness by reaching the community to ensure healthy and successful lifestyles.”

Statement of Need

The Kenosha Local Coalition used four main data sets on youth homelessness from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) that includes Point in Time, Coordinated Entry, Annual Data for all Coalition Projects and Runaway and Homeless Youth Street Outreach. Additional data on youth homelessness to determine need comes from the YAB and Kenosha Unified School District.

Point in Time (PIT)

In the January 2021 Point in Time (PIT), parenting youth households comprised 12.5% of the total number of households with children. Young adult households comprised 16% of the total number of households without children. It is important to note that there are no Transitional Housing Projects in Kenosha.

| Kenosha January 2021 Point In Time | Sheltered | | Unsheltered | Total* |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------|--------|
| | Emergency Shelter | Transitional Housing | | |
| Total | | | | |
| • Households (HH) | 46 | 0 | 5 | 51 |
| • People | 65 | 0 | 5 | 70 |
| Total (HH without children) | | | | |
| • Households (HH) | 38 | 0 | 0 | 38 |
| • People | 38 | 0 | 0 | 38 |
| Total (HH with children) | | | | |
| • Households (HH) | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| • People | 25 | 0 | 0 | 25 |
| Unaccompanied youth | | | | |
| • HH <18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| • People < 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| • HH 18-24 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| • People 18-24 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Parenting Youth | | | | |
| • HH <18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| • People <18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| • HH 18-24 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| • People 18-24 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Children of Parenting Youth | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |

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PIT Data - Additional Demographics - January 2021

| Number (%) | Parenting Youth | Young Adult | Unaccompanied Youth |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Gender | | | |
| • Female | 1(100%) | 1(17%) | 0 |
| • Male | 0 | 5(83%) | 0 |
| • Transgender | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| • Gender Non-Conforming | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Race | | | |
| • White | 1(100%) | 2(33%) | 0 |
| • Black or African American | 0 | 4(67%) | 0 |
| • Native American | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| • Multi-Racial | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| • Asian | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ethnicity | | | |
| • Hispanic/Latino | 0 | 1(17%) | 0 |
| • Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino | 0 | 5(83%) | 0 |
| Chronic Homeless | | | |
| • Household | 0 | 1(17%) | 0 |
| • Percentage of Total | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Coordinated Entry Data (2020-2022)

The Kenosha Local Coalition Coordinated Entry System data for the last three years shows a seventy-one percent increase in the number of parenting youth accessing the Coordinated Entry System while youth without children remained consistently below ten percent.

Prioritization List Totals (# of households)

| | 2/5/20 | 2/8/21 | 3/15/22 |
|--|--------|--------|---------|
| Households with Children | 10 | 12 | 36 |
| Parenting Youth (sub-set) | 2 | 3 | 7 |
| Percentage of Parenting Youth out of the Total | 20% | 25% | 19% |

| | 2/5/20 | 2/8/21 | 3/15/22 |
|---|--------|--------|---------|
| Households without Children | 60 | 43 | 90 |
| Young Adults 18-24 (sub-set) | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Percentage of Young Adults out of the Total | 8.3% | 0% | 5% |

Annual HMIS Data 2020 & 2021

Kenosha Local Coalition - All HMIS Projects Demographics Report (2020-2021)

A comprehensive review of all projects in Kenosha using HMIS shows that of the 669 people served in 2020 the total number of youth 17 years old and under is twenty-three percent and unaccompanied young adults 18-24 is fourteen percent of the total number of people served in all projects. In reviewing 2021 data, out of the 780 total number of people served twenty-three percent were 17 years old and under and eleven percent were young adults. The two-year comparison indicates a sixteen percent increase in the total number of people served. Although the number of youth 17 and under increased by sixteen percent from 2020 to 2021 the overall proportion remained consistent at twenty-three percent.

Figure 1 ALL HMIS PROJECTS 2020

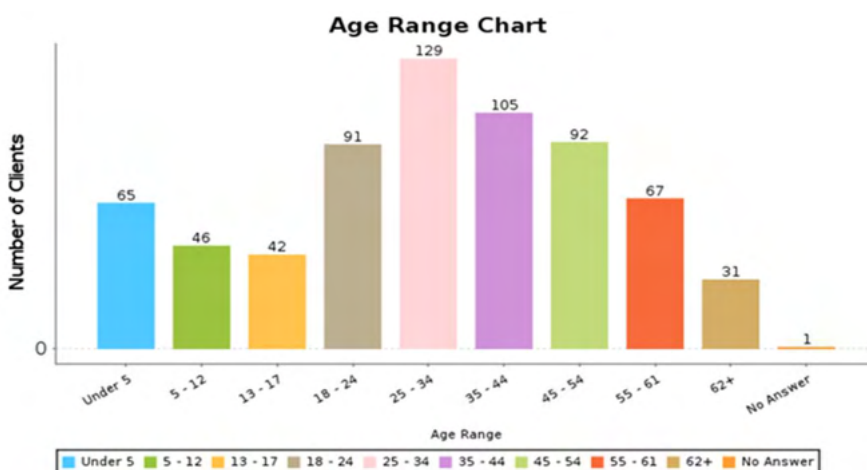
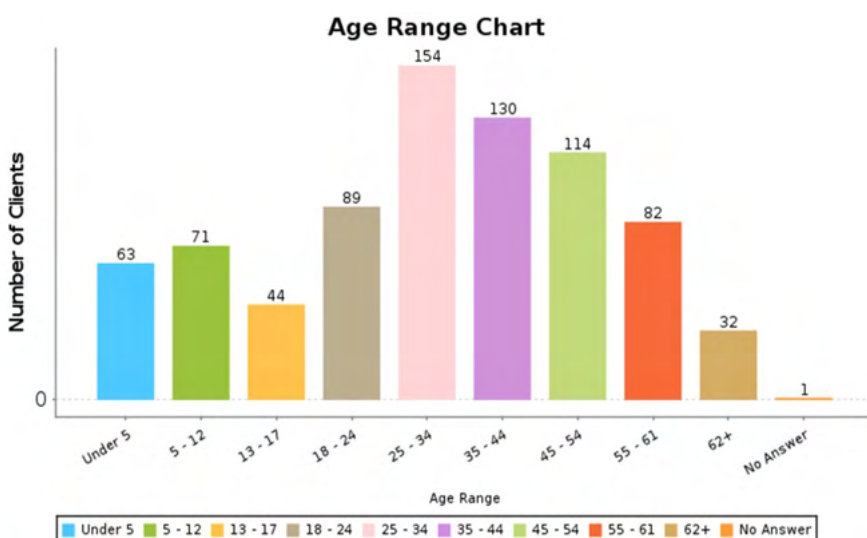


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Youth Focus Group

Members of the Youth Advisory Board were asked to share their thoughts based on experience of how many YYA are experiencing or at risk of homelessness at any point in time, and what type of services and housing for youth and youth adults is needed in Kenosha. Here is what they said:

"20 % of youth and young adults are experiencing homelessness in Kenosha any point in time is accurate with the data that is reported."

"Based on our experience, 80% youth and young adults are at risk of homelessness at any point time before becoming literally homeless."

"Transitional housing into short term rapid re-housing."

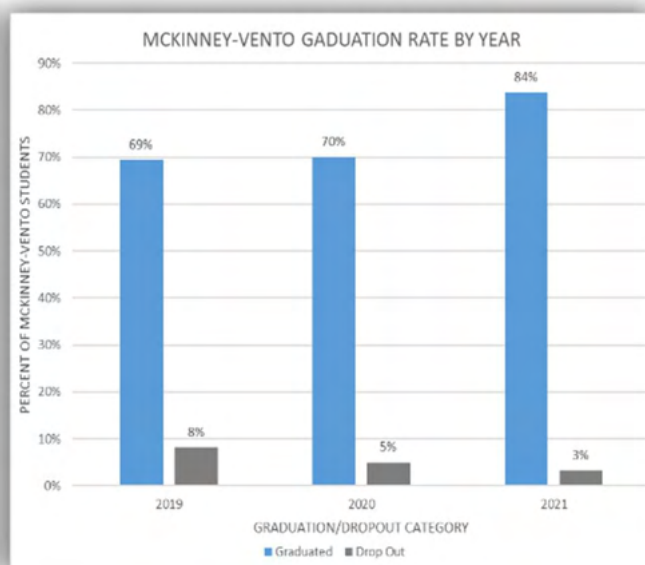
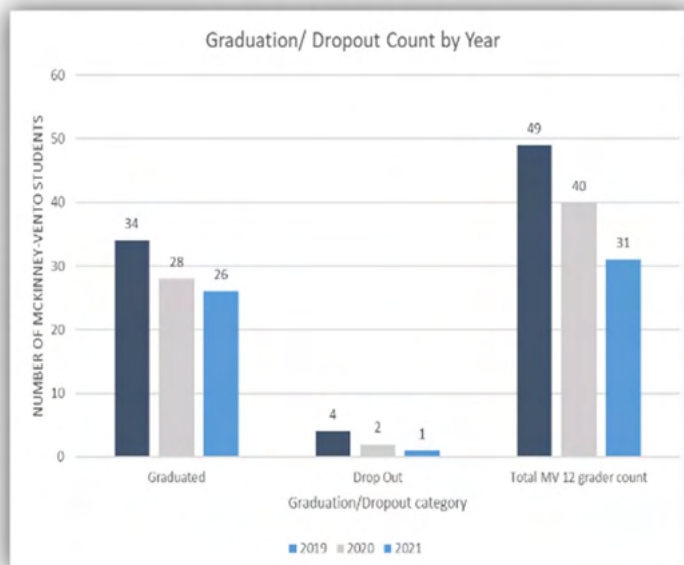
Census and Poverty Data

Kenosha County 2020 Census Bureau data reports a population of 169,151 with youth under 18 comprising twenty-two percent and young adults 18-24 years old comprising ten percent of the population. The poverty rate in 2020 for Kenosha County was eleven percent or 1 in 9 people. Based on data from the Annie E. Casey Foundation Kids Count Data Center, using US Census data, in 2020 eighteen percent of children were living in poverty.¹

Education

Based on Kenosha Unified School District (KUSD) data from the McKinney Vento Homeless Liaison, the 2019-2020 school year enrolled 464 homeless students. Of those students fifty-four or twelve percent were unaccompanied homeless youth. Data from the 2020-2021 school year showed that there were 320 students enrolled in the McKinney Vento program. Of those students sixty-two or nineteen percent were unaccompanied youth. The 2021-2022 to date data, 376 students enrolled with sixty-one or sixteen percent being unaccompanied homeless youth.²

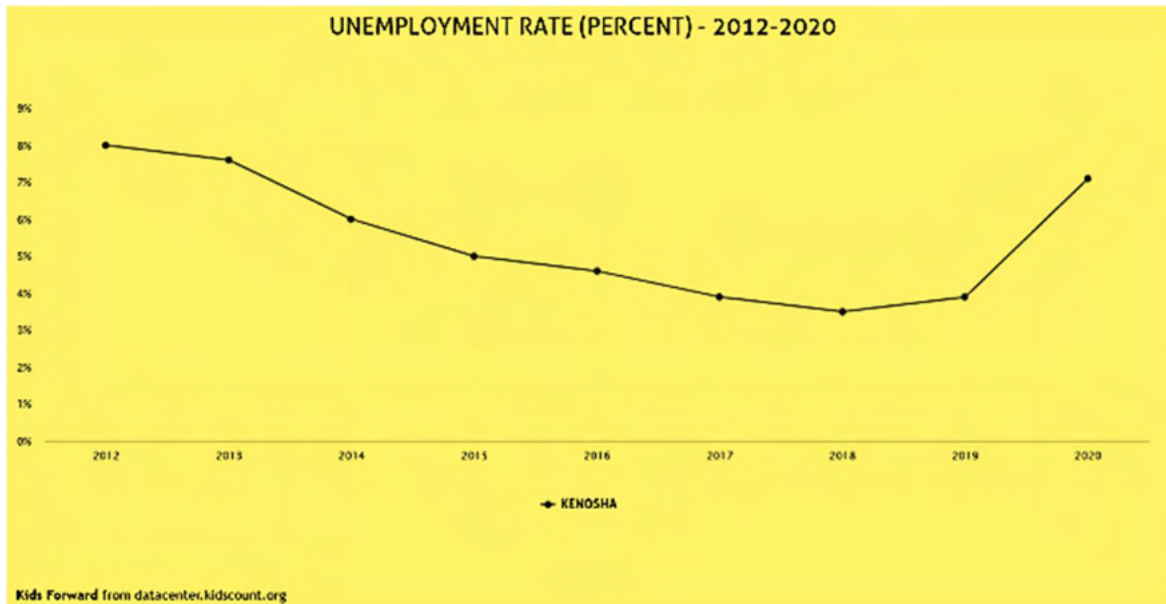
Infinite Campus/Wise Data Graduation/Dropout Rates



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Employment

The unemployment rate in Kenosha has increased from 3.5% in 2018 to 7.1% in 2020.³



FUP Vouchers

Kenosha County has 70 Family Unification Program Vouchers available to families experiencing a delay in reunification due to a lack of adequate housing, families that are at risk of separation from their children due to a lack of adequate housing and for youth 16 or older aging out of foster care who lack adequate housing. After the Kenosha Housing Authority completes the voucher intake process, the referring agency provides the supportive services to families for one year and to youth for 18 months.

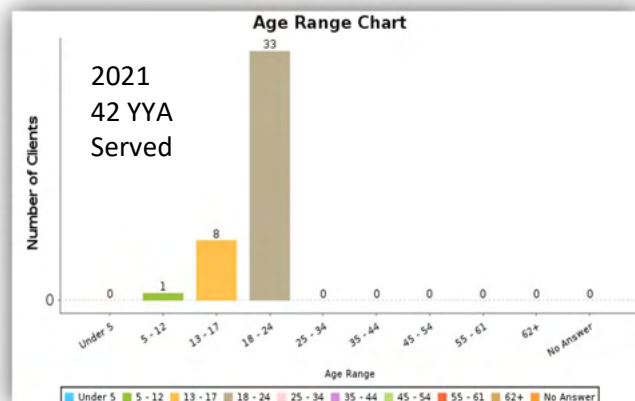
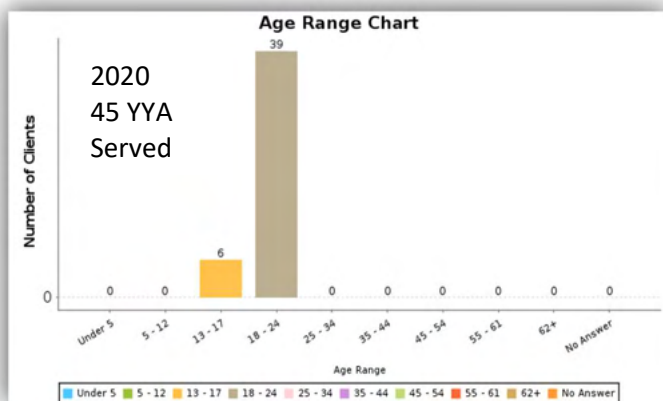
At any point in time, 9 of the 70 FUP vouchers are available to youth aging out of foster care 18-21 years old and 61 of the 70 vouchers are available to families with children. Since FUP inception in 2010, based on the Kenosha Housing Authority's Housing Software System, HAPPY/MRI, Inc. 23 referrals have been made for youth aging out of foster care and of those 23 referrals, 17 have leased up.

Low numbers of youth accessing a FUP voucher are a result of young adults feeling overwhelmed with the paperwork requirements which leads to a lack of follow through with the process. Youth are often unable to locate housing for a number of reasons. Landlords/Management Rental Companies require a income, credit and a record free of evictions. There is also a lack of available rental units in Kenosha (accepting Section 8 Housing Vouchers) and high rent amounts are high. Despite FUP providers spending a significant amount of time attempting to get youth to complete the process, youth are easily frustrated and lose interest in the program.

The Kenosha Housing Authority and referring FUP agencies participated in HUD Technical Assistance in 2021 and set goals to reach at least 80% of voucher lease up within a year. To assist with increasing FUP referrals, Coordinated Entry providers worked with FUP referring agencies to make necessary changes to the CE FUP screening process to ensure that all FUP eligible youth and families had equal access to FUP. At the six-month mark, 65% of FUP vouchers are leased up.

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HMIS RHY Street Outreach Data



The Runaway and Homeless Youth Street Outreach Program provides outreach to youth and young adults under the age of 21 who are runaways and/or experiencing homelessness. All youth represented in the HMIS RHY data are 18-21 years old. HMIS RHY data for 2020 indicates that all 39 18–24-year-old category were 21 and under. Forty-nine percent of the total number of youth served in all HMIS projects were 13-21 years old.

Racial Disparities

A review of the HMIS racial demographics of unaccompanied young adults and parenting youth, shows that fifty-four percent (2020) and forty-nine percent (2021) of young adults 18-24 years old served in Emergency Shelter and Street Outreach, were Black or African American. When compared to the 2020 US Census data that indicates seven-point four percent of Kenosha County residents are Black or African American there is a clear indication of racial disparities.

Mental Health

The prevalence of mental health and youth homelessness is well known ⁴ so the rates of mental health among 18–24-year-old young adults experiencing homelessness in Kenosha is no surprise. According to HMIS data, forty-seven percent of young adults in 2020 and fifty-four percent of young adults in 2021 who were living with a mental health issue. This is a seventeen-percent increase over the last two years.

Substance Use

Another contributing risk factor for young adult homelessness noted in Kenosha’s HMIS data is the presence of substance use. From 2020 to 2021 HMIS data indicates a one hundred- and eighty-three percent increase of young adults 18-24 years old living with a substance use.

Summary of Need

The Kenosha Local Coalition’s recent collaboration with young adults with lived homeless experience and our extensive history of providing youth focused services and homeless programming, coupled with our data analysis helps us to recognize the current service gaps and needs for young adults experiencing homelessness in the community.

The Youth Advisory Board (YAB) voice indicates that there is a continued need for housing and supportive services dedicated to unaccompanied young adults in Kenosha. Based on YAB experience, Point in Time data is reflective of what is happening in the community. YAB also shared that there is a high percentage of youth who are at risk of homeless and that there is a need for a transitional to rapid rehousing project. During our Gap Analysis meeting with YAB and YHDP stakeholders we learned from YAB members that often, young adults experiencing homelessness are not comfortable accessing emergency shelter and the preference is for youth and young adult specific programming.

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Reflecting on our experience with operating site-based and scattered-site homeless programs for young adults reminds us of the positive impact that youth specific services had in our community. We celebrated the success of so many youth, some who grew up in homeless shelters, some who aged out of foster care and others who were pushed out of their home with nowhere to go for a variety of reasons. We helped young adults learn skills, take steps to achieve wellness, make permanent connections with a support system and watched growth through Positive Youth Development. As our only youth specific service, the Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Street Outreach Program currently does not have access to immediate housing options for youth and young adults experiencing homelessness. Both our RHY HMIS data and young adults in the RHY program are telling us Kenosha young adults would benefit from a YHDP funded project.

The main data indicators for housing needs come from the 2020 and 2021 HMIS reports for all HMIS Projects and the high number of unaccompanied youth and young adults in the Kenosha Unified School District.

An analysis of our annual HMIS data for all projects in the coalition shows there is an average of ninety young adults ages 18-24 years old who experience homelessness in Kenosha each year. A three-year data comparison of Kenosha Unified School District students shows an average of fifty-nine unaccompanied youth per year experienced homelessness.

When considering that there is a higher percentage of Black/African American, unaccompanied youth and parenting youth, that experience homelessness we understand the need to provide equitable, nourishing and inclusive services that promotes overall stability.

A two-year comparison of HMIS data shows an increase of substance use and mental illness among young adults experiencing homelessness. This increase informs us that meeting the basic need for stable housing is a crucial first step before young adults are able to address other life crises and take advantage of other needed resources to help improve overall quality of life.

The YAB voice, data and our experience support that Kenosha has a need for youth specific housing and culturally sensitive supportive services that helps young adults achieve greater self-determination. As we continue to navigate the YHDP process, future efforts regarding data will include analyzing Kenosha County data on an ongoing basis and gathering education and employment data as it relates to youth and young adults.

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Goals, Objectives, Action Steps

GOAL 1: STABLE HOUSING: Youth and young adults (YYA) are immediately provided with Safe, supported, and flexible housing options that reflect their individualized needs and pave the way for long-term sustainable housing.

OBJECTIVE 1: Develop a transitional housing to Rapid Rehousing project that provides YYA with up to 3 years of supportive housing services.

ACTION STEPS:

- Action Step 1.1: Work with the YAB to design a Transitional to Rapid Rehousing Project that meets the needs of local YYA.
- Action Step 1.2: The YAB will assist to implement youth dedicated Transitional to Rapid Rehousing and apply YHDP funding to support the Transitional to Rapid Rehousing Project.
- Action Step: 1.3: Work with the YAB to design comprehensive service packages to implement the Transition to Rapid Rehousing Project.
- Action Step: 1.4: Hire a Housing Navigator to provide, support, advocacy, and mediation to support YYA on the right path to successful permanent housing sustainability.
- Action Step: 1.5: The YAB will work with UW-Extension to tailor the rent-smart training to youth and young adults.
- Action Step 1.6: The YAB and Homeless Awareness and Prevention Partnership (HAPP) will work together to create and facilitate a Landlord Forum to ensure there is strong partnerships between the YYA and landlords community.

| Partner(s) Responsible | | Timeframe | |
|--|--|---|---|
| YAB, Kenosha Human Development Services, Inc., HAPP Committee (KHDS, Shalom Center, Sharing Center, Women and Children’s Horizons, KUSD), UW-Extension | | Spring 2023 and Ongoing | |
| HUD Key Principles | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Equity | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive Youth Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Trauma-Informed Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Engage |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing first | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Youth Choice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Integration | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coordinated Entry |

GOAL 2: PERMANENT CONNECTIONS: YYA will have healthy and nourishing services that includes assistance with connecting to the community, school, and other social networks.

OBJECTIVE 2: Develop easily accessible opportunities for you to connect to services that meet their individualized needs for permanent connections.

ACTION STEPS:

- Action Step 2.1: Work with the YAB to create a social media platform to organize and provide information on YYA focused community and school events and other available social networks.
- Action Step 2.2: Work with YAB to develop diverse resources for community service learning/volunteer opportunities.
- Action Step 2.3: Assist YYA to determine desired permanent connections and to support those connections.
- Action Step 2.4: Provide Training to community stakeholders, local coalition members and service providers to ensure that available services are diverse, equitable and inclusive.

| Partner(s) Responsible | | Timeframe | |
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| YAB, UW-Extension, RHY Street Outreach | | Ongoing | |
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| GOAL 3: EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT: Enhance the partnership between education and the employment system with opportunities and interventions that support healthy living. | | | |
| OBJECTIVE 3: To ensure YYA is connected to educational and employment opportunities that support self- sufficiency. | | | |
| ACTION STEPS: | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Action Step 3.1: Continue Partnering with KUSD McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison, School Social Workers, and Guidance Counselors to promote skill development for success.• Action Step 3.2: Work with KUSD Guidance Counselors to develop an approach to increase graduation rate.• Action Step 3.3: Develop and coordinate a clear educational pathway for two and four-year post-secondary programs.• Action Step 3.4: Collaborate and coordinate with the Boys and Girls Club and the Department of Workforce Development to connection to job assistance, skill training and career building. | | | |
| Partner(s) Responsible | | Timeframe | |
| Kenosha Human Development Services, Inc., Kenosha Unified School District, DWD, Boys and Girls Club | | Fall 2022 and Ongoing | |
| HUD Key Principles | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Equity | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive Youth Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Trauma-Informed Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Engage |
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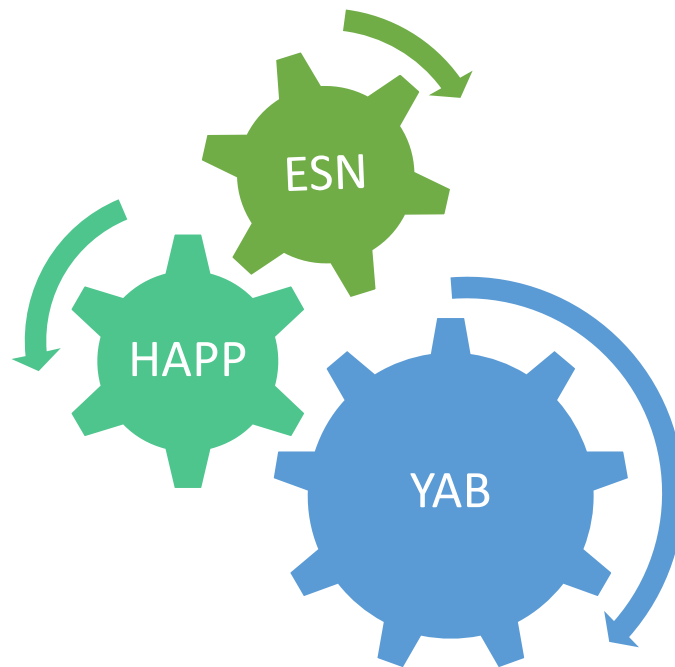
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| GOAL 4: SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING: Prioritize the overall health and wellness of YYA by meeting them where they are and providing an array of services and opportunities that supports the achievement of self-defined goals, dreams, and quality of life satisfaction. | | | |
| OBJECTIVE 3: To ensure that YYA have the appropriate support and interventions for overall social and emotional well-being. | | | |
| ACTION STEPS: | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Action Step 4.1: Use a trauma informed approach to assess needed and skill level• Action Step 4.2: Provide person-centered interventions that focus on teaching skills based on demonstration of need• Action Step 4.3: Connect YYA to positive community social outlets to promote peer-to-peer interactions, relaxation and learning opportunities | | | |
| Partner(s) Responsible | | Timeframe | |
| YAB, HAPP, UW-Extension | | Ongoing | |
| HUD Key Principles | | | |
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Governance

The Emergency Services Network will provide overall leadership to the sub-committees and work groups that are designed to facilitate the completion of required Local Coalition work. It is at the ESN level that voting on matters of policy or creating new policy occurs.

The Homeless Awareness and Prevention Partnership will provide leadership to the Youth Advisory Board and will be a work group under HAPP. YAB will have voice on the HAPP monthly agenda and bring forth any matters that require voting. The YAB Coordinator will attend monthly ESN meetings, bring forth any necessary YAB matters, report on YAB activities and vote on behalf of the YAB.

YAB membership requirements include young adults with experienced homelessness age 24 or younger who want to create change, are available to attend scheduled meetings, willing to participate in discussions and likes to problem-solve. Members will follow a consensus style for voting where a majority vote rules. The YAB Coordinator is voted in by members and is responsible for creating the meeting Agenda and taking minutes, submitting payments for member compensation and is the speaking representative for YAB. The process YAB recruitment and sustainability will include a questionnaire, interview and nomination to become a member.



Stakeholders

| Partner | Partner's Name & Role | Involvement |
|--|---|---|
| Youth Action Board | Kenosha Human Development Services, Inc.(KHDS) | Acts as Lead YAB Staff, recruit young adult members, create agendas, schedule, and facilitate meetings, ensure youth compensation. |
| Public Child Welfare Agencies | The Kenosha Division of Children and Family Services, Prevention Services Network | Participates in committee meetings and CCP development. Providing case management to youth parents. |
| Continuum of Care and Emergency Solutions Grant Program Recipients | Shalom Center, Women and Children's Horizons, KHDS. | Active Local Coalition participants, CCP developers and Coordinated Entry Access. Planning, strategic thinking (mission, vision, goals), engaging partners. |
| Local and State Government | Kenosha County Board of Supervisors | Participates in committee meetings and CCP development. |
| Runaway and Homeless Youth Program Providers | KHDS | Participates in committee meetings and CCP development. Provides street outreach services to runaway and youth/young adults experiencing homelessness who are unsheltered. |
| Health, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Agencies | KHDS | Participates in committee meetings and CCP development. Provide Access to information and referral to mental health and substance abuse providers, assessment for long term community mental health/substance programs, assistance with enrolling in insurance. |
| Juvenile and Adult Corrections and Probation | Kenosha County Juvenile Court Intake | Participates in committee meetings and CCP development |
| Public Housing Authorities | Kenosha Housing Authority | Participates in committee meetings, CCP development, and collecting data. Provides youth landlord resources. |
| Local and State Educational Agencies | Kenosha Unified School District Education for Homeless Children and Youth Liaison | Active local coalition members. Participates in committee meetings CCP development and data collection. |
| Educational/Vocational Support | Wisconsin Job Corps Outreach Admissions/Career Transition Specialist | Participates in committee meetings, CCP development, and BOS YHDP workgroup meetings |

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| Institutions of Higher Education | University of Wisconsin-Madison, Division of Extension | Active local coalition members. Participates in committee meetings, CCP development, YAB and stakeholder recruitment and BOS YHDP workgroup meetings. Writing, planning, engaging partners, connecting youth to resources. |
| Non-Profit Youth Organizations | Boys and Girls Club KHDS | Active local coalition members. Youth Character & leadership development, education & career development, health & life skills, the arts and sports, fitness & recreation. Participates in committee meetings and CCP development, recruiting YAB members. |
| Local Advocacy, Research, and Philanthropic Organizations | United Way | Advisory Role for CCP Development, service-learning opportunities for youth. |
| Community Development Corporations | Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce | Advisory Role for CCP Development |
| Organizations that serve culturally specific (Black, Latino, Indigenous, people with disabilities, LGBTQ, etc.) communities | Kenosha Pride | Invited to participate |

New Project

On April 8, 2022, the YAB invited the YHDP Stakeholders to attend the Kenosha Gaps Analysis meeting. Our conversations about Kenosha's access points, Coordinated Entry, crisis options, and housing options helped to inform the group of what the overall ideal system would look like.

Members agreed that the population focus would be young adults 18-24 years old due to the services provided by the Kenosha Division of Children and Families Services that helps keep families together and the commitment from the Kenosha County Department of Human Services since 1985 to house all unaccompanied youth under 18 years old through the Independent Living Program operated by Kenosha Human Development Services, Inc.

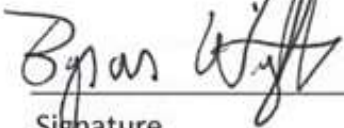

The ideal homeless response system would begin with increasing the number of Coordinated Entry Providers to expand access points, adding a homeless navigator responsible for diverting young adults from entering the homeless service delivery system or provide a connection to housing and mainstream resources and adding a Transitional to Rapid Rehousing Project that offers both crisis housing and housing options for young adults ages 18-24 years old.

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Signatures

Local Homeless Coalition

The signature(s) below attests to our participation, approval, and support for the coalition's Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program's Coordinated Community Plan to End Youth Homelessness. The coalition promises to work collaboratively with our partners to implement a comprehensive system to prevent and end youth homelessness, including the goals and objectives outlined in the plan.

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| Byron Wright | Board Co-Chair |
| _____ Name (print) | _____ Title |
|  _____ Signature | 4/21/2022 _____ Date |
| Veronica Judon | Chair, Homeless Awareness and Prevention Partnership |
| _____ Name (print) | _____ Title |
|  _____ Signature | 4/22/2022 _____ Date |


Youth Action Group Members

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| Samantha Onslow |  _____ Signature | 4/22/2022 _____ Date |
| Romni Price |  _____ Signature | 4/22/2022 _____ Date |
| Jasmin Gibson |  _____ Signature | 4/22/2022 _____ Date |
| Emely Arroyo-Castelan |  _____ Signature | 4/22/2022 _____ Date |

Public Child Welfare Agency

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| Ron Rogers | Director, Kenosha County Division of Children and Family Services | Kenosha |
| _____ Name (print) | _____ Title | _____ County |
|  | 4/21/2022 | |
| _____ Signature | _____ Date | |

Local Government – Mayor John Antaramian is currently reviewing the plan and will provide a response next week.

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Wish List

- More education opportunities to learn about taxes, credit, budgeting in high school
- Partnerships
 - YMCA/RecPlex
 - Colleges
 - Gateway-Tailor Made for Success
 - High Schools
 - Goodwill
 - St. Vincent DePaul
 - St. Catherine's
 - Feathers Nest
 - Dress for Success
 - ELCA
- Household furniture and supplies for apartment start-up
- Transportation:
 - Place for people to donate cars just for young adults to loan or have
 - Ticket and Fine Assistance
 - Fund for license, vehicle registration fees
- Back to school fundraising – book bags, notebooks, etc.
- Host Fairs for: Employment, Resources, and Taxes
- Emergency Free Childcare
- Outreach for YAB recruitment

Balance of State YHDP

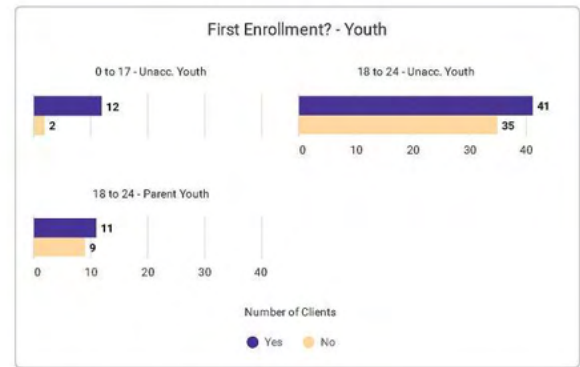
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Instruction: Balance of State YHDP Draft

1. Set Reporting Period Filter - Choose "in the last 1 complete year" OR set desired date range "is in range" [Start Date] until (before) [End Date PLUS ONE]

2. Project Type Code

- Emergency/Crisis: ES and SO
 - Housed with Support: all PH and TH
 - At-risk: Prevention
3. Set other parameters accordingly:
- Agency Name
 - Programs Info: Programs CoC (default to WI-500 for now) / Programs Name / Local CoC
 - Programs Funding Info: Program Funding Sources Active? / Program Funding Sources



| Race | | | | | | | |
|--------|---|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Race ^ | Unacc Youth (Under 18) | Unacc Youth (18-24) | Total Unaccompanied Youth | Parent Youth (Under 18) | Parent Youth (18-24) | Total Parenting Youth |
| 1 | American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | Black, African American, or African | 6 | 32 | 38 | 0 | 15 | 15 |
| 3 | Multi-Racial | 1 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | White | 6 | 29 | 35 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| 5 | Data not collected | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | | 14 | 66 | 80 | 0 | 19 | 19 |

| Ethnicity | | | | | | | |
|-----------|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Ethnicity | Unacc Youth (Under 18) | Unacc Youth (18-24) | Total Unaccompanied Youth | Parent Youth (Under 18) | Parent Youth (18-24) | Total Parenting Youth |
| 1 | Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x) | 10 | 56 | 66 | 0 | 17 | 17 |
| 2 | Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x) | 4 | 10 | 14 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 3 | Data not collected | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | | 14 | 66 | 80 | 0 | 19 | 19 |

| Gender | | | | | | | |
|--------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Gender | Unacc Youth (Under 18) | Unacc Youth (18- 24) | Total Unaccompane d Youth | Parent Youth (Under 18) | Parent Youth (18- 24) | Total Parenting Youth |
| 1 | Female | 8 | 36 | 44 | 0 | 17 | 17 |
| 2 | Male | 6 | 28 | 34 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 3 | Transgender | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | Data not collected | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | | 14 | 66 | 80 | 0 | 19 | 19 |

| Disability | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|--|
| Youth Types | Unacc. Youth | Unacc. Youth | Parent Youth | Parent Youth | TOTAL | |
| Age at Project Start | Under 18 | 18-24 | 18-24 | | | |
| Chronic Health | 0 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 6 | |
| Developmental | 0 | 9 | 9 | 4 | 11 | |
| HIV/AIDS | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | |
| Mental Health | 4 | 38 | 42 | 5 | 45 | |
| Physical | 0 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 6 | |
| Substance Abuse - Both alcohol and drug use disorders | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | |
| Substance Abuse - Alcohol use disorder | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 4 | |
| Substance Abuse - Drug use disorder | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | |

| Prior Living Situation | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|---|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Residence Prior to Project Entry ^ | Unacc Youth (Under 18) | Unacc Youth (18-24) | Total Unaccompanied Youth | Parent Youth (Under 18) | Parent Youth (18-24) | Total Parenting Youth |
| 1 | Emergency shelter, including hotel or motel paid for with emergency shelter voucher, or RHY-funded Host Home shelter | 1 | 13 | 14 | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| 2 | Place not meant for habitation (e.g., a vehicle, an abandoned building, bus/train/subway station/airport or anywhere outside) | 1 | 36 | 37 | 0 | 11 | 11 |
| 3 | Jail, prison or juvenile detention facility | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | Rental by client, no ongoing housing subsidy | 4 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | Hotel or motel paid for without emergency shelter voucher | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 | Residential project or halfway house with no homeless criteria | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7 | Staying or living in a family member's room, apartment or house | 3 | 14 | 17 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 8 | Staying or living in a friend's room, apartment or house | 5 | 7 | 12 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| 9 | ⊖ | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | | 14 | 66 | 80 | 0 | 19 | 19 |
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| Exit Destinations | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|---|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Destination ^ | Unacc Youth (Under 18) | Unacc Youth (18-24) | Total Unaccompanied Youth | Parent Youth (Under 18) | Parent Youth (18-24) | Total Parenting Youth |
| 1 | Emergency shelter, including hotel or motel paid for with emergency shelter voucher, or RHY-funded Host Home shelter | 1 | 8 | 9 | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| 2 | Place not meant for habitation (e.g., a vehicle, an abandoned building, bus/train/subway station/airport or anywhere outside) | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | Foster care home or foster care group home | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | Psychiatric hospital or other psychiatric facility | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | Owned by client, with ongoing housing subsidy | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 | Rental by client in a public housing unit | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 7 | Rental by client, no ongoing housing subsidy | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| 8 | Rental by client, with other ongoing housing subsidy | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 9 | Rental by client, with RRH or equivalent subsidy | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | Staying or living with family, permanent tenure | 5 | 10 | 15 | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| 11 | Staying or living with friends, permanent tenure | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 12 | Hotel or motel paid for without emergency shelter voucher | 0 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 13 | Residential project or halfway house with no homeless criteria | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 14 | Staying or living with family, temporary tenure (e.g. room, apartment or house) | 1 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 15 | Staying or living with friends, temporary tenure (e.g. room, apartment or house) | 1 | 15 | 16 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 16 | Transitional housing for homeless persons (including homeless youth) | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 17 | Client doesn't know | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 18 | Client refused | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 19 | Data not collected | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 | No exit interview completed | 6 | 9 | 15 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Totals | | 14 | 64 | 78 | 0 | 19 | 19 |

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North Central- East Central

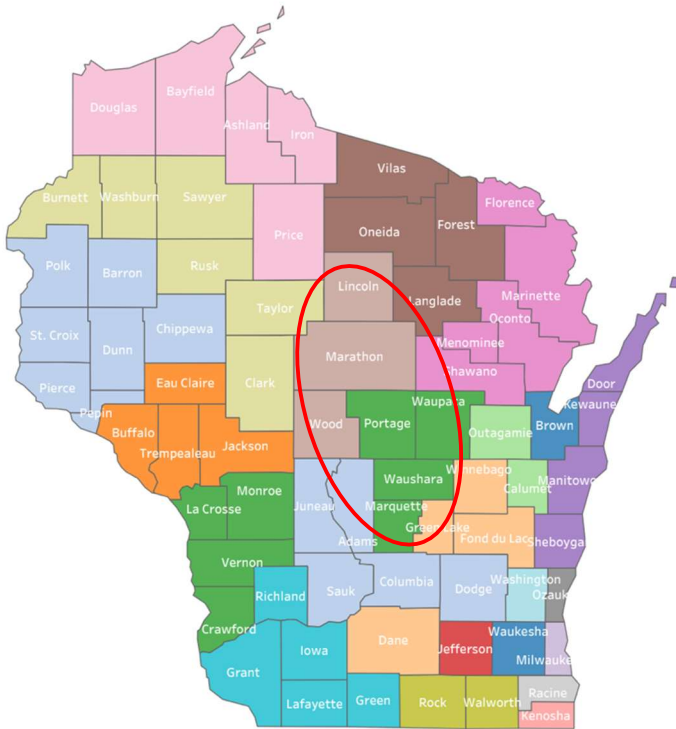
*Coordinated Community Plan to
Prevent & End Youth Homelessness*



WIBOSCOC

1) Introduction

The counties served under this sub-section of the WIBOSCO's Youth Homeless Demonstration Project Coordinated Community Plan are Lincoln, Marathon, Wood, Waupaca, Waushara, Marquette, and Portage Counties. As seen in the map below, these rural counties are in the north central area of Wisconsin. These counties form the North Central (NCC) and the East Central (ECC) local homeless coalition within Wisconsin's Balance of State CoC. North Central Community Action Program (NCCAP) is the lead organization.



The NCC meets Quarterly via Zoom as does the ECC. Community partners who are dedicated to helping strengthen the North Central and East Central communities with supports such as: housing, food, childcare, education, substance abuse counseling, mental health support, employment, etc. are essential, for lower income households to succeed and thrive. See the table in Statement of Need for involved partners, their roles in the community as well as the assistance they provide. Although 'formally' through the North Central and East Central homelessness Coalition meetings partners meet quarterly, many partners work together daily throughout the community to assist vulnerable residents in the community. Structurally, there is a governing agreement and a formal charter that outlines the requirements and rules for NCC as well as ECC voting, member behavior, partnerships obligations, meeting times, delegates, board members, and such to ensure the smooth operation of the Coalition. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is required to be a voting member of the NCC and ECC. While YHDP committee of the NCC and the ECC continues to take shape, its formal structure will evolve. As the YAB for North Central and East Central completes its formation, it will be a part of the larger NCC and ECC as well as the YHDP Committee. YAB's representatives will attend quarterly meetings and perform all membership functions of the Coalition members.

Acronyms used in this Coordinated Community Plan are:

BIPOC – Black, Indigenous, and people of color
CoC – Continuum of Care
CCP – Coordinated Community Plan
HMIS – Homeless Management Information System
HUD – Dept. Of Housing & Urban Development
LGBTQ+ – Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, plus
NOFO – Notice of Funding Opportunity
NCC – North Central Coalition
ECC – East Central Coalition
TA – Technical Assistance
WIBOSCOC – Wisconsin Balance of State Continuum of Care
YAB – Youth Action Board
YHDP – Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project
YYA – Youth and Young Adults
RHY – Runaway and Homeless Youth

2) Mission and Vision

The NCC and ECC are adopting the WIBOS Mission and Vision. This mission statement was created in partnership with Youth Homeless Demonstration Project-Technical Assistance providers (YHDP-TA) and WIBOSCOC YHDP Core Planning Team in the first quarter for 2022. The members include: Debbie Bushman, NewCAP; Andrew Rasmussen, Black LAX; Stephanie Holt, Community Member; Leigh Polodna, WI-BOS; Matthew Wilkin, Hebron House; Lisa Haen, KHDS; and 2 YAB Members.

The vision statement was also created by YHDP-TA and WIBOSCOC YHDP Core Planning Team in quarter one of 2022.

The North Central CoC originally started in 2012 as the separate Housing and Homelessness Coalitions of Marathon, Lincoln, and Wood Counties to address the needs of the homeless in this region of Wisconsin. In 2019 the coalition was renamed the North Central CoC to focus more inclusively on holistic community needs to address homelessness, not just housing. Additionally, the meeting content and structure was changed to be more educational in nature so partners and residents can be made aware of homelessness programs for referrals and networking. Prior to COVID-19, in-person meetings were held at the Marathon County United Way building because it was centrally located. The East Central Coalition organizational predecessor was the CAP CoC which was originated with the origination of HUD ETH/RRH funding prior to 2016.

The NCC and the ECC have approximately 50 separate agencies who are part of their joint Coalition. Although task forces and work groups are set up as necessary to identified gaps, community challenges remain regarding the securing of support services for: the chronically addicted, persons suffering mental health instability/stigma, as well as the availability of affordable housing and/or transitional housing.

The Youth Advisory Board (YAB) identified the following needs: community awareness and education, engagement from and access to schools (secondary and post-secondary), affordable housing, transportation, child care, as well as real-life skill building to mitigate homelessness. Additionally, they identified larger cultural issues around abuse and trauma that impede healthy relationship that ensure safety and housing security. The specific statement from the YAB follows below.

The NCC Youth Advisory Board (YAB), on behalf of the NCC and ECC identified that an essential need of homeless youth in our region certainly pertains to a lack of advertising and education on both current services and resources available to youth as well as continual developmental education in schools to maintain a realistic understanding of life skills and responsibilities adulthood entails, no matter what class of life youth come from. The YAB stated during

their time homeless they were not aware of more than half of the programs, services, and resources available to them, making advertisement of resources, services, programs and education their key component of need in the community. The YAB identified a need for knowledge provided in the education system regarding real life issues and responsibilities such as living skills, stable and safe housing, food, hygiene and general knowledge regarding finances and credit criteria. Additionally, with that, a large need is for general knowledge regarding what abuse in a family system or relationship can look like and how to recover and find the assistance and tools to overcome trauma and lead a healthy life with learned coping knowledge and skills. The YAB identified this as an essential need as trauma was the core issue that led to their homelessness. The YAB found a need for trauma education in schools essential to solving core issues that lead to homelessness such as mental illness and substance abuse. The YAB also identified a need for affordable and safe housing guidance and direction to assist their housing needs being met. The YAB identified a need for transportation services for youth. The YAB expressed access to transportation assists in paving a way for needed access to education or employment opportunities, which, is essential to driving youth success and growth, overall assisting with the goal to preventing and ending youth homelessness. The YAB identified the need of assistance or program that offers case by case assistance to youth who want to access a high school or college education but may be limited to that experience due to working long hours in order to support themselves, youth parents who do not have access to child care or the many other extenuating circumstances youth may face that could impede their access to high school or higher education.

The NCC and ECC Coalition members have been providing youth services for several decades. The Boys and Girls Club, the Girls Scouts, YMCA- Camp Sturtevant, and HOMME HOME are area non-profits of long-standing serving youth in the community. Also, the Salvation Army has a support group for unstably housed youth. Additionally, these youth specific program have been implemented *within the last three years*:

North Central Health Care Center. A behavioral and mental health center, provides outreach and a Youth Crisis Center; Positive Alternatives is a group home that provides counseling to troubled youth and provided necessary living skills; and Mission Grounds is a local non-profit that provides a safe space for youth to congregate, no adults are allowed (only its own non-profit staff).

3) Statement of Need

The NCC and ECC Coalition report that in the most recent Point In Time count (January 2022) there was one young adult in shelter. The PIT data from January 2021 w 3 young adults in shelter. The Coordinated Entry report run for the region on March 15th 2022 is as follows:

- NON-HMIS had 1 household without children and 1 household with children (5 individuals in household) and HMIS had 6 households without children and 3 households with children (10 individuals in households).
- Based on the data in the below chart, there is great unmet need in the Coalition's region.

North and East Central YHDP: Basic Data Priorities Collected in area of NCC and ECC

| Population | Data Source(s) | Estimates of Number of Youth | Needs: Housing, Education & Employment, Social and Emotional Wellbeing |
|--|--|------------------------------|---|
| <i>At-risk unaccompanied youth*</i> | Annie E. Casey ¹ Census ² | 1,775 | Need Landlords who will rent to young adults without credit history, mentorship, basic needs (food, healthcare) |
| Unaccompanied youth <i>experiencing homeless*</i> | Annie E. Casey ¹ Census ² | 4,817 | Housing, a safe place to go with social and emotional supports |

¹ Annie E Casey Kids Count: County Projections of Population 2020. (2020). Anne E Casey Foundation.
<https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/tables/8208-child-population#detailed/5/7041-7052,7054-7080,7082-7091,7093-7112/true/574/64,6/16726>

² U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts: United States. (2020). Census Bureau QuickFacts. Retrieved February 2022, from
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| At-risk pregnant or parenting youth* | WI DHS ³ | 132 | Housing and basic needs support (food, household supplies, access to baby items which are very expensive, social and emotional supports |
| Pregnant or parenting youth <i>experiencing homeless</i> * | Coalition Internal Data ⁴ | 3 | Need a safe place to go like a shelter or home who is willing to take a youth in |
| LGBTQ+ and gender non-confirming youth** | Calculation based on 2019 YRBS ⁵ and Census ² | 40,290 (10% est) | Emotional and social support, housing |
| Youth involved with Juvenile Justice** | WI DOJ ⁶ | 13,726 | Mentorship, emotional and social supports, housing, connection to education and employment |
| Youth involved with child welfare** | WI DCF 202 Annual Report ⁷ | 2,042 | Need a safe place (counseling agency or support group) to discuss real life experience (what is actually going on in foster care or home life) |
| Victims of sexual trafficking and exploitation** | | 0 | Although none identified here, community needs to be more involved with the YHDP Committee to explore this issue |
| Youth with disabilities (including HIV/AIDS) | WI AIDS/HIV Program ⁸ Census ² Calculation Bureau Labor Statistics ⁹ | 5 HIV+ 14,980 (17.9% est) | Education, employment, connection to emotional support groups and mentorship |
| Minors (young people under the age of 18)** | Annie E. Casey ¹ Census ² | 774 | Housing and basic needs supports, KATS can provide this currently |

³ WISH Query: Teen Births Module (Teen Birth Rates). (2021, September 28). Wisconsin Department of Health Services. <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wish/teen-birth/form.htm>

⁴ D. Sennholz, personal communication, March 4, 2022

⁵ McCoy, Katherine. 2019 Wisconsin Youth Risk Behavior Summary Report. Madison: Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, 2020

⁶ Wisconsin Department of Justice. (2020). Wisconsin Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Data Dashboard Center. UCR Arrest Data. Retrieved March 2022, from <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/dles/bjia/ucr-arrest-data>

⁷ Department of Children and Families. (2021, December). Wisconsin Child Abuse and Neglect Report 2020. DCF Child Welfare Research and Analytics Section. <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/cwportal/reports/pdf/can.pdf>

⁸ Y. Ou, HIV Surveillance Supervisor, WI DHS, personal communication, March 28, 2022

⁹ Disability Employment Statistics. (n.d.). U.S. Department of Labor. Retrieved March 2022, from <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/research-evaluation/statistics>

In addition to the above essential HUD population statistics for the Coalition's region of Wisconsin, these data points are helpful in understanding the region's challenges:

| | Census ² Total population | Poverty ² Rate | Children Living in Poverty ² | Education DPI Report Cards ¹⁰ | Unemploy- ment Rate ¹¹ | Housing Burden by Total Household ¹² | McKinney- Vento Students 2018-19 ¹³ | McKinney- Vento Students 2019-20 ¹³ |
|-----------|--|------------------------------|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| Portage | 70377 | 8.30% | 628 | 71.10 | 5.40% | 6748 | 139 | 163 |
| Lincoln | 28415 | 7.70% | 225 | 72.40 | 5.90% | 2573 | 61 | 45 |
| Wood | 74207 | 9.40% | 763 | 72.34 | 6.70% | 6775 | 337 | 283 |
| Marathon | 138013 | 6.70% | 1192 | 75.45 | 5.00% | 12078 | 340 | 131 |
| Waupaca | 51812 | 8.00% | 500 | 72.64 | 5.50% | 5050 | 152 | 190 |
| Waushara | 24520 | 10.50% | 246 | 73.37 | 6.30% | 2427 | 38 | 33 |
| Marquette | 15592 | 10.30% | 95 | 67.85 | 6.70% | 1754 | 1 | 1 |
| | 402936 | 8.70% | 3649 | 72.16 | 5.93% | 37405 | 1068 | 846 |

In these rural counties there is variation in the data by area but the story the data tells is that poverty and unemployment trouble all residents, in comparison with state averages, 10% and 3.1% respectively (US Census and BLS). Additionally, Child Abuse and Neglect data show that for North Central 34% of the 3,141 reports are screened in while 29% of the 1,940 reports in East Central are screened in for investigation. Nearly 10% of the region's population has an undue Housing Burden.

| Binge Drinking YA ¹⁴ | | Domestic Violence ¹⁵ | Incidents |
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| Portage | 28.30% | Portage | 158 |
| Lincoln | 17.70% | Lincoln | 84 |
| Wood | 22.90% | Wood | 350 |
| Marathon | 22.20% | Marathon | 719 |
| Waupaca | 21.20% | Waupaca | 208 |
| Waushara | 18.20% | Waushara | 75 |
| Marquette | 15.00% | Marquette | 47 |

Unfortunately, Waushara (49), Waupaca (39), Marquette (33), and Portage (21) are in the 50 Top Drunkest Counties in America per 24/7 Wall St¹⁶ for adults. Young adults seem to be following their elder's behavior.

Also, Domestic Violence (WI DOJ) data shows an upwards trend as well, with pandemic data not yet included.

¹⁰ Report Cards - 2018–19. (n.d.). Accountability Report Cards. Retrieved March 2022, from <https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards/home>

¹¹ Annie E. Casey Foundation. (n.d.). Unemployment rate in Wisconsin 2012–2020. Kids Count Data Center. Retrieved March 2022, from <https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/tables/7424-unemployment-rate?loc=51&loc=5#detailed/5/7041-7112/false/574,1729,37,871,870,573,869,36,868/any/14505>

¹² Households with housing costs of more than 30% of income 2010–2020 | KIDS COUNT Data Center. (n.d.). Kids Count Data Center. Retrieved March 2022, from <https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/tables/8919-households-with-housing-costs-of-more-than-30-of-income?loc=51&loc=5#detailed/5/7041-7112/false/2049,1770,1711,1637,1569,1496,1364,1234,1068,971/any/17843,17914>

¹³ Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. (n.d.). WISEdash Public Portal - Department of Public Instruction. WISEdash Public Portal. Retrieved February 2022, from <https://wisedash.dpi.wi.gov/Dashboard/dashboard/18110>

¹⁴ Wisconsin Department of Health Services. (n.d.). Alcohol: Adult Use Dashboard. Retrieved March 2022, from <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/alcohol/adult-use.htm>

¹⁵ State of Wisconsin Department of Justice. (2019). Domestic Abuse Data. Wisconsin Department of Justice. Retrieved March 2022, from <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/dles/bjia/domestic-abuse-data>

¹⁶ Stebbins, S. (2021, October 8). The 50 Drunkest Counties in America. 24/7 Wall St. Retrieved March 2022, from <https://247wallst.com/special-report/2021/10/08/americas-drunkest-counties/>

| County | School District | Graduation Rate ¹⁰ | County | School District | Graduation Rate ¹⁰ |
|---|-------------------|-------------------------------|----------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Marquette | Montello | 95.20% | Lincoln | Merrill | 92.70% |
| | Westfield | 88.30% | | Tomahawk | 91.30% |
| Portage | Almond-Bancroft | 100.00% | Marathon | Athens | 92.90% |
| | Rosholt | 97.90% | | D C Everest | 95.00% |
| | Stevens Point | 90.10% | | Edgar | 89.20% |
| | Tomorrow River | 96.60% | | Marathon City | 95.20% |
| Waupaca | Clintonville | 84.20% | | Mosinee | 94.50% |
| | Iola-Scandinavia | 92.00% | | Spencer | 93.20% |
| | Manawa | 96.70% | | Stratford | 98.90% |
| | Marion | 94.30% | | Wausau | 88.90% |
| | New London | 91.90% | Wood | Auburndale | 94.20% |
| | Waupaca | 94.30% | | Nekoosa | 89.20% |
| | Weyauwega-Fremont | 100.00% | | Pittsville | 97.70% |
| Wausara | Tri-County | 97.40% | | Port Edwards | 92.60% |
| | Wautoma | 93.50% | | Marshfield - Unified | 91.80% |
| | Wild Rose | 100.00% | | Wisconsin Rapids | 93.80% |
| **Graduation rates in the Coalition's region vary from 100% graduation to a low of 84.2%.** | | | | | |

Regarding the needs of Youth and Young Adults in the NCC and ECC region, it is markedly apparent that youth are not utilizing Homeless and RHY services at the rate that demographic indicators show they could be and need to be accessing assistance. The high rates of underutilization in rural Wisconsin communities is the reason WIBOSCO was awarded the YHDP funding from HUD.

In summary, the youth and young adults of the NCC and ECC Coalition communities in some ways compare relatively well to the rest of Wisconsin. School graduation rates, although varying throughout the coalition's districts, are comparable to other Wisconsin districts. 15 of the 32 district's overall performance 'Exceeded Expectations' and the rest 'Met Expectations'¹⁶. Fortunately, according to the Institute on Poverty, all but one of the Coalition's counties are "not statistically different" from Wisconsin's average poverty rate¹⁷, but sadly on average 9.6% of the households have an undue housing burden¹² meaning over 8,000 youth under 18 are living in those households^{2 12} as well as the 3,649 living in poverty². Unfortunately, Domestic Violence is on the rise, per the Wisconsin Department of Justice¹⁵ and alcohol abuse is prevalent in the young adult population the same as it is in the adult population^{14 16}. Add onto this the affects that the COVID 10 pandemic has had on young people: increases in suicidality, poor mental health, and the loss of connectedness¹⁸ and it is obvious that YYA of NCC and ECC Coalitions are in danger. Housing, the basis of basic needs, is not meeting the need; exacerbated by violence, substance abuse/addiction, poverty as well as a lack of coordinated services to meets these and other pressing necessities. As indicated by the goals below, further coordination of and connection to resources in these communities is urgent. Youth and young adults from these communities need access to housing, educational and employment opportunities for self-sustenance, and support from trusted adults which will enable them to attain well-being.

¹⁶ Anderson, S. (2019, November 12). 2019 School Report Cards: All 419 Wisconsin Districts Ranked. Milwaukee, WI Patch. Retrieved April 2022, from <https://patch.com/wisconsin/milwaukee/2019-school-report-cards-all-419-wisconsin-districts-ranked>

¹⁷ UW-Madison, Institute for Research on Poverty. (n.d.). Who is poor in Wisconsin? – INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH ON POVERTY – UW–Madison. INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH ON POVERTY. Retrieved April 2022, from <https://www.irp.wisc.edu/resources/who-is-poor-in-wisconsin/>

¹⁸ Jones, S. E. (2022, March 31). Mental Health, Suicidality, and Connectedness Among High School. . . Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Retrieved April 1, 2022, from https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/su/su7103a3.htm?s_cid=su7103a3_w

4) Goals, Objectives, Action Steps

Goals on 4 core outcomes

Goal 1: Stable Housing - Youth & Young Adults are connected to resources to support them and assist them with finding safe, affordable, and flexible housing options that reflect their individualized needs and pave the way for long-term, sustainable housing.

Objectives:

Implement landlord engagement strategies to support youth in finding and maintaining stable housing.

Action step 1. Invite Landlord association to be part of the YHDP Committee.

Action step 2. Collect feedback from Landlords as to what potential issues in renting to young adults could be.

Action step 3. Stakeholders commit to Landlords that stakeholders will work intensively with the youth to address known and potential issues.

Provide youth with connections to partners/stakeholders who have available funding or programs to increase housing and emergency/crisis interventions.

Action step 1. Have continual communication with the YHDP Committee and local partners.

Action step 2. Increase awareness of services and resources available to youth through the YAB, Social Media, Partners and Stakeholders.

Action step 3. Case managers and partners will provide referrals for the Youth.

Ensure comprehensive case management is a core component of all youth projects.

Action step 1. Ensure housing grants if written include funding the core component of case management.

Action step 2. Engage all partners/stakeholders to commit to actively providing necessary services to the youth.

Action step 3. Ensure case management is happening by staying connected to partners and youth and being consistently informed about issues encountered.

Offer system navigators who walk alongside youth.

Action step 1. Utilize the YAB to provide support to other youth

Action step 2. Find volunteer mentors (typically found in church ministries) to provide support and help youth independent living skills.

HUD Key Principles

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| Housing First X <input type="checkbox"/> | Youth Choice X <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Integration <input type="checkbox"/> | Coordinated Entry X <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Special Populations <input type="checkbox"/> | Unsheltered Homelessness <input type="checkbox"/> | Individualized & Client-driven supports X <input type="checkbox"/> | |

How will we define success?

- Access to and maintain housing
- Recidivism rates remain low
- 3,6,12 month follow-ups provide positive feedback
- Housing stability (youth choice) at 30 days 90 dates, 6 months, etc. is present

Goal 2: Permanent Connections: Youth & young adults are supported in cultivating consistent, self-identified people who can respectfully guide, support, and advocate with them to get their needs met.

Objectives

Provide access to mentorship training for adults who will be working with YYA

Action step 1. YHDP Committee will research training availability and inform mentors of training opportunities

Action step 2. YHDP Committee/Partners will require mentors to participate in training opportunities

Action step 3. YHDP Committee will track trainings taken by engaging with mentors

Develop expectations to ensure youth have a say in who supports them both in agencies and chosen family or other natural supports.

Action step 1. YAB Coordinator will engage the youth regularly to encourage discussions amongst themselves so they can be more comfortable in identifying and voicing who their supports are.

Action step 2. YAB Coordinator will create a safe space for youth to discuss any and all concerns they have.

Action step 3. YAB Coordinator will connect with YHDP Committee/Partners to address any issues identified by the YYA

Increase staff training opportunities around Positive Youth Development, mentorship ideas, developing community connections outside of the homeless system, mental health crisis training

Action step 1. NCC and ECC coalition leads seek out training opportunities for staff.

Action step 2. Mandate monthly meeting requiring discussion of training opportunities.

Action step 3. Training is documented.

HUD Key Principles

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How will we define success?

- Interview for connections at 3, 6 and 12 month intervals
- Ask about support networks and report a positive if youth can identify at least 1 people older adult who is supportive (excluding staff in the program)
- Engagement with youth mentors in the community

Goal 3: Education & Employment - Youth & Young Adults have support to overcome barriers to be able to access a variety of education and employment opportunities to achieve the personal goals and financial stability necessary to thrive

Objectives

Increase relationships and opportunities that highlight alternative education pathways

Action step 1. Identify and invite more stakeholders to the YHDP Committee.

Action step 2. Increase awareness by using social media and marketing tactics.

Action step 3. Provide YHDP Committee members the opportunity to connect with each other using alternative communication methods such as Zoom, e-mail, phone calls, and in person meetings. Open to personal schedules and connecting with one or many persons.

Connect youth with more advanced apprenticeship opportunities as well as flexible internships for youth to explore career paths.

Action step 1. Case managers work with youth to identify interests, strengths, skills, and career goals.
 Action step 2. Case managers will connect with North Central Workforce Development Board to find open opportunities and connect with partners such as community colleges and temp agencies.
 Action step 3. Case managers/mentors provide youth with assistance in resume development as well as interviewing skills and necessary attire and proper grooming.

Increase awareness between the homeless system and education system to provide more access to all education pathways.

Action step 1. Share YAB data with the educators in the community to provide a greater understanding to youth homelessness.
 Action step 2. Facilitating a closer relationship with school educators and counselors by reaching out weekly with information and/or updates collected from YYA we encounter.

HUD Key Principles

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How will we define success?

- Measure the # of youth who enroll in and exit successfully from education and training programs
- Youth who are working report higher wages
- Youth who are enrolled in educational programs report high potential wages
- Employment is considered sufficient to have 1 job in which 30% of income goes to housing
 - Increases in income = livable wages
- Connections to childcare for parenting YYA

Goal 4: Social and Emotional Well-being - The health and well-being of YYA are prioritized by meeting youth where they are and providing them with the resources and supports they need to achieve happiness, health, self-sufficiency, and self-actualization

Objectives

Implementation of culturally sensitive, developmentally appropriate, comprehensive health education (mental, physical, sexual health & AODA) so youth are aware of options and strategies to live their healthiest lives

Action step 1. YAB Coordinator and YHDP Committee members seek to find resources and connections to educational trainings and supports groups for the YYA.
 Action step 2. Ensure mentors, staff, and volunteers are properly trained in diversity and other health and social well-being areas.

Offer professional development training on Positive Youth Development and Trauma-Informed practices

Action step 1. YHDP Committee will seek training opportunities to share with staff, mentors, and YAB.
 Action step 2. Require staff and mentors to attend training annually.
 Action step 3. Document staff and mentor training.

Increase access to resources for YYA who need substance abuse recovery support

Action step 1. Increase YHDP Committee stakeholders to include counseling agencies.

Action step 2. YAB Coordinator and staff/mentors to provide current marketing materials and pamphlets for substance abuse meetings and support groups to the YYA.

Action step 3. YHDP Committee members connect with the YAB members to conduct follow-up on access to resources for the YYA.

Let youth set their own goals - realize youths' power to meet life's challenges, giving them the ability to manage stress, function in their daily lives, and 'bounce forward' when faced with adversity or trauma

Action step 1. Ensure the YAB exists and continues to grow.

Action step 2. YAB Coordinator will stay connected to YAB to support their growth and provide direction when asked.

Action step 3. YAB Coordinator will connect with YHDP Committee members to address gaps and needs of the YYA

Action step 4. If gaps and need are identified, YHDP Committee will respond appropriately by writing additional grants or finding other resources needed to fill YYA needs.

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How will we define success?

- Higher composite score in health, dental health, mental health at exit or at a period of time after entry (HMIS)
- Pre- and post locus of control assessment
 - create assessment and track at certain intervals
- YYA self-reports increased health, mental wellness, social connectedness, self-esteem, etc.

5) Governance

Governance for the NCC and ECC is evolving due to the recent formation of the YAB and the YHDP committee. The North Central Community Action Program (NCCAP) is the lead agency with Diane Sennholz as the lead staff person from that organization. A more formal structure, inclusive of data sharing agreements and MOUs is anticipated for coordination of planning and service provision. Additionally, it is anticipated that the governance configuration would be similar to that of the WIBOSCOC's model of inclusive membership and voting requirements. The only current committee that can be considered active from NCC and ECC is the YHDP committee that will form to collaborate with the Youth Advisory Board (YAB). Other committees and workgroups will be formed on as needed basis. In parallel to the YHDP Committees recent formation, the YAB is also just taking shape with the strong involvement of CW Solutions, due to their role as a direct service provider for vulnerable, at-risk, and RHY YYA in the region. The YAB will have its own separate board from either the NCC/ECC that will coordinate and inform the YHDP committee. YAB members are encouraged to attend the NCC/ECC quarterly meetings as they have a voting voice at these meetings.

6) Stakeholders

| Partner | Partner's Name & Role | Involvement |
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| Youth Action Board | CW Solutions North Central and East Central Coalition | Convenes and supports YABs |
| Public Child Welfare Agencies | Merrill Community Homeless Center, Inc. (MAC Home) Marathon County Social Services Portage County Health and Human Services Lincoln County Social Services Wood County Human Services | Coordinates services between child welfare staff and homeless YYA |
| Continuum of Care and Emergency Solutions Grant Program Recipients | North Central Community Action Program (NCCAP) Salvation Army | Provides referrals to YYA |
| Local and State Government | Marathon County Government Wood County Government Lincoln County Government Portage County Government | Provides direction to their social services departments who encounter youth and would refer to homeless services |
| Runaway and Homeless Youth Program Providers | Keep Area Teens Safe (KATS) Marathon County CAP Services – Portage County | Links homeless youth and young adults to emergency shelter and services |
| Health, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Agencies | CAP Services- Mental Health Navigation North Central Health Care Marathon County Public Health Nurses | Navigates and links to mental health services Provides mental health services to YYA Provides Substance abuse services to young adults Linkages to healthcare, limited nursing care provided |
| Juvenile and Adult Corrections and Probation | Justice System Coordinator – Marathon County CW Solutions | Provides referrals and advocacy for the youth and young adults in the justice system Coordinates re: probation and parole for YYA |
| Local and State Law Enforcement and Judges | Plover Police Department Stevens Point Police Department Wausau Police Department, Merrill Police Department Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Judge O'Neill | Coordinates on local level re: RHY Advocates for the needs of the youth in the justice system |
| Public Housing Authorities | Wausau Community Development Authority: FUP Vouchers | Part of the Foster Youth to Independence voucher program, eligible youth are 18-24 yrs., left foster care or will leave within 90 days, and are or at-risk of becoming homeless |
| Affordable Housing Providers | None | Provides access to affordable housing |
| Early Childhood Development and Child Care Providers | Marathon County Headstart | Collaborates on referrals |
| Local and State Educational Agencies | Stevens Point Area School District Wausau Area School District Nekoosa School District Wisconsin Rapids School District Merrill School District NTC Alternative High School | Make referrals to non-profits who can assist with immediate needs |

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| Institutions of Higher Education | North Central Technical College Midstate Technical College UW-Extension | Coordinates necessary access and admissions to post-secondary educational opportunities |
| Non-Profit Youth Organizations | CW Solutions Keep Area Teens Safe (KATS) Marathon Positive Alternatives | Provides independent living programs for YYA, KATS refer those who turn 18 as they are no longer eligible for teen housing; Positive Alternatives will provide referrals and continue to work YYA in their group home environment. |
| Landlords | Rausch Properties | Provides housing |
| Privately Funded Homeless Organizations | Salvation Army Foundations for Living (Waupaca County-Jill Polifka) | Provides referrals Provides referrals |
| Local Advocacy, Research, and Philanthropic Organizations | United Way of Marathon County Marshfield Area United Way United Way of South Wood and Adams Counties Merrill Area United Way CW Solutions | Provides diversified funding streams and are referring Partners |
| Community Development Corporations | Wausau Community Development Authority, Wisconsin Rapids Community Development | Provides access to economic development |
| Organizations that serve culturally specific (Black, Latino, Indigenous, people with disabilities, LGBTQ, etc.) communities | Wausau TransFam – LGBTQ Support group for Youth Hmong American Center Center for Well Being—Support group LGBTQ | Provides culturally specific feedback on services |
| Continuum of Care Board | NCC and ECC YHDP Committee with NCC | Coordinates HUD homeless services, Convenes and supports YAB |

The NCC and ECC YHDP Committee is just beginning to form. Data Sharing Agreements are being identified and constructed. Additionally, areas where MOUs are needed are being identified and will be executed. These two areas are especially needed in the service of 18-24 year old young adults. The leadership anticipates as the Committee body grows and more organizations participate, partnerships will grow and further agreements and MOUs will be needed and executed. In addition to the 4 specific YHDP goals outlined above these future goals have been identified for further consideration as well, locally and state-wide.

Future Goals

Advocacy & Law Changes

Ideas that were named:

Advocacy and Law changes regarding shelters specifically for youth and legal guardian support

Landlord ability to rent to 17 years olds

Advocacy to let minor youth access mental health services without parental/guardian approval.

Work with DCF on licensing requirements for youth Shelter Care facilities, to make the process more streamlined

Engage with DPS to reform expectations of legal guardians.

HUD Key Principles

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Community Engagement

Ideas that were named:

Increasing awareness in all 4 core outcomes

Reducing the stigma of youth homelessness

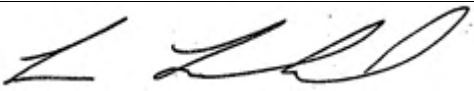
Reducing the stigma of youth homelessness and mental health.

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7) Signature Pages

| Organization | Names of signatories | Date signed | Attached |
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| Coalition Leadership – Board Member & Coalition Chair | | | |
| Public Welfare Agency | | | |
| Local Government Agency (s) | | | |
| YAB | | | |
| RHY Provider (s) | | | |
| Other | | | |

| Organization | Names of signatories | Date signed |
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| Coalition Leadership – Board Member & Coalition Chair | | |
| Public Welfare Agency | | |
| Local Government Agency (s) |  | 4.20.2022 |
| YAB | | |
| RHY Provider (s) | | |
| Other | | |

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| Coalition Leadership – Board Member & Coalition Chair | Diane Semmholz, Chair Chamona Wakefield, Board member | 3-14-2022 3/14/2022 |
| Public Welfare Agency | | |
| Local Government Agency (s) | | |
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| RHY Provider (s) | | |
| Other | | |

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| Coalition Leadership – Board Member & Coalition Chair NCCoC | Diane Semmholz, Chair Charmaine Wakefield, Board member | 3-14-2022 3/14/2022 |
| Public Welfare Agency | | |
| Local Government Agency (s) | | |
| YAB | | |
| RHY Provider (s) CAP SERVICES FAMILY CRISIS CENTER | Wendy Fletcher | 3-14-22 |
| Other | | |

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| Coalition Leadership – Board Member & Coalition Chair | Diane Semmholz, Chair Charmelle Wakefield, Board member | 3-14-2022 3/14/2022 |
| Public Welfare Agency | | |
| Local Government Agency (s) | | |
| YAB | | |
| RHY Provider (s) KATS | Kathy Bunker | 3-17-2022 |
| Other | | |

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| Coalition Leadership – Board Member & Coalition Chair | Diane Sennholz, Chair Charmelle Wakefield, Board member | 3-14-2022 3/14/2022 |
| Public Welfare Agency | | |
| Local Government Agency (s) | | |
| YAB | | |
| RHY Provider (s) | | |
| Other CW SOLUTIONS | Michelle Walsh, CW Solutions | 03-15-2022 |

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| Local Government Agency (s) |  | 4.20.2022 |
| YAB | | |
| RHY Provider (s) | | |
| Other | | |

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| YAB | | |
| RHY Provider (s) KATS | Katie Bunker | 3-17-2022 |
| Other | | |

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| YAB | | |
| RHY Provider (s) | | |
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Northeast-NWISH

*Coordinated Community Plan to
Prevent & End Youth Homelessness*



WIBOSCOC

Northern Wisconsin Initiative to Stop Homelessness



Northeast Wisconsin Coalition

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS DEMONSTRATION PROJECT COORDINATED COMMUNITY PLAN

acronyms

| Acronyms or Terms | Definitions |
|-------------------|--|
| YHDP | Youth Homeless Demonstration Program |
| CCP | Coordinated Community Plan |
| YYA | Youth & Young Adult |
| YAB | Youth Action Board |
| N*WISH or NWSH | Northern Wisconsin Initiative to Stop Homelessness |
| NE | Northeast Coalition |
| RRH | Rapid Rehousing |
| TH | Transitional Housing |
| PSH | Permanent Supportive Housing |
| WIBOSCOC | Wisconsin Balance of State Continuum of Care |
| CoC | Continuum of Care |
| HUD | Department of Housing and Urban Development |

introduction

The Northern Wisconsin Initiative to Stop Homelessness (N*WISH) and Northeast Coalitions (NE), have come together to create a Coordinated Community Plan supporting the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) that will employ available resources to best support our Youth Action Board and our Coalitions' vision to end youth homelessness.

The geography of the coalitions:

- Northern Wisconsin Initiative to Stop Homelessness (N*WISH) and Northeast Coalitions (NE) cover nine counties in northeastern Wisconsin including Florence, Forest, Langlade, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Shawano, and Vilas Counties.
 - The combined geographical footprint of this area is 8659 square miles
 - The combined population at the time of the 2020 census was 220,093 residents ¹
- Major municipalities in these areas include:
 - Cities: Crandon, Eagle River, Marinette, Marion, Niagara, Oconto, Oconto Falls, Peshtigo, Rhinelander, Shawano
 - There are many towns, villages, unincorporated municipalities, and rural areas.
- Tribal communities include:
 - Forest County Potawatomi
 - Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
 - Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin
 - Mole Lake (Sokaogon Chippewa Community) Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

A map of the area is included below:



¹US census 2020 <https://www.census.gov/library/stories/state-by-state/wisconsin-population-change-between-census-decade.html>

History of the coalitions:

- Northeast Coalition:
 - The Northeast Coalition is a collaboration that was formed in 2010 to increase awareness and to promote services to help eradicate homelessness in Florence, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, and Shawano Counties.
- N*WISH Coalition:
 - The N*WISH Coalition is a system of collaboration and coordination that formed at the end of 2009 to increase awareness and to promote and support services to end homelessness in Forest, Langlade, Oneida & Vilas Counties.

In both the NE and the N*WISH Coalitions, Newcap is the lead agency.

shared vision & mission statements

The coalitions are adopting the WIBOSCOC vision and mission statements.

The work to end youth homelessness in the N*WISH and Northeast Coalitions started in the fall of 2021 as coalitions began to develop the basis of the YHDP's Coordinated Community Plans. After working on the plans, both coalitions did not have enough resources on their own to do individual plans. NE and N*WISH combined and created one Coordinated Community Plan.

statement of need

Getting accurate Point in Time (PIT) counts is difficult when considering the 8,659 square miles in the NE and the N*WISH Coalitions; the population of the nine-county area is 220,093². This presents a challenge in that it is a large amount of sparsely populated area for volunteers to cover during the in-person overnight count.

According to the 2020 Census, the NE Coalition has a population of 130,531³ including 26,564 youth under the age of 18. Of those children, 12,553 (over 47%) live in poverty⁴. The teen birth rate was 44⁵.

The N*WISH Coalition's population was 89,562, including 15,975 persons under the age of 18.⁶ Of those children, 8,375 (over 52%) live in poverty. The teen birth rate was 26.

Included in our statement of need we have our PIT Data from January 2021 and January 2022⁶, Coordinated Entry Prioritization Lists from 2019, 2020 and 2021⁷, RHY Estimated Data of Homeless

² US census 2020 <https://www.census.gov/library/stories/state-by-state/wisconsin-population-change-between-census-decade.html>

³ US census 2020 <https://www.census.gov/library/stories/state-by-state/wisconsin-population-change-between-census-decade.html>

⁴ Census data summarize the number of individuals living in poverty by local coalition and county.

⁵ <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wish/teen-birth/form.htm>

⁶ PIT Data from 2021 & 2022

⁷ Coordinated Entry Prioritization List Data from 2021-2022

Youth⁸, McKenny Vento Data from our area schools and data from a Survey that was created to get a better idea of the needs of our Homeless Youth & Young Adults.

January 2021/2022 PIT Data⁹

It is challenging to reflect the exact need by using Point-In-Time data for rural areas that have no services for unaccompanied youth under 18. The PIT data below shows young adult households as there is no data for 'children only households' in these regions.

NE Coalition: January 2021 PIT Data reported one single male youth (18-24 years old) in emergency shelter and one female parenting youth (18-24 years old) with one child. The parenting youth was Native American, and the young adult was white.

N*WISH Coalition: January 2021 PIT Data reported three single young adults' youth in emergency shelter. Two were young adult females and one young adult male. One was white, one was Native American, and one was multi-racial. All three identified as non-Hispanic/non-Latino.

Of note, two of the 5 young adults (as well as the child of one of those young adults) identified their race as Native American; this is 50% of the people in the youth-headed households utilizing emergency shelter in this area.

January 2021/2022 PIT Data Northeast (NE) Coalition

| Coalition | | Emergency Shelter | Transitional Housing | Unsheltered | Total |
|-----------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | 2021,2022 | 2021,2022 | 2021,2022 | 2021,2022 |
| NE | Total HH w/out children | 19,23 | 1,0 | 1,3 | 21,26 |
| | Total people w/out children | 20,23 | 1,0 | 1,3 | 22,26 |
| | Unaccompanied Youth HH<18 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 |
| | Unaccompanied Youth people<18 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 |
| | Unaccompanied Youth HH 18-24 | 1,1 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 1,1 |
| | Unaccompanied Youth people 18-24 | 1,1 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 1,1 |
| | Total HH with children | 11,14 | 1,1 | 0,1 | 12,16 |
| | Total people with children | 29,41 | 4,7 | 0,3 | 33,51 |
| | Parenting Youth HH | 1,1 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 1,1 |
| | Parenting youth people 18-24 | 1,1 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 1,1 |

⁸ <https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/tables/8208-child-population#detailed/5/7041-7052,7054-7080,7082-7091,7093-7112/true/574/64,6/16726>

⁹ PIT Data from 2021 & 2022

| | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | Children of Parenting Youth | 1,1 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 1,1 |
|--|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|

| Coalition | | Parenting Youth | Young Adult | Unaccompanied Youth |
|-----------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|
| | | 2021,2022 | 2021,2022 | 2021,2022 |
| NE | Female | 1,1 | 0,0 | 0,0 |
| | Male | 0,0 | 1,0 | 0,0 |
| | Transgender | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 |
| | Gender Non-Conforming | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 |
| | White | 0,0 | 1,0 | 0,0 |
| | Black or African American | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 |
| | Native American | 1,1 | 0,0 | 0,0 |
| | Multi-Racial | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 |
| | Asian | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 |
| | Hispanic/Latino | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 |
| | Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino | 1,1 | 1,0 | 0,0 |

January 2021,2022 PIT N*WISH Coalition

| Coalition | 2021 | Emergency Shelter | Transitional Housing | Unsheltered | Total |
|-----------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| | | 2021,2022 | 2021,2022 | 2021,2022 | 2021,2022 |
| N*WISH | Total HH w/out children | 15,21 | 1,2 | 0,0 | 16,23 |
| | Total people w/out children | 15,21 | 1,2 | 0,0 | 16,23 |
| | Unaccompanied Youth HH<18 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 |
| | Unaccompanied Youth people<18 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 |
| | Unaccompanied Youth HH 18-24 | 3,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 3,0 |
| | Unaccompanied Youth people 18-24 | 3,1 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 3,1 |
| | Total HH with children | 4,5 | 1,0 | 0,0 | 5,5 |
| | Total people with children | 11,16 | 5,0 | 0,0 | 16,16 |
| | Parenting Youth HH | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 |
| | Parenting youth people 18-24 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 |
| | Children of Parenting Youth | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 |

| Coalition | 2021 | Parenting Youth | Young Adult | Unaccompanied Youth |
|-----------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|
| | | 2021,2022 | 2021,2022 | 2021,2022 |
| N*WISH | Female | 0,0 | 2,0 | 0,0 |
| | Male | 0,0 | 1,0 | 0,0 |
| | Transgender | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 |
| | Gender Non-Conforming | 0,0 | 0,1 | 0,0 |
| | White | 0,0 | 1,1 | 0,0 |
| | Black or African American | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 |
| | Native American | 0,0 | 1,0 | 0,0 |
| | Multi-Racial | 0,0 | 1,0 | 0,0 |
| | Asian | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 |
| | Hispanic/Latino | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,0 |
| | Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino | 0,0 | 3,0 | 0,0 |

Coordinated Entry Prioritization List Data¹⁰

| Coalition (Please note that Northeast,N*WISH utilize a combined priority list) | | Priority List: 2/5/2020 | Priority List: 2/8/2021 | Priority List 2/7/2022 |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| NE-N*WISH | Total households with children | 50 | 30 | 24 |
| | Parenting Youth (sub-set) | 8 (16%) | 2 (6%) | 2 (8.3%) |
| | Total households without children | 65 | 39 | 56 |
| | Youth (Sub-set) | 6 (9.2%) | 5 (12.8%) | 5 (8.9%) |

It is evident that the coordinated entry prioritization list data does not match the twice a year PIT count data. However, the priority list reflects only those youth who reached out to an agency, completed coordinated entry, and were referred to the HMIS priority list. Over the past three years, the numbers have varied widely.³

The RHY Estimated Data for projections of homelessness for youth ages 12 - 17¹¹

| Northeast | County | Age Group | Number | RHY Estimate |
|-----------|----------|-----------|--------|--------------|
| | Florence | 12 to 14 | 107 | 3.566666667 |

¹⁰ Coordinated Entry Prioritization List Data from 2/5/2020-2/7/2022

¹¹ Voices of Youth Count, 2017 Chapin Hall: <https://voicesofyouthcount.org/brief/national-estimates-of-youth-homelessness/>

| | | | | |
|--|-----------|----------|-------|-------------|
| | | 15 to 17 | 115 | 3.833333333 |
| | Marinette | 12 to 14 | 1,399 | 46.63333333 |
| | | 15 to 17 | 1,435 | 47.83333333 |
| | Menominee | 12 to 14 | 264 | 8.8 |
| | | 15 to 17 | 226 | 7.533333333 |
| | Oconto | 12 to 14 | 1,428 | 47.6 |
| | | 15 to 17 | 1,395 | 46.5 |
| | Shawano | 12 to 14 | 1,558 | 51.93333333 |
| | | 15 to 17 | 1,636 | 54.53333333 |
| | | Total | | 319 |

| N*WISH | County | Age Group | Number | RHY Estimate |
|--------|----------|-----------|--------|--------------|
| | Forest | 12 to 14 | 295 | 9.833333333 |
| | | 15 to 17 | 276 | 9.2 |
| | Langlade | 12 to 14 | 622 | 20.73333333 |
| | | 15 to 17 | 692 | 23.06666667 |
| | Oneida | 12 to 14 | 1,060 | 35.33333333 |
| | | 15 to 17 | 1,114 | 37.13333333 |
| | Vilas | 12 to 14 | 659 | 21.96666667 |
| | | 15 to 17 | 671 | 22.36666667 |
| | | | | 180 |

According to the RHY Estimated Data for projections of homelessness for youth ages 18 – 24 ¹²

| NE | County | 2020 Census population | Estimated Number of 18-24 Homeless Youth |
|--------|-----------|------------------------|--|
| | Florence | 4558 | 47 |
| | Marinette | 41872 | 407 |
| | Menominee | 4255 | 34 |
| | Oconto | 38965 | 374 |
| | Shawano | 40881 | 386 |
| Totals | | 130531 | 1,248 |

| N*WISH | County | 2020 Census population | Estimated Number of 18-24 Homeless Youth |
|--------|----------|------------------------|--|
| | Forest | 9179 | 88 |
| | Langlade | 19491 | 188 |
| | Oneida | 37845 | 376 |
| | Vilas | 23047 | 230 |
| Totals | | 89562 | 883 |

¹² Voices of Youth Count, 2017 Chapin Hall: <https://voicesofyouthcount.org/brief/national-estimates-of-youth-homelessness/>

According to the RHY Estimated Data, the 12 to 17-year-old population in the NE Coalition is 9563 with a projected estimate of 319 experiencing homelessness and the N*WISH population at the 12 to 17 age group is 5389. The estimated total of homeless youth in our two coalitions is 499.

Utilizing that data, NE estimated homeless population for youth 18 to 24 is 1248, and the N*Wish projected homelessness would be at 180 youth.

McKinney Vento Data¹³

| NE | Counties | School Districts in County | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 |
|--------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | Florence | Florence | 0 | 0 |
| | Marinette | Beecher-Dunbar-Pembine | 1 | 4 |
| | | Coleman | 11 | 14 |
| | | Crivitz | 21 | 10 |
| | | Goodman-Armstrong | 0 | 0 |
| | | Marinette | 94 | 80 |
| | | Niagara | N/A | N/A |
| | | Peshtigo | 11 | 10 |
| | | Wausaukee | 11 | 6 |
| | Menominee | Menominee Indian | 103 | 79 |
| | Oconto | Gillett | 9 | 11 |
| | | Lena | 1 | 5 |
| | | Oconto Falls | 17 | 28 |
| | | Oconto | 17 | 37 |
| | | Suring | 6 | 1 |
| | Shawano | Bonduel | 0 | 5 |
| | | Bowler | 9 | 10 |
| | | Gresham | 0 | 0 |
| | | Shawano | 91 | 80 |
| | | Tigerton | 0 | 0 |
| | | Wittenberg-Birnamwood | 1 | 1 |
| Totals | | | 403 | 381 |

| N*WISH | Counties | School Districts in County | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 |
|--------|----------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | Forest | Crandon | 1 | 3 |
| | | Laona | 8 | 8 |
| | | Wabeno | 33 | 16 |
| | Langlade | Antigo | 6 | 7 |
| | | Elcho | 0 | 0 |
| | | White Lake | 21 | 9 |
| | Oneida | Lakeland | 0 | 0 |

¹³ McKenny Vento Data <https://dpi.wi.gov/homeless/data>

| | | | | |
|--------|-------|-----------------|-----|-----|
| | | Minocqua | 0 | 1 |
| | | Rhineland | 34 | 20 |
| | | Three Lakes | 0 | 0 |
| | Vilas | Lac du Flambeau | 62 | 72 |
| | | North Lakeland | 0 | 0 |
| | | Northland Pines | 18 | 20 |
| | | Phelps | 0 | 0 |
| | | Woodruff | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | | | 183 | 156 |

The McKinney Vento Data the 2019/2020 school years show a decline in the homeless youth population in our counties; after discussions in meetings and WIBOSCOC planning meetings we hypothesize this is due to the fact most of the schools thru the second half of the school year was held virtually and school personnel was not able to check in with youth on a one-on-one basis, therefore unable to determine what their living situations were at the time of the reporting.

As a part of the data gathering for our statement of need, we created a survey for our community partners regarding the number of homeless youths, services available, and what services are needed to serve the youth in our counties. We received surveys back from Florence, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Shawano, and Vilas counties. We did not receive responses from partners in Forest or Langlade counties.

We asked how many unaccompanied youths in your county or associated with your agencies are at risk of experiencing homelessness? (not counting pregnant or parenting youth)

Responses: 128 total of those:

117 American Indian or Alaskan Native
10 White
1 Unknown
116 Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino (o)(a)(x)
1 Hispanic/Latino (o)(a)(x)
46 Males
72 Females

How many unaccompanied youths in your district or associated with your agency were experiencing literal homelessness? (not counting pregnant or parenting youth)

Responses: 124 Total of those:

114 American Indian or Alaskan Native
2 Black/African American
5 White
1 Other
7 Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(o)(a)(x)
1 Hispanic/Latin(o)(a)(x)
48 Male
74 Female

How many unaccompanied pregnant youth or parenting youth in your district or associated with your agency were at risk of being homeless?

Responses: 0

How many unaccompanied pregnant youth or parenting youth in your district or associated with your agency did experience homelessness?

Responses: 1

1 Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(o)(a)(x)

1 Female

What youth homelessness initiatives are you aware of that are currently available in your community?

Responses:

~ Food Service Corporation (Emergency Assistance), NEWCAP (Housing Vouchers, Emergency Solutions and Rapid Re-Housing, Home Buyer and Homeowner Assistance, Furnace, and Weatherization), Florence County Human Services (0% Loans for weatherization, home improvement, first month rent, Home Energy Assistance), St. Vincent de Paul (Assistance for Rent, Heat, Electric, Mortgage, and other necessities, Local Food Pantry, Back to School and Christmas Programs

~ McKinney-Vento at high school

~ Menominee Indian School District received 3 homeless grants from state

~ Fredrick Place

~ Unsure

~ PATHS and TRAIL – Provide housing services and support to youth

What youth homelessness initiatives are you aware of that are currently available in your community?

Responses:

~ The school supports the students the best they can with transportation and clothing needs.

~ Not aware of any that focus on youth homelessness

~ McKinney-Vento at high school and we take their referrals to provide services that are needed

~ No

~ N/A

~ The grants above that require to get out homeless youth services available to students in the schools.

~ None that focus on youth

~ Unsure

~ PATHS

When a youth experiencing homeless is identified, what is the current response system that is in place? Please provide as much detail as possible.

Responses:

~ The school will complete a needs assessment and refer for services.

~ We work with local agencies: NEWCAP, Florence County Human Services

~ School social worker contacts our helpline or provides the student with our helpline number, we return calls in 24 hours except on weekends. We provide FEMA emergency housing food clothing vouchers, bus ticket etc.

~ N/A

~ Salvation Army

~ We have monthly school meetings identifying and updating the homeless youth in our district.

- ~ 18-24 set self - sufficiency goals and give them the resources necessary to meet those goals
- ~ Referred to school homeless liaison. Determines eligibility and linked to services. However, there are minimal services to link to. Really can only provide transportation to school, some minimal items to meet basic needs, and some minor case management.

Do you feel your community is aware that youth homelessness is a local problem?

Response:

Yes: 33.33%

No: 66.67%

If you have a project in mind that could help support youth experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness? If so, please share it below.

Responses:

- ~ A safe place to go before or after school where kids can wash clothes, do homework, cook food. A youth home.....
- ~ Written knowledge of what resources each agency/organization can provide
- ~ Payee Program(s)
- ~ none
- ~ We really need a mobile support system to assist rural unaccompanied youth at least as far as getting them to a safe place to stay.

Which of the following program types below do you see as a possible solution to preventing youth homelessness and, or to house youth experiencing homelessness?

Responses:

Emergency Shelter: 87.5%

Crisis Host Homes (short term): 87.5%

Mid-Term Housing (transitional housing): 62.5%

Long-Term Housing (RRH – Rapid Re-Housing or PSH – Permanent Supportive Housing): 75%

Extended RRH - Rapid Re-Housing (Longer Rental Assistance): 37.5%

HCV-Housing Choice Voucher: 25%

Longer Term Host Homes: 37.5%

Shared Housing: 25%

Other (please specify): 0

One of the most significant findings in the survey was that 66.67% said that their communities do not recognize that there is a local youth homelessness issue, despite partnering agencies identifying this. Partners identified Emergency Shelters, and Crisis Host homes as the highest needs followed by Long-Term Housing such as Rapid Re-Housing for the YYA.

goals, objectives, action steps

Goal 1: Stable Housing - Youth & Young Adults are immediately provided with safe, supported, and flexible housing options that reflect their individualized needs and pave the way for long-term, sustainable housing.

OBJECTIVE 1: Provide opportunities within our communities for Youth & Young Adults (YYA) under 24 to obtain and maintain stable housing

ACTION STEPS:

- Action Step 1.1: Utilize YHDP Funding to create opportunities for Rapid Re-housing Projects or Transitional Housing Projects
- Action Step 1.2: Establish partnerships with the tribal agencies within the NE & N*WISH coalitions to find housing opportunities for the YYA
- Action Step 1.3: Work with landlords throughout our communities to build stronger relationships by facilitating landlord-agency activities and events
- Action Step 1.4: Improve Coordinated Entry process for YYA with a focus on connecting with underserved populations

| Partner(s) Responsible | | Timeframe | |
|---|---|---|---|
| YAB, NE, N*WISH, Newcap | | 2022 – 2024 and beyond | |
| HUD Key Principles | | | |
| Equity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Positive Youth Development <input type="checkbox"/> | Trauma-Informed Care <input type="checkbox"/> | Family Engage <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Housing first <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Youth Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Community Integration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Coordinated Entry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Goal 2: Permanent Connections - Youth & young adults are supported in cultivating consistent, self-identified people who can respectfully guide, support, and advocate with them to get their needs met.

OBJECTIVE 2: Provide opportunities within our communities for Youth & Young Adults (YYA) under 24 to develop and enhance supportive, permanent connections

ACTION STEPS:

- Action Step 2.1: Expand existing YAB to foster new youth-generated ideas and programs based on the YYA's lived experience
- Action Step 2.2: Engage community organizations that YYA could use for mentorship and other supportive opportunities

- Action Step 2.3: Facilitate training(s) on healthy relationships of all types for YYA to include improved communication/relationships with their family of origin or chosen family.
- Action Step 2.4: Research and locate a location for a drop-in center for youth in the Marinette community.
- Action Step 2.5: Create a YYA Outreach Team to include a mobile aspect and Coordinated Entry access

| Partner(s) Responsible | | Timeframe | |
|--|--|---|---|
| YAB, NE, N*WISH, Marinette School District, PATH, Newcap | | 2022 – 2024 and beyond | |
| HUD Key Principles | | | |
| Equity <input type="checkbox"/> | Positive Youth Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Trauma-Informed Care <input type="checkbox"/> | Family Engage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Housing first <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Youth Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Community Integration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Coordinated Entry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Goal 3: Education & Employment - Youth & Young Adults have access without barriers to a variety of education and employment opportunities to achieve the personal goals and financial stability necessary to thrive

OBJECTIVE 3: Provide opportunities within our communities for Youth & Young Adults (YYA) under 24 to obtain and maintain employment or enroll in educational programs

ACTION STEPS:

- Action Step 3.1: Offer YYA participation in employment and training programs that best fit their goals and needs; this may include FSET, DVR, and/or WIOA.
- Action Step 3.2: Refer YYA to educational institutions that best fit their goals and needs
- Action Step 3.3: Leverage community resources and services to assist YYA to achieve their employment and education goals (such as but not limited to: disability services and advocacy, scholarships, campus resources, uniforms/tools for employment, etc.)

| Partner(s) Responsible | Timeframe |
|--|------------------------|
| YAB, NE, N*WISH, NWTC, Nicolet College, Newcap, PATH, University of Wisconsin Green Bay-Marinette, ADRC Marinette County, Marinette School District, Lena School District, Suring School District, Shawano School District, Northern Pines School District | 2022 – 2024 and beyond |
| HUD Key Principles | |

| | | | |
|--|--|---|--|
| Equity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Positive Youth Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Trauma-Informed Care <input type="checkbox"/> | Family Engage <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Housing first <input type="checkbox"/> | Youth Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Community Integration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Coordinated Entry <input type="checkbox"/> |

Goal 4: Social Emotional Wellbeing - The health and well-being of YYA are prioritized by meeting youth where they are and providing them with the resources and supports the need to achieve happiness, health, self-sufficiency, and self-actualization.

OBJECTIVE 4: Provide opportunities within our communities for Youth & Young Adults (YYA) under 24 to focus on their social and emotional well-being through a trauma-informed lens

ACTION STEPS:

- Action Step 4.1: Amplify YYA's voices through the YAB to provide insight on social and emotional needs of youth
- Action Step 4.2: Offer information and/or training for YYA to maximize their capacity to achieve social and emotional health
- Action Step 4.3: Offer physical and mental health care to youth (access limited by the State of Wisconsin laws).
- Action Step 4.4: Provide culturally sensitive, developmentally appropriate, comprehensive health education (mental, physical, and sexual health) so youth are aware of their options and strategies to live their healthiest lives.

| Partner(s) Responsible | | Timeframe | |
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| YAB, NE, N*WISH, Newcap Community Health Services, Newcap, PATH | | 2022 – 2024 and beyond | |
| HUD Key Principles | | | |
| Equity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Positive Youth Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Trauma-Informed Care <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Family Engage <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Housing first <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Youth Choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Community Integration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Coordinated Entry <input type="checkbox"/> |

governance

We have established Youth Action Board, youth advocacy organizations, service providers, school districts, and government agencies. The governance established is as follows: Wisconsin Balance of State Continuum of Care, NE and N*WISH Youth Action Board, NE/N*WISH CCP Collaborative, Northeast Coalition, and N*WISH Coalition.

Below is a description of each entity, their commitment to youth voice, and their decision-making process.

Wisconsin Balance of State- The WIBOSCOC is the lead agency for YHDP and is made up of a collaboration of 69 counties within its region. The WIBOSCOC will ensure communication with all sub-grantees to standardize best practices and disperse other communities' innovative models.

NE/N*WISH Youth Action Board:

The YAB is a collaboration of young people under age 25 from Florence, Forest, Langlade, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Shawano, and Vilas Counties; at least two-thirds have lived experience with homelessness. They will serve in an advisory role to the NE/N*WISH Collaborative Team and have representation on the team. YAB members will assess the needs of the communities in this region, support program selection, aid in project evaluation, and spread awareness about youth homelessness and resources within their local communities.

The YAB meets regularly via virtual calls. The YAB has elected a representative to the WIBOSCOC YAB. Meeting minutes from the WIBOSCOC YAB meetings will be disseminated and discussed with the local YAB.

NE/N*WISH CCP Collaborative Team- The CCP Team is a collaboration of youth-focused programs and a diverse cross-section of nonprofit organizations, along with school districts in the region. The CCP Team provides guidance to the YAB regarding project selection and project evaluation.

Northeast Coalition-The NE Coalition is made up of service providers from Florence, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, and Shawano counties. The coalition discusses YHDP as an agenda item at each meeting to get input from all agencies. There will be a YAB representative who will be a voting member of the coalition. The annual membership fee for the youth will be waived.

N*WISH Coalition- The N*WISH Coalition is made up of service providers from Forest, Langlade, Oneida, and Vilas counties. The coalition discusses YHDP as an agenda item at each meeting to get input from all agencies. There will be a YAB representative who will be a voting member of the coalition. N*WISH does not have an annual membership fee.

stakeholders

Through the beginning of the YHDP Coordinated Community Plan, we have held numerous planning meetings to identify what our communities' youth need.

| Partner | Partner's Name & Role | Involvement |
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| Youth Action Board | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Macie Reed Brinna Mauk Still searching for more YAB Members | The YAB provides innovative ideas and guidance for the development of the YHDP plan and ongoing evaluation of the plan and projects. |
| Public Child Welfare Agencies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oneida County Department of Social services Vilas County Social Services | Provided feedback; supporting partners |
| Continuum of Care and Emergency Solutions Grant Program Recipients | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newcap Avail Safe Haven of Shawano SAM25 | All: supporting partners Avail provides a 24/7 hotline for survivors of domestic violence and/or sexual assault; Avail provides a Kids First Program to youth directly affected by violence or those who witness violence inflicted on others. Safe Haven offers a children & youth support group for those directly affected by violence or those who witness violence inflicted on others and to end the generational cycle of abuse. |
| Local and State Government | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> | |
| Runaway and Homeless Youth Program Providers | PATHS (Funded through Bureau of Youth Services at DCF; not RHY funded) | Partner with N*WISH & NE Coalitions to serve homeless youth who have intersection with child welfare system |
| Health, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Agencies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newcap Community Health Services Human Services Center | Newcap provides mental health & other health care services Human Services Center provides mental health services and a 24/7 mental health crisis line for Forest, Oneida, and Vilas Counties |
| Juvenile and Adult Corrections and Probation | | |
| Local and State Law Enforcement and Judges | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oconto County Sheriff | Supporting partner |

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| Local and State Educational Agencies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Pines School District • Marinette School District • Lena School District • Shawano School District | Supporting partners Provide feedback, input, and data |
| Institutions of Higher Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northeastern Wisconsin Technical College • Nicolet College • University of Green Bay - Marinette | Supporting partners |
| Non-Profit Youth Organizations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northwoods | Supporting partner & potential project writer; provide feedback and input |
| Community Development Corporations | | |
| Organizations that Serve Culturally Specific (Black, Latino, Indigenous, People with Disabilities, LGBTQ, etc.) | | |

future partners

We hope the partners listed below will become supporting partners and provide feedback and input on project development and design.

| Partner | Partner's Name & Role | Involvement |
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| Public Child Welfare Agencies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shawano County • Oconto County • Florence County • Marinette County • Forest County • Langlade County • Menominee | |
| Local and State Government | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erik Pritzl, Oconto County Administrator • John Lefebvre, Marinette County Administrator | |

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| Runaway and Homeless Youth Program Providers | | |
| Health, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Agencies | | |
| Juvenile and Adult Corrections and Probation | | |
| Local and State Law Enforcement and Judges | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Menominee County Sheriff | |
| Local and State Educational Agencies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Menominee Indian School District • Oconto School District • Three Lakes School District | |
| Institutions of Higher Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UWGB Extension Offices | |
| Non-Profit Youth Organizations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YMCA of the Northwoods | |
| Organizations that Serve Culturally Specific (Black, Latino, Indigenous, People with Disabilities, LGBTQ, etc.) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aging & Disability Resource Center of Marinette County • Black & Brown Womyn Power Coalition | |
| Native American Tribes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest County Potawatomi • Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa • Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin • Mole Lake (Sokaogon Chippewa Community) Band of Lake Superior Chippewa | |
| Other | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rainbow House (Marinette and Oconto Counties) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a domestic violence crisis line 24/7 (phone and text) to youth in need of services; provide education for youth (2nd grade to adult) on respect, healthy friendships, bullying, and healthy dating relationships while building self-esteem and learning about health boundaries |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin Sexual Assault Center • Tri County Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a 24/7 hotline for survivors of sexual assault in Oconto and Marinette Counties • Provides a 24/7 hotline for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in Oneida, Vilas, and Langlade Counties |
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new projects

| Marinette Drop-in Center | |
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| Core Elements of the Project | The drop-in center will be a warm, safe, inviting place for youth and young adults experiencing homelessness or housing instability. The center will be designed and furnished in such a way that fosters collaboration and community. It will, at a minimum, feature laundry machines, games, computers, basic first aid, and social spaces. The center will provide food and other basic necessities. The drop-in center will serve as a resource hub for youth and young adults who wish to be connected to social services such as employment readiness, financial wellness, housing, mental and physical health services, and more. |
| Target Population | All four categories of youth homelessness |
| Projected Number of Youth to be Served (annual) | 75 |
| Supportive Services Description | This will be a supportive service only project. This will be a physical space designed to offer basic needs assistance, connection to other systems, and diversion services. |
| Desired Outcomes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of the youth that present will be offered optional supportive services and connections with mainstream resources. • Increase youth homelessness awareness in the Northeast/N*WISH coalition regions. • Increase low barriered youth service options in the Northeast/N*WISH coalition regions. • 100% of the youth who present will be offered basic need items, and 50% of the youth will accept the offered items. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 50% of the youth who present will participate in independent living skills group or individual instruction. ● Offer physical and mental health services to 100% of the youth who present and 50% of the youth will increase their physical and mental health service knowledge/awareness. ● Provide safe and social spaces for youth to increase their social capital. ● Provide youth with supportive guidance and mediation in improving connections with their families and other natural supports. ● 40% of the youth who present will utilize the drop-in center to work employment services/opportunities. |
| YHDP Principles to be Addressed | <p>For each principle that will be addressed in the project, provide a brief description of how it will be achieved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Special Populations: The drop-in center will be open to any and all youth who present. ● Equity: The drop-in center will be open to any and all youth who present. ● Positive Youth Development: Drop-in center staff will utilize PYD philosophies such as focusing on youth strengths to optimize the services provided. ● Trauma-Informed Care: Drop-in center staff will use trauma-informed approaches when engaging youth and offering services. The Drop-in center environment will also be trauma informed with the intention to promote a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment. ● Family Engagement: Drop-in center staff will promote positive connections with natural support systems. ● Housing First: Youth will be served and connected to resources with no requirements or preconditions for services. ● Unsheltered Homelessness: Youth who are unsheltered will be able to access the drop-in center to meet their basic needs aside from emergency shelter. ● Youth Choice: Youth will determine their level and frequency of engagement with services without requirements or pressures to participate. ● Individualized & Client-Driven Supports: Youth will determine their level and frequency of engagement with services without requirements or pressures to participate. Youth's dreams and goals will drive their services and supports. ● Social & Community integration: The drop-in center will provide referrals to community resources; a safe place to connect with responsible, positive, and caring adult staff |

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| | <p>members; and will offer an opportunity to connect with peers with similar lived experiences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinated Entry: The drop-in center will have staff trained in Coordinated Entry or access to call Newcap's Coordinated Entry Specialist. |
| USICH Outcomes Addressed | <p>For each outcome that will be addressed in the project, provide a brief description of how it will be achieved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stable Housing: Drop-in center staff will promote positive connections with natural support systems. Youth will be served and connected to resources with no requirements or preconditions for services. The drop-in center will have staff trained in Coordinated Entry or access to call Newcap's Coordinated Entry Specialist. Permanent Connections: Drop-in center staff will promote positive connections with natural support systems. The drop-in center will provide referrals to community resources; a safe place to connect with responsible, positive, and caring adult staff members; and will offer an opportunity to connect with peers with similar lived experiences. Education/Employment: Independent living skills opportunities will be offered at the drop-in center. Staff will promote and work to connect youth with educational services as desired, along with assisting youth in increasing employment skills, training, and opportunities. Social-Emotional Well-Being: Drop-in center staff will utilize harm reduction tactics to further promote the Housing First philosophy when engaging with youth which will increase youth participation in developing a self-determined stabilization plan. Mental and physical health services will be offered to youth. |
| Is the project anticipated to be funded with YHDP funds? | Yes, Supportive Services Only. |
| Will the project seek any CoC program flexibilities through the waiver notification or approval process? (See Appendix A of the YHDP NOFO for more details) | Yes, use YHDP admin funds to attend conferences and trainings that are not HUD-sponsored or HUD-approved, provided that the training is relevant to youth homelessness, employ youth who are receiving services, |

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| Is the project still feasible, if waivers are applied for but not granted? (If applicable) | Yes, but some adjustments will have to be made to make the project work |
| Youth TH/RRH Project | |
| Core Elements of the Project | This project will provide housing options to homeless youth 18-24. Newcap will hold the lease on the unit. Leasing will be available for up to 36 months and the unit will be sublet to the participant. Operating expenses will be used to cover maintenance and repair of housing unit, utilities not covered in the lease, and furniture that will stay with the unit if the youth move out. |
| Target Population | <i>This project will serve homeless youth 18-24.</i> |
| Projected Number of Youth to be Served (annual) | 20 |
| Supportive Services Description | This project will offer case management, outreach, health, mental health services, transportation, one time moving costs, housing search and counseling, life skills training, utility deposits, substance abuse treatment services, food, employment assistance and job training and childcare. |
| Desired Outcomes | % of youth exit to permanent, independent living % of youth do not re-enter homelessness within 12-months % decrease the length of time youth wait for housing |
| YHDP Principles to be Addressed | <p>For each principle that will be addressed in the project, provide a brief description of how it will be achieved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Populations: The program will be available to any and all youth on the Coordinated Entry Prioritization Lists that meet the HUD Category 1 or Category 4 definitions of homelessness. • Equity: The program will be available to any and all youth on the Coordinated Entry Prioritization Lists that meet the HUD Category 1 or Category 4 definitions of homelessness. • Positive Youth Development: TH/RRH program staff will utilize PYD tactics and focus on the youth's strengths to optimize and strengthen the service engagement and desired results. • Trauma-Informed Care: TH/RRH staff will utilize a trauma informed care approach when case managing and interacting with youth in the TH/RRH program to eliminate further trauma from occurring and minimizing any potential trauma responses that youth may have. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Engagement: TH/RRH staff will work with the youth to identify safe and supportive family and natural supports. Staff will promote positive connections and relationships with identified support systems within the scope of the youth driven stabilization plan. • Housing First: Eligible youth will be provided housing with no preconditions or requirements; youth do not have to be housing ready to receive housing. • Unsheltered Homelessness: Unsheltered youth will be connected with Coordinated Entry services to access the TH/RRH program, and unsheltered youth will be housed as quick as possible within the abilities of the TH/RRH program. • Youth Choice: TH/RRH staff will rely on and empower youth to develop and lead their apartment search process and stabilization plan development. Youth will be a part of their own service team and will lead all decisions regarding their enrollment in the program. Youth will determine their level and frequency of engagement with services without requirements or pressures to participate. • Individualized & Client-Driven Supports: Youth will determine their level and frequency of engagement with services without requirements or pressures to participate. Youth will be in charge of their case plans and services, ensuring that they are individualized to the youth's own needs and dreams. • Social & Community integration: TH/RRH staff will provide referrals to community resources. TH/RRH will create and foster a safe space for youth to comfortably connect with other professional and natural support systems to further develop their community connections and confidence. • Coordinated Entry: TH/RRH staff, along with all other Newcap Housing Department staff, will be trained in Coordinated Entry, ensuring that all youth who present and are eligible for Coordinated Entry have access to a Coordinated Entry referral. |
| USICH Outcomes Addressed | <p>For each outcome that will be addressed in the project, provide a brief description of how it will be achieved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stable Housing: TH/RRH staff will promote positive connections with natural support systems; youth will be served and connected to resources without the need to meet requirements or preconditions for services. Enrolled youth will be provided housing without preconditions and will continue to be re-housed as needed in accordance with Housing First philosophies. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent Connections: TH/RRH staff will promote positive connections with natural support systems. With youth consent, staff will provide referrals to community resources, along with providing both an environment of growth and mediation for youth and positive, healthy natural support systems. • Education/Employment: TH/RRH staff will promote and work to connect youth with educational services as desired, along with assisting youth in increasing employment skills, training, and opportunities. Staff will also work with the youth to identify areas of growth for independent living skills and will provide instruction to the youth. • Social-Emotional Well-Being: TH/RRH staff will utilize harm reduction tactics to further promote the Housing First philosophy while engaging with youth which will increase youth participation and openness, along with developing a youth driven stabilization plan. Mental health and physical health services will be offered to youth. |
| Is the project anticipated to be funded with YHDP funds? | Yes, it will be a transitional housing – rapid re-housing leasing project. |
| Will the project seek any CoC program flexibilities through the waiver notification or approval process? (See Appendix A of the YHDP NOFO for more details) | Yes, use admin funds to attend conferences and trainings that are not HUD-sponsored or HUD-approved, provided that the training is relevant to youth homelessness, employ youth who are receiving services, including housing services (if applicable), provide moving expenses more than one time to a program participant, security deposits not to exceed 2 months' rent, costs of damages while youth is living in the housing (not to exceed 2 months' rent), cost of providing cleaning supplies to participants, housing start-up expenses, like furniture, pots and pans, linens, toiletries, other household good (not to exceed \$300 per participant), one time cost of purchasing a cell phone and service for participant use (as long as it is necessary to obtain or maintain housing and cost of phone and services are reasonable), reasonable costs of internet in housing, up to 6 months rental arrears including late fees and up to 6 months utility arrears per service, mileage costs for participant's personal vehicle for trips to and from medical care, employment, childcare, or other service eligible under this section, past driving fines and fees blocking a young person from being able to obtain or renew a driver's license and impacting their ability to obtain or maintain housing. |
| Is the project still feasible, if waivers are | Yes |

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| applied for but not granted? (If applicable) | |
| Mobile Youth Outreach | |
| Core Elements of the Project | This project would buy a small RV that will provide street outreach to youth in the region. It will travel around engaging unsheltered or at-risk youth and young adults providing basic needs assistance, connections to necessary resources, food, clothing, health, and mental health services, including shelter and housing. |
| Target Population | This project will serve homeless youth 24 and under. |
| Projected Number of Youth to be Served (annual) | 200 |
| Supportive Services Description | This project will offer outreach services, as well as diversion and referrals to mainstream resources. |
| Desired Outcomes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide access to Coordinated Entry services to 100% of youth encountered. ● 100% of the youth that present will be offered optional supportive services and connections with mainstream resources. ● Increase youth homelessness awareness in the Northeast/N*WISH coalition regions. ● Increase low barrier youth service options in the Northeast/N*WISH coalition regions. ● 100% of the youth who present will be offered basic need items, and 50% of the youth will accept the offered items. ● Offer physical and mental health services to 100% of the youth who are found and 50% of the youth will increase their physical and mental health service knowledge/awareness. ● Provide youth with supportive guidance and mediation in improving connections with their families and other natural supports. |
| YHDP Principles to be Addressed | <p>For each principle that will be addressed in the project, provide a brief description of how it will be achieved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Special Populations: Mobile outreach services will be offered to any and all youth that are encountered and experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity. ● Equity: Mobile outreach services will be offered to any and all youth that are encountered and experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Positive Youth Development: Mobile outreach service staff will utilize PYD tactics and focus on the youth's own strengths to optimize and strength service engagement and desired results.• Trauma-Informed Care: Staff will utilize a trauma-informed care approach and lens when providing outreach services to youth to eliminate further trauma and triggers. Staff will do everything possible to eliminate additional traumas and minimize trauma responses.• Family Engagement: Staff will work with youth to identify positive and supportive natural supports such as family, and staff will promote positive connections and mediations with identified support systems. Interactions and reunifications with support systems will be youth driven.• Housing First: Youth will be provided services without preconditions and requirements. Youth will be served regardless of their background and barriers. Youth will be provided access to housing when possible and access to Coordinated Entry.• Unsheltered Homelessness: Unsheltered youth will be connected with Coordinated Entry and youth shelter services as desired by the youth. Staff will meet youth where they are at physically, emotionally, and mentally.• Youth Choice: Youth will drive their case plans and will be a member of their own treatment team. Youth will determine what services they would like to be connected with and what they need. Youth will be empowered to make decisions and to dream. Youth will determine their own level of engagement with services without requirements or pressures to participate.• Individualized & Client-Driven Supports: Youth will determine their level and frequency of engagement with services without requirements or pressures to participate. Youth will be in charge of their own case plans and services, ensuring that they are individualized to the youth's own needs and dreams.• Social & Community integration: Outreach staff will provide referrals to community resources. Staff will create a safe space for youth to comfortably get connected with resources and support systems as desired.• Coordinated Entry: Outreach staff will be trained in Coordinated Entry and will offer Coordinated Entry services to all eligible youth they encounter. |
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| USICH Outcomes Addressed | <p>For each outcome that will be addressed in the project, provide a brief description of how it will be achieved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stable Housing: Youth will be connected with Coordinated Entry and all other applicable housing options such as shelter services without preconditions. • Permanent Connections: Staff will promote positive connections with natural support systems. With youth consent, staff will provide referrals to community resources, along with providing both an environment of growth and mediation for youth and positive, healthy natural support systems. • Education, Employment: Staff will promote and work to connect youth with educational services as desired, along with assisting the youth in increasing employment skills and job training opportunities. • Social-Emotional Well-Being: Staff will utilize harm reduction tactics to further promote Housing First services while engaging youth which will increase youth participation and openness, along with developing a youth-driven stabilization plan. Mental and physical health services will be offered to youth. |
| Is the project anticipated to be funded with YHDP funds? | Yes, the cost of purchasing a vehicle in which staff transports program participants and, or staff serving program participants. |
| Will the project seek any CoC program flexibilities through the waiver notification or approval process? (See Appendix A of the YHDP NOFO for more details) | Unsure if any apply to this project |
| Is the project still feasible, if waivers are applied for but not granted? (If applicable) | Yes |
| Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northwoods - Rhinelander: Youth for Unity | |
| Core Elements of the Project | Youth for Unity |
| Target Population | Youth in Kindergarten thru 5th grade |

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| Projected Number of Youth to be Served (annual) | 100 |
| Supportive Services Description | All youth will have access to all the programming and services of the Boys & Girls Club of the Northwoods - Rhinelander |
| Desired Outcomes | The Youth for Unity Program through the Boys & Girls Club will provide both youth and parents a foundation to help them understand and fight prejudice, bigotry, and discrimination. This program allows youth to begin appreciating themselves for who they are as unique while recognizing and supporting one another's differences and offering lessons in leadership and how to recognize and work against bias and unfairness. |
| YHDP Principles to be Addressed | <p>For each principle that will be addressed in the project, provide a brief description of how it will be achieved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Positive Youth Development ● Trauma-Informed Care ● Family Engagement: Through lesson plans and coursework, we will work with youth to first cultivate individuality and build their own cultural identity while helping them to appreciate diversity first in their peers and then branching out to additional social groups. In order to help our youth learn and support their cultural identity, we will ask family to participate in these activities. Once each youth has begun to recognize what makes them special and unique and demonstrating their ability to recognize this in others we will move on to other social groups and discuss society's diversity. This will include activities that help youth find the history of bias and learn what unknown bias they as individuals may hold. We will work with them to take personal responsibility to work through faulty beliefs and attitudes. Our youth will then move on from this to learning how to be a leader in the fight against bias and stereotyping, learning how to address this head-on. Throughout this process, we will uncover situations and experiences that have created a root cause of bias, etc that they have experienced or been witness to and will need to support them emotionally and through a trauma-informed approach. We anticipate the need to include families in certain aspects of learning in order to best serve youth in their growth process as w |

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| USICH Outcomes Addressed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education/Employment: • Social-Emotional Well-Being: Only through education and awareness can we make this happen. We will be working on not only our own youth's social emotional well-being throughout the course of this program but we will also be indirectly working on the social emotional well-being of each individual that the youth encounters. We will be approaching this in a BGCA program format and setting which requires a learning environment. This will occur after school, Monday through Friday, once a week with direction and implementation by a trained Boys & Girls Club Staff member. We will engage family once a month in this program with growth charts to demonstrate effectiveness over a 6 month period of time. Utilizing our Mental Health Coordinator to aide in the assessment of each child's emotional well-being while conducting this program, we will ensure the safety and support of our youth. |
| Is the project anticipated to be funded with YHDP funds? | Yes, Supportive Services Only. |
| Will the project seek any CoC program flexibilities through the waiver notification or approval process? (See Appendix A of the YHDP NOFO for more details) | N/A |
| Is the project still feasible, if waivers are applied for but not granted? (If applicable) | Yes |

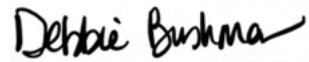
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Local Homeless Coalition

The signature(s) below attests to our participation, approval, and support for the coalition's Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program's Coordinated Community Plan to End Youth Homelessness. The coalition promises to work collaboratively with our partners to implement a comprehensive system to prevent and end youth homelessness, including the goals and objectives outlined in the plan.

Debbie Bushman _____

Name (print)



Signature

N*WISH COC Lead _____

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Date

Erin Evosevich _____

Name (print)



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Northeast COC Lead _____

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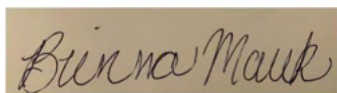
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Youth Action Group Members

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____Brinna Mauk _____

Name (print)



Signature

____04/19/2020_____

Date

____Macie Reed _____

Name (print)



Signature

____04/20/22_____

Date

Public Child Welfare Agency

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Kate Gardner
Name (print)

DSS Director
Title

Vilas
County

Kate Gardner

Signature

04/12/2022
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Mary Rideout
Name (print)

DSS Director
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Oneida
County

Mary Rideout

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04/19/2022
Date

Local Government

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John Lefebvre
Name (print)

County Administrator
Title

Marinette
County

See Attached Letter of Support
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Date

Jolene Barkhaus
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County Board Supervisor
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Jolene Barkhaus
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4/21/22

Date

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Preference

Local Projections of Youth Homelessness, Ages 12-17 and Ages 18-24

Based on Annie E. Casey Kids Count 2020 Projections using US Census data, we estimate a total population of 318,712 youth aged 12-17 within the Balance of State and 288,760 within the counties participating in this Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project. The groundbreaking 2017 Voice of Youth Count study completed by Chapin Hall provides prevalence rates of the number of youth ages 13-17 who experienced homelessness within a one-year period. These numbers are fairly consistent between urban and rural populations and place the prevalence at 1 in 30 youth within this age group. Based on these populations and prevalence rates, a county-by-county estimate of the number of RHY within each local county is provided below. This same report found that 72% of youth who experienced homelessness on the streets also couch surfed. More than 40% experienced more than one episode of homelessness within a year and 73% experienced an episode lasting longer than 1 month. Episodes of running away are even higher at 6-7% of the total youth population.

Based on Annie E Casey Kids Count Projections (2020), using US Census data, we estimate that 12% of the total adult population within the service area is age 18-24. Using Voices of Youth County Prevalence Rates of 1 in 10 youth experiencing homelessness within this demographic, we have provided county by county projections of the number of TAY experiencing an episode of homelessness within a year within the areas included in this project at a staggering 35,947 per year. As described above, it is likely that more than 40% of these young people experienced more than one episode of homelessness within a year.

County level breakdowns providing projections of each population are provided in the charts below.

Data sources:

<https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/tables/8208-child-population#detailed/5/7041-7052,7054-7080,7082-7091,7093-7112/true/574/64,6/16726>

Population estimates: Annie E Casey Kids County Projections of Population 2020

Data Source: Puzzanchera, C., Sladky, A. and Kang, W. (2019). "Easy Access to Juvenile Populations: 1990-2018." Online. Available: <http://www.ojjdp.gov/ojstatbb/ezapop/>

Voices of Youth Count, 2017 Chapin Hall: <https://voicesofyouthcount.org/brief/national-estimates-of-youth-homelessness/>

1 in 30 age 13-17

1 in 10 at 18-25

experienced homelessness over a 12-month period



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April 21, 2022

Wisconsin Balance of State Continuum of Care
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RE: Youth Homeless Demonstration Project - Northeast/N*WISH Coordinated Community Plan

To Whom it May Concern:

At any one given time it's my understanding that there are 50 plus homeless or at risk of becoming homeless youth in our community in the Marinette School District alone. The number of homeless youth in the area served by the North Coalition is higher than it's ever been and continues to grow. This is of great concern and one which needs to be addressed in any way possible.

With Funding from YHDP the Northeast and N*WISH Coalitions/Communities will have the opportunity to add much needed programing to support the youth in our state with a portion of that coming to our communities.

The funding to the State by HUD will provide the necessary funding to support the Housing 1st philosophy and projects that will create programs that do not currently exist in our community. This funding is necessary for us to support our homeless youth and help them with their basic needs.

As the County Administrator for Marinette County I strongly support the distribution of these funds to the local coalitions so they can establish those programs which will meet the needs of the local communities within Marinette County in the most efficient way possible. I thank you in advance for any financial support you can provide to the Northeast and N*WISH Coalitions/Communities.

Sincerely,

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John Lefebvre, Administrator
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April 21, 2022

RE: Youth Homeless Demonstration Project (YHDP) - Northeast/N*WISH Coordinated Community Plan

To Whom It May Concern:

In the 2019-2020 school year, Oconto County had 65 plus homeless youth (ages 12-17), which is up from 35 the prior year, and an estimated 374 homeless young adults (ages 18-24) in Oconto County. Located in the Northeast Coalition the number of the whole coalition is larger than it has ever been. That is a concern for our communities.

Through the funding available with the YHDP, our Northeast and N*WISH Coalitions/Communities will have the opportunity to add much needed programing to support the youth in our state with a portion of that coming to our communities.

The YHDP gives our local communities the necessary funding that is needed to support a Housing First philosophy and projects that will create programs that do not currently exist in our community. This funding is necessary for us to support our homeless youth and help them with their basic needs. Coalitions need resources to be successful, and this funding would be a significant boost to the efforts underway in our area.

Sincerely,

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Erik Pritzl, MS&W, MBA
County Administrator

Northwest

***Coordinated Community Plan to
Prevent & End Youth Homelessness***

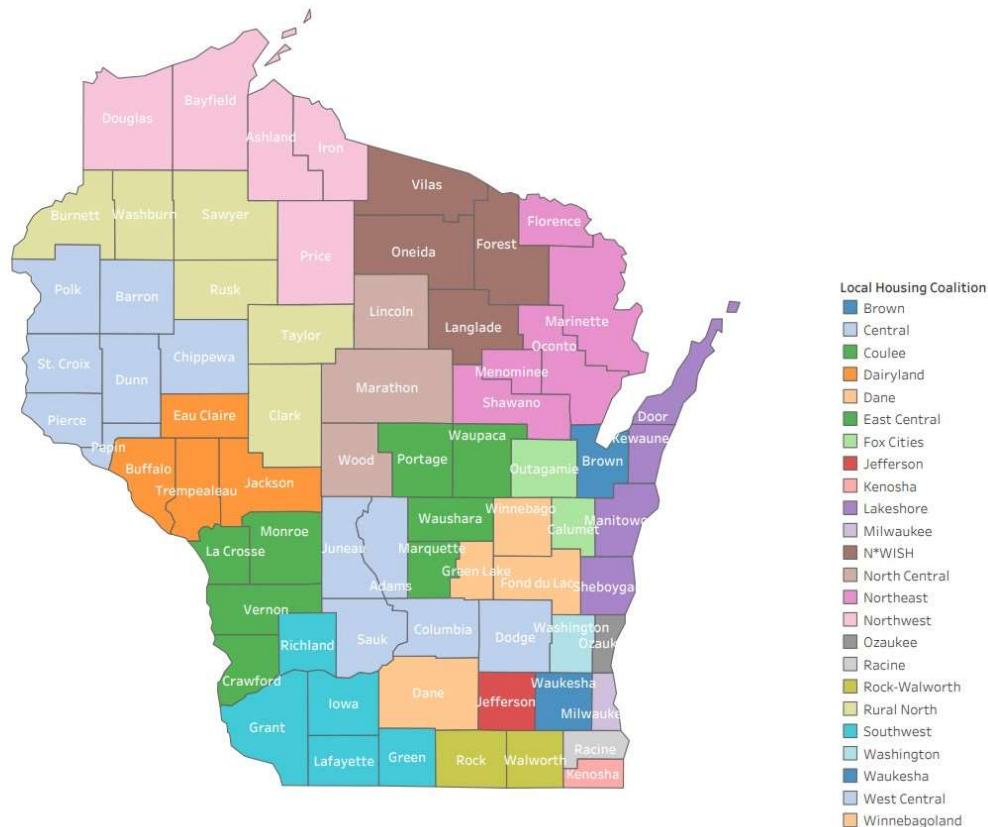


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Introduction:

The Northwest CoC- otherwise known as APAC (Anti-poverty action coalition) has been meeting locally for over 20 years. This coalition includes service providers, interested community members, health care institutions, disability advocates, local government, educational institutions, faith based organizations, etc. representing the counties of Ashland, Bayfield, Douglas, Iron and Price Counties. The group meets monthly (from September - May) and works to identify gaps in services, update each other on program changes, coordinate group responses to emerging issues and evaluate programming. While the coalition is not a legal body we do governing documents and membership agreements. These documents cover things such as membership, voting and appointments. To incorporate the youth voice at the coalition level the governing documents have been revised to add a member of the YAB as a voting member of the coalition.



Mission and Vision

Mission:

With shared responsibility and driven by youth leadership and cross-sector collaboration the Wisconsin Balance of State YHDP Coalition's mission is to prevent youth homelessness whenever possible and if it is not, ensure that the experience is rare, brief and non-recurring.

Vision:

To this end, we envision a future in Wisconsin where all youth and young adults:

- Receive immediate and equitable access to everything they need to thrive in housing, education, employment, well-being and positive community connections.
- Access inclusive and individualized, wrap-around supports to create a mentally and physically healthy environment for growing and learning.
- Take power with leadership opportunities at every level in the youth-serving system.
- Thrive in a variety of housing options that meet the individual needs of youth by providing youth-directed services, connections to community resources and paths to life-long stability through immediate assessment and progressive engagement.
- Partner with culturally affirming and trauma-informed providers that address the specific needs of 2SLGBTQIA+, BIPOC, pregnant and parenting youth, youth fleeing domestic violence and survivors of human trafficking. Acknowledge impact of policies that increase systematic disparities of race, disability, sexual orientation and gender identity.
- Advocate for changes in policy that support, rather than penalize youth seeking self-determination and self-sufficiency.
- Support their mental health and overall wellness needs by close collaboration with mental health, substance abuse and health systems and by uplifting youth to follow their passions through a positive youth development framework.

YAB Statement -

YAB planning for the Northwest coalition includes: We currently have two consistent YAB members and we are working on recruiting more youth from our region. Our first meeting was held on February 25, 2022. We collaborated with Tiffany Hart, from True Colors United, and presented the youth with a YHDP slide deck. The following meeting we worked on the WI BOS jamboard and identified needs and gaps for subpopulations of youth and young adults. Next time we meet, the YAB members will be discussing the need for a local mission & vision statement, and governance structure for the local YAB. The group would like to increase recruitment before selecting the representative at the Balance of State level.

Statement from the local YAB – “Our local YAB consists of members with lived experience with homelessness. We will do our best to bring diverse populations to the table. Our mission is to have a voice in the work that needs to be done in our area to end youth homelessness. We have talked about the resources our community currently has and identified the resources we need. We believe the Youth Homeless Demonstration Grant can provide us with new opportunities and solutions to reduce the number of youth experiencing homelessness.”

Stakeholder Statement -

Along with the formation of the YAB, the Northwest coalition has created a stakeholders group. We started by talking with community members one on one. Our first official meeting was held on February 17, 2022. We worked on recruiting more stakeholders at the last coalition meeting by collaborating with Jen Best and presenting the YHDP slide deck. Smaller meetings have been held to accommodate schedules and the short time frame of the project. A final meeting was held on April 21st to review the update draft prior to submission.

- o Determine existing strengths and gaps in your youth homeless response system.

The strengths in the homeless youth systems include a variety of organizations that are already working together and willing to explore additional models. Several of the school districts train all staff annually on McKinney Vento and homeless liaisons are providing referrals to programs.

Overall gaps for homeless youth include limited options for the rural communities. Douglas County as a metropolitan area has the largest school district, access to services in the Twin Ports as a whole (Duluth, MN and Superior, WI) and a RHY program. The rural communities have smaller populations, lack bus service and while offering limited resources for shelter, food and other supports are not specific to the youth population but rather the homeless population as a whole.

The YAB Gaps & Needs Identification is attached to the end of the plan. This was also reviewed by the stakeholders.

Statement of Need

Contributing Factors within the region:

1. Family Dynamics:

Primary risk factors leading to youth homelessness include family conflict and family dynamics, a youth's sexual orientation, sexual activity, school problems, pregnancy, and substance use. Youth become unaccompanied for a variety of reasons. The most common critical issues families face is unemployment, mental health, alcohol or other drug abuse, history of physical or sexual abuse, insufficient income to support youth, incarcerated parent of youth, and lack of parental support/dysfunctional family dynamics. The loss/death of a parent also contributes greatly to

dynamics of the youth. This has happened more frequently in the high school age population losing the parent that is their primary support, often the other parent is not involved/or not able to be involved, resulting in the need for guardianship or addressing additional barriers due to lack of a guardian.

2. Exiting Foster Care:

Many runaway and homeless youth have been involved in the child welfare system. Youth in foster care face multiple factors that increase their risk of homelessness, including the number of foster care placements, history of running away from placements and time spent in a group home.

3. Juvenile Justice:

Youth involved in the juvenile justice system often end up being served by runaway homeless youth providers. Reasons for homelessness after juvenile justice involvement include that it was not safe for the youth to return to the family, or because the family refused to allow the youth to return home after involvement. Being homeless before entering the juvenile justice system is a key factor in youth returning to homelessness after exiting the juvenile justice system. Key services provided by RHY programs that could prevent youth being placed in the juvenile justice system are family mediation, educational supports, housing and connection to employment services. There is even more supports needed after juvenile justice involvement.

4. Poverty:

The median household income in the Service Delivery Area (SDA) is \$44,287, well below the Wisconsin average of \$54,610 or the national average of \$55,322. The poverty rate in our SDA averages 13.58%; The City of Superior has the highest rate of households living below poverty at 20.3% but the City of Ashland rates at 14.5% of households living below poverty. ([Census.Gov, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5 year Estimates](#)).

The SDA spans 5 counties spread over 5,800 square miles, and is home to 82,858 people. During the last year, 2,686 people under 100% of the poverty rate and 1,145 people between 100-149% of the poverty moved across town, across the state or left the state from our SDA according to the US Census Bureau's 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5 year Estimates. The greatest decrease was in Douglas County, the largest county within our service area with 1,729 people moving who made under 100% of the poverty rate and 519 people moving who made between 100-149% of the poverty rate. Our 5 county region is comprised of one hundred small communities, the cities of Superior and Ashland and two reservations: Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians and the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. Bad River, located in Ashland County, currently has 1,479 people residing on tribal grounds and has 7,000 registered members. Bad River is comprised of 124,655 acres; 95% of this land is wilderness and undeveloped. Bad River is the largest employer in Ashland [County](#)

(www.badriver-nsn.gov/home). Red Cliff, located in Bayfield County, has 1,123 people living on tribal lands. Red Cliff encompasses 14,541 acres, is one-mile-wide and 14 miles long. Red Cliff is the largest employer in the county (www.redcliff-nsn.gov/home). (All statistics are from the 2010 U.S. Census unless otherwise noted). The majority of the population for both reservations is under 18 years of age.

Within the SDA, 91.28% of the population is white; 4.43% are Native American, .84% are Black, and .32% are Asian (2012-2016 American Community Survey 5 year estimates, U.S. Census).

5. Stigma - “Youth homelessness is not prominent or present in the community.” The Northwest region is one of the most rural areas in Wisconsin. Rural homelessness is not always visible. This “invisibility” allows rural communities to be largely unaware of the problem, thus creating the stigma that youth homelessness isn’t a problem in our region. This presents problems with identifying homeless, unaccompanied youth and providing them with the resources they need. The image of youth idling on the streets, sleeping on steam grates, or panhandling on street corners does not fit the rural reality. If individuals were more aware this is an issue perhaps, they would be more willing to listen. It’s imperative that we identify homeless youth because “invisibility” puts them at a greater risk for exploitation, abuse and violence.

FYI Vouchers, FUP Vouchers, Tenant Based Rental Assistance and RHY Data

Superior Housing Authority has been working toward the goal to help youth aging out of foster care to apply for their independence program and secure housing. They have vouchers for 25 youth ages 18-25. As of the February 2022 meeting no vouchers have been assigned. As of April 2022, the City of Ashland Housing Authority has 3 vouchers remaining to be filled.

Workforce Resources has a current caseload of 80 youth aging out of foster care; 40 of which reside within the five-county area.

Northwest Wisconsin Community Services Agency provides 15 units of tenant based rental assistance for homeless youth 18-24 identified primarily through schools and child welfare systems. This project meets local needs as those served meet the McKinney Vento homeless definition. Due to the local climate these youth are not traditionally on the street or in shelters but rather staying at multiple locations throughout the school week.

The Human Development Center - Project Reach Out! The homeless and runaway youth provider service youth ages 14-21 in Douglas County. This service provides outreach and supportive services to homeless and at-risk youth. The program is currently working on establishing a drop in center in the City of Superior.

Stakeholders

| Partner | Partner's Name & Role | Involvement |
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| Youth Action Board | TBD | Group meetings to identify needs and possible solutions. |
| Public Child Welfare Agencies | County Health and Human Services | One-one-consultations, participation on homeless task force/committee meetings, local events |
| Continuum of Care and Emergency Solutions Grant Program Recipients | Northwest Wisconsin Community Services Agency Inc. | Coalition Lead, Stakeholder, homeless service provider |
| Local and State Government | Douglas, Ashland and Bayfield County Administrator | One-one-consultations, participation on homeless task force/committee meetings, local events |
| Runaway and Homeless Youth Program Providers | HDC: Project Reach Out! | Facilitating Youth Action Board |
| Health, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Agencies | Memorial Medical Center North Lakes Community Health Center Ashland/Bayfield County CCS Program | One-one-consultations, participation on homeless task force/committee meetings, local events. Outreach and education of services to shelter facilities. Identification of homeless households for coordinated care. |
| School District McKinney Vento-Homeless Liasons | Superior, Maple and Ashland School Districts | Participation on coalition meetings, stakeholder meeting and on-one-on consultations, referral of identified students to services |

Governance Structure- Decision Making Entities

| Entity | Description | Membership (who, how is it decided) | Role in YHDP (including decision making authority) |
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| Northwest- Local Homeless Coalition | Group with representatives of the 5 counties meets monthly Sept- May | Application process, open invitation to join, on going recruit from many sectors | Selected core team, will revise membership for YAB seat, opportunity to serve on stakeholder group, provide data for plan |
| Youth Advisory Board for the Northwest Coalition | Group of youth with lived experience within the 5 counties | Any youth interested with lived experience willing to share their time and expertise. | Identify local needs, recommend solutions, review and support community plans. |
| Community Stakeholders in Northwest Region | Sub-committee of coalition | Coalition members and other interested parties | Completion of the plan to present to full coalition |
| YHDP Core Team | Consultant, COC/ESG Grantee/ RHY Provider | Decided by local coalition | Provide updates to full coalition, complete plan, facilitate YAB |

YAB Governance Structure: The Northwest Youth Action Board voted unanimously on their governance structure. They choose to have a flat organizational structure. Leadership is decentralized, and there is no one person at the top. They voted to make decisions based on a majority vote. This allows space for everyone to have the opportunity to be heard. Overall, to be considered the majority, the YAB needs a two-thirds vote to take action on an item for voting.

List of Goals, Objectives, & Action Steps:

Goal 1: Housing

Making sure youth are connected to immediate, safe, and supported housing options through diverse and flexible options that reflect their individualized needs and pave the way for long-term, sustainable housing.

| Goal 1: Housing |
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| Objective 1.1: Increase the number of rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing by expanding existing services.. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Action Step 1.1.1: Prioritize YHDP project funding to increase XX, reflecting the housing needs estimates and priorities established by stakeholders, WI BOS, and Youth Action Board (YAB).· Action Step 1.1.2: Develop culturally appropriate rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing models for youth in rural, Native American, and 2SLGBTQIA+ youth within our communities.· Action 1.1.3: Work with youth to define culturally appropriate, comprehensive services to be offered as voluntary services in rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing programs. |
| Partner(s) Responsible: Northwest Coalition, Northwest WI Comm. Services Agency, and YAB |

Timeframe: Fall, 2022 with YHDP grant award agreements signed.

HUD Key Principles

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| Equity X | Positive Youth Development <input type="checkbox"/> | Trauma-Informed Care x | Family Engagement <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Housing First X | Youth Choice <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Integration <input type="checkbox"/> | Coordinated Entry <input type="checkbox"/> |

Objective 1.2: Assess for the role and place for youth-specific Emergency Shelter Beds understanding that temporary solutions are not the priority but an essential piece of the continuum of care.

- Action Step 1.2.1: Prioritize YHDP project funding to increase crisis housing beds housing needs estimates and priorities established by stakeholders, WI BOS, and YAB.
- Action Step 1.2.2: Identify new funding sources to support the development of low-barrier shelter models.
- Action Step 1.2.3: Advocate legislature to allow unaccompanied minors to consent to shelter.
- Action Step 1.2.4: Leverage existing resources to expand opportunities to provide emergency shelter, including the creative re-use of existing properties and working with licensed faith-based organizations to provide shelter options.
- Action Step 1.2.5: Increase the capacity of existing shelters to serve youth through training, capacity building and the inclusion of peer support.
- Action Step 1.2.6: Develop culturally responsive emergency shelter options for Native American youth, and 2SLGBTQIA+ youth, including the potential use of tipis for emergency or crisis housing.

- Action 1.2.7: Provide case management, life skills training, and education and employment opportunities in emergency/crisis housing options to help youth resolve their immediate crisis.

Partner(s) Responsible: Northwest Coalition, NWCSA, and other agencies TBD

Timeframe: Fall 2022-2023

HUD Key Principles

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Objective 1.3: Develop a more suitable housing stock for youth experiencing homelessness suited to the locale and geography of Northern Wisconsin.

- Action Step 1.3.1: Research host homes to better understand if it fits for Northern Wisconsin.
- Action Step 1.3.2: Begin to develop a plan for identifying host homes – or a similar prototype for youth of color, 2SLGBTQIA+ youth, Native American youth, and pregnant and parenting youth – who remain disproportionately impacted by housing instability.
- Action Step 1.3.3: Prioritize YHDP project funding to respond to the regional housing needs estimates and priorities established by the stakeholders, WI BOS, and YAB.
- Action Step 1.3.4: Work with YAB and community partners to continuously evaluate and respond to the distinct needs of rural areas, urban areas, and tribal areas in Northern Wisconsin.

Partner(s) Responsible: Northwest Coalition, Project Reach Out! At HDC, local government and YAB

Timeframe: Jan 2023

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Objective 1.4: : Use prevention and diversion strategies that provide support to youth and families.

- Action Step 1.4.1: Prioritize YHDP project funding to create System Navigator positions across Northern Wisconsin, reflecting the project priorities established by the Northwest Coalition, YHDP Team, and Youth Action Board (YAB).
 - YAB to explore how this program model can and should work for different populations of focus, including tribal youth, LGBTQ+ youth, pregnant and parenting youth, and youth transitioning out of the foster care and juvenile justice systems.
 - Ensure system navigators can help connect youth to social activities and skill-building opportunities that are culturally appropriate.
- Action Step 1.4.2: Prioritize YHDP project funding to support diversion across Northern Wisconsin, reflecting the project priorities established by the stakeholders, WI BOS COC, and Youth Action Board (YAB).
- Action 1.4.3: Providing training to case managers and intake staff to explore diversion opportunities for all youth.
 - Training should include Positive Youth Development (PYD), Trauma-Informed Care (TIC), working with youth who have experienced trafficking and exploitation, and family finding and engagement with families of choice.
 - Staff should be trained in cultural competency, awareness, and humility to ensure appropriate diversion options are provided for tribal youth.

Partner(s) Responsible: Northwest Coalition, NWCSA, Project Reach Out! HDC, and YAB

Timeframe: Jan 2023

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Goal 2: Social-Emotional Well-Being and Permanent Connections.

The health and well-being of youth are prioritized by meeting youth where they are and providing them with the resources, supports, and permanent connections they need to achieve happiness, health, self-sufficiency, and self-actualization.

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| Goal 2: Social-Emotional Well-Being and Permanent Connections. |
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| Objective 2.1: Increase the role of community partners in improving the social and emotional well-being of youth at risk of or experiencing homelessness. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Action Step 2.1.1: Ensure every homeless liaison in Northern Wisconsin has access to training in prevention and other training priorities and needs to be focused on homeless youth. · Action Step 2.1.2: Identify other key community partners such as 2SLGBTQIA+ organizations, cultural programs, anti-trafficking services for survivors, afterschool programs, and faith-based organizations that build relationships with them to address the social and emotional needs of at-risk and homeless youth. · Action Step 2.1.3: Workshops – Develop a variety of online webinars to provide information on best practices and interventions that can be implemented by educators and community members to increase awareness of the needs of youth experiencing homelessness. · Action Step 2.1.4: Training to be created and hosted by Spring 2023. · Action Step 2.1.5: Develop marketing and information campaigns to share training and workshops with community partners. |

Partner(s) Responsible: Leaders from the Anti-Human Trafficking Response Teams, Anti-Human Trafficking Task Forces, Northwest Coalition, Project Reach Out! At HDC, DPI and district administration.

Timeframe: Fall 2022- Spring 2023

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Objective 2.2: Network with previous YHDP grantees and discuss their youth homelessness identification systems and referral and data-sharing systems to formalize handoff between systems to increase youth success.

· Action Step 2.2.1: Identify other youth identification systems in place, such as school-based programming, The Boys and Girls Clubs, local DV and SV youth programs, and church youth groups.

Partner(s) Responsible: Northwest Coalition, NWSCA, Project Reach Out! At HDC, and YAB

Timeframe: Fall 2022

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Objective 2.3: Increase health and wellness as a priority for youth-at-risk of and experiencing homelessness.

- Action Step 2.3.1: Partner with the Wisconsin Department of Children & Families, and community providers to implement evidence-based public health interventions.
- Action Step 2.3.2: Incorporate fun social activities and life skills activities into programs to address the social needs of youth and combat feelings of loneliness or isolation.

Partner(s) Responsible: Northwest Coalition, YHDP Coordinator, NWSCA, Project Reach Out HDC, County Health & Human Services, Mental Health Providers, Health, and Substance Abuse Agency, and YAB

Timeframe: Fall 2023

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Goal Three: Education and Employment.

All youth should have access to educational resources to achieve their career goals, helping to prevent homelessness for at-risk youth, and create sustainable pathways to income and housing for youth experiencing homelessness.

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| Goal Three: Education and Employment. |
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| Objective 3.1: Increase training and education on homeless resources, interventions, and best practices for homelessness liaisons and other vital school staff throughout Northwest Wisconsin. |

- Action 3.3.1: Expand access to universal interventions, such as aiding youth, in acquiring needed documents (i.e., birth certificate) and applying for social services to increase academic and employee autonomy.
- Action Step 3.3.2: Collaborate with the local high schools + middle schools to include information on the McKinney-Vento Act and the role of homeless liaisons within training programs for school administrators and school counselors.
- Action Step 3.3.3: Develop and deliver training and educational resources for school staff through collaboration between the YAB and adult education stakeholders.

Partner(s) Responsible RHY Providers, Northwest Coalition, and other UW- Extension, DPI, school district administration, Community partners, and YAB

Timeframe: Fall 2022 - 2023

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Objective 3.2: Build a formal relationship with leaders in the University of Wisconsin, Northland College and Northwoods Tech systems to establish single points of contact to support youth, such as Upward Bound and Student Support Services.

- Action Step 3.2.1: Explore Upward Bound and Student Support Services as models.
- Action Step 3.2.2: Determine an appropriate UW & NWT department/office (e.g., student success, financial aid, etc.) to develop a potential pilot for a single point of contact (SPOC).
- Action Step 3.2.3: Create relationships with Board of Regents
 - Attend meetings and introduce/visit with Regents
- Action Step 3.4.4: Work with higher education colleges to gain support, guidance, and opportunities.
- Action Step 3.4.5: Conduct outreach to students in higher education to share information and recruit new YAB members.

Partner(s) Responsible: Northwest Coalition, Leaders in the UW, Northland College and Northwood Tech systems, Northwest CEP, RHY Providers, YAB, and local youth programs

Timeframe: Fall 2022 - 2024

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Objective 3.3: Increase housing and homelessness resources for youth in higher education who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

- Action Step 3.3.1: Work with local colleges and universities across Northwest Region to determine a potential model for resources for college students
- Action Step 3.3.2: Determine how and where students will access these resources (i.e., Where will the resources “live”? Some other department? The SPOC?)
- Action Step 3.3.3: Collaborate and work with homeless liaisons in high schools.
- Action Step 3.3.4: Explore opportunities for homeless youth in unfilled dorms at the postsecondary level. Connect with postsecondary leadership.

Partner(s) Responsible: Northwest Coalition, Leaders in the UW and Northwood Tech systems, RHY Providers, YAB, and local youth programs

Timeframe: Fall 2022 - 2024

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Goal Four: Systems Change.

Youth will be supported in navigating systems of care and transitioning into adulthood and out of homelessness through increased cross-systems coordination and collaboration

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| Objective 4.1: Increase local capacity to coordinate resources for addressing youth homelessness throughout the Northwest Region. |

- Action Step 4.1.1: Work with YHDP coordinator and WARS to access virtual training and resources for all homelessness providers to increase their knowledge for supporting marginalized youth and enhancing awareness of human trafficking & exploitation, healthy relationships, violence prevention, and other priority areas.
 - Have YAB provide training for YHDP Coordinator.
 - YHDP coordinator and WARS will work with the Northwest Coalition to engage local YAB youth in planning.
- Action Step 4.1.2: Improve coordination with tribal communities to coordinate resources and the community response for addressing homelessness among tribal youth.
- Action Step 4.1.3: Evaluate housing entry processes to make access, assessment, referral, and prioritization more appropriate for youth.
 - Learn from Wisconsin's local coordinated entry system for youth to inform other local/regional processes.
 - Improve transportation/outreach to connect youth experiencing homelessness to services.
 - Evaluate existing assessment tools for appropriateness for minors and 2SLGBTQIA+ youth, BIPOC youth, and youth experiencing trafficking and exploitation.
 - Work with YAB to develop questions and language that resonates with youth.
- Action Step 4.1.4: Improve engagement with non-traditional community partners such as faith-based organizations and local businesses to support youth homelessness efforts.
- Action Step 4.1.5: Improve connections between the homeless response system and external services and resources (ex: legal assistance) through relationship-building.
- Action Step 4.1.6: Build a grant RFP into project proposal assessment, so partnerships with external agencies that are tracking system issues that impact youth homelessness can be prioritized (ex: generational mental health issues).

Partner(s) Responsible RHY Providers, Northwest Coalition, NWCSA, YAB, and other community partners

Timeframe: Fall 2022 – 2023/Ongoing

HUD Key Principles

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| Equity X | Positive Youth Development <input type="checkbox"/> | Trauma-Informed Care <input type="checkbox"/> | Family Engagement <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Housing First <input type="checkbox"/> | Youth Choice <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Integration X | Coordinated Entry X |

Objective 4.2: Create a system map to identify existing services, service hotspots, service gaps, and innovative practices to support youth experiencing homelessness statewide, including where problems in the system are originating from or being compounded (ex: treatment centers, foster care system).

- Action Step 4.2.1: Identify young leader with lived experience to help facilitate system mapping exercise
- Action Step 4.2.2: Conduct a system mapping exercise in Fall of 2022
- Action Step 4.2.3: Synthesize the information gathered from the system mapping exercise into digestible products:
 - Product 1: Visual of a system map for APAC's five county area that includes identification of gaps, frictions, and issues in the system.
 - Product 2: Decision tree outlining processes and outcomes.
 - Product 3: Documents detailing community-level analysis of origination and identification of system gaps.

Partner(s) Responsible: WI BOS, YHDP Coordinator, RHY Providers, Northwest Coalition, NWCSA, YAB, and other community partners

Timeframe: Fall 2022

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Objective 4.3: Collaborate with local human rights advocacy groups to support the passing of inclusive anti-discrimination laws to ensure protections for marginalized populations.

- Action Step 4.3.1: Introduce conversation regarding youth homelessness as a compelling argument to other organizations leading up to the legislative session.
- Action Step 4.3.2: Communicate with YAB members regarding who is interested in sharing their story and testifying at WI Legislature during the hearings.
- Action Step 4.3.3: Develop and provide training on advocacy and legislative action for interested YAB members.
- Action Step 4.3.4: Work with YAB to develop state bills in support of increasing the rights of minors, including self-emancipation, ability to sign a housing contract, and to enter shelter unaccompanied

Partner(s) Responsible WI BOS, YHDP Coordinator, RHY Providers, Northwest Coalition, NWCSA, YAB, and other community leaders (mayors, city council members, etc.)

Timeframe: Winter 2022-2023

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Objective 4.4: Develop community-specific education campaigns to help people understand youth homelessness.

- Action Step 4.4.1: Collaboration between YAB and adult partners to develop an education and awareness campaign to target diverse community partners and the general public.
 - Recruit cross-system partners to engage in this campaign together.
 - Develop messaging and resources that are specific to each community.
- Action Step 4.4.2: Provide education to the general public about the distinct challenges facing tribal youth, including high rates of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) and human trafficking and exploitation.
- Action Step 4.4.3: Share information at community events, led by YAB members.

Partner(s) Responsible: YHDP Coordinator, RHY Providers, Northwest Coalition, NWCSA, YAB, and other community partners (for example: human trafficking prevention groups/task forces/MDT's, Bayfield County Proclamation)

Timeframe: Winter 2022-2023

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Objective 4.5: Develop community-specific education campaigns to educate youth about available resources and rights.

- Action Step 4.5.1: Collaboration between YAB and adult partners to develop an education and awareness campaign targeted to youth at-risk of and experiencing homelessness regarding available resources and rights.
 - Develop messaging and resources that are specific to each community to share information on locally available resources and ways to join the YAB.
 - Work with local youth to identify the best ways to share information (ex: social media, word of mouth).
- Action Step 4.5.2: Share resources and information at schools, youth centers, community centers, and youth-focused events to help reach as many young people as possible.

Partner(s) Responsible: YHDP Coordinator, RHY Providers, Northwest Coalition, NWCSA, YAB, and other community partners

Timeframe: Winter 2022-2023

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Objective 4.6: Establish 2SLGBTQIA+ and race equity as guiding principles for our statewide efforts to prevent and end youth homelessness.

- Action Step 4.6.1: Establish a shared language and understanding of 2SLGBTQIA+ and race equity to be utilized across Northern Wisconsin.
- Action Step 4.6.2: Create safe spaces to promote positive expressions of race, sexual orientation, gender, and intersectionality of identities, including art, music, painting, and poetry.
- Action Step 4.6.3: Utilize national training resources (ex: True Colors United) and local trainings to ensure that all APAC providers are knowledgeable of 2SLGBTQIA+ and race equity in their policies and practices.
- Action Step 4.6.4: Ensure that housing and services provided through YHDP are informed by youth to be culturally and 2SLGBTQIA+ appropriate.
- Action Step 4.6.5: Require that all YHDP housing and service providers have an inclusive, nondiscrimination policy in place that addresses race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity, among others.
- Action Step 4.6.6: Help youth make connections to their cultural roots when they are accessing housing, services, or moving through youth-serving systems.

Partner(s) Responsible: YHDP Coordinator, RHY Providers, Northwest Coalition, NWCSA, YAB, and other community partners

Timeframe: Fall 2022

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New Project List

The Northwest YHDP planning group proposes the following interventions to be utilized to reduce homelessness. Each of the interventions was created within the framework of the guiding principles, as set forth by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which are

- Positive Youth Development,
- Trauma-Informed Care,
- Family Engagement,
- Immediate Access to Housing with No Preconditions,
- Youth Choice,
- Individualized and Client-Driven Supports, Social and Community Integration,
- and Coordinated Entry

The process will involve asking youth, providers, and program managers to reflect on the unique needs that could be met with the support of the best practices of HUD's guiding principles.

Additionally, funded projects will be provided with training and oversight of participating agencies on how to align more with HUD guiding principles, expectations, and requirements.

Project 1: Emergency shelter services for youth under 18. Although recent state law change allows 17-year-olds to enter emergency shelters in WI, there are few organizations that have the training, experience, or capacity to meet their needs. Barriers include funding & policy guidance on issues around youth-centered services.

Project 2: Transitional Housing - Rapid Rehousing will provide youth in immediate crisis access to short-term low-barrier, shame-free, safe emergency housing. Youth in the intervention will be provided navigation services to connect youth/young adults with supportive services and an expedited pathway to permanent housing. In short, youth will be offered both crisis housing (TH) and rapid rehousing (RRH) assistance. This model is vital in Montana, where there is a significant scarcity of emergency shelters, especially those that will admit youth.

Project 3: Life skills development, taught in small groups and individual mentorships, including budgeting, cooking, cleaning & job searching. Barriers include limited high quality mentorship programs that work to establish healthy, consistent & positive adult connections, agency capacity, funding & training.

Project 4: Increased access to housing resources. Most landlords are reluctant to rent to anyone under the age of 18 without a co-signer or lease guarantor & questions remain about the legality of minors signing leases. In such a tight rental market, competition for apartments is high. Barriers include lack of affordable & available units, flexible funding & ability to co-sign leases.

Local Homeless Coalition

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Coalition Lead / GSH / COC Grantee
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County Admin

Bayfield County

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Northwest YAB on March 25, 2022

Resources Youth Identified In Our Community

- Salvation Army
- NWCSA -TBRA Program, Hotel Vouchers, Food Shelf, Rapid Rehousing, Solid Rock Men's Shelter
- Harbor House Family Shelter (Single Females 17 and over are welcome)
- Health Care Clinic, LifeCare Center, WIC for Preg/Parenting YYA
- St. Vincent DePaul
- Superior Housing Authority (they aren't taking 1 bedroom applications right now)
- RHY Program- Gas cards, Support Person for case management, hygiene, food, clothes
- Lake Superior Community Health- Medical, Dental, Behavioral Health, Health Care Access, Substance Abuse Counselor
- Ruth House- Warming Center and Freestore

Resources Youth Identified As A Need In Our Community

- Medical Care for youth and teens
- Longer TBRA time limit to find appts and maybe 3 years and not 2
- more options for housing similar to the TBRA program at NWCSA
- “Help youth with housing” Conversation about how the lists are too long for housing and no 1 bedroom list at SHA.
- Foodstamp for youth
- Fair Market Value prices raised higher- Can't find anything in that range and wasted vouchers
- No human trafficking resources- they need shelters and support groups
- a youth shelter
- drug and alcohol treatment services for teens (nothing here for minors)
- More of Tanya (They meant more RHY staff)
- a free store for YYA
- Mental Health Help
- Free daycare/childcare
- LGBTQ support services

- more landlords that take vouchers
- life skills classes
- outdoor events for social outings
- Affordable birthday party options for parenting youth
- an emergency place to go- we talked about shelters and drop-in centers
- Transportation issues to get to work and back- they discussed an uber service for YYA
- When talking about drop-in centers they talked about fitness equipment, free phone plans or minutes, bus passes, more socks, clothes, jackets, free open wi-fi, free healthy meal



Resources We Have

Salvation
ARMY
Food shelf

CASDA

RHY
Program

TBRA
Program
NUSA

Health
CARE
CLINIC

Hector
House
Family
Shelter
Not for youth
unaccompanied

St. Vincent
DePaul

Ruth House
-warming
-bath
-freezer

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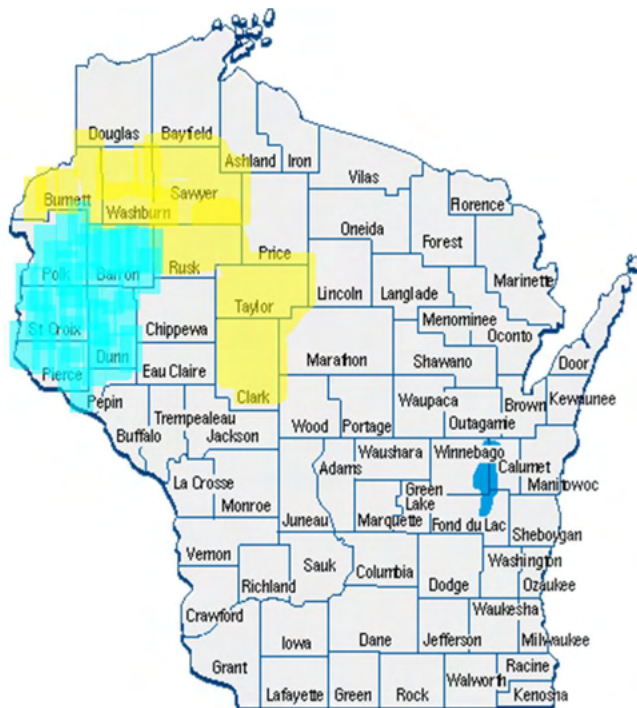
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Coordinated Community Plan

I. Introduction

Geography. This coordinated community plan is a collaborative effort between the Rural North Homeless Coalition which consists of Burnett, Washburn, Sawyer, Rusk, Taylor and Clark Counties and the West Central Homeless Coalition, which will focus on Barron, Dunn, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, and St. Croix Counties, for purposes of this plan. Burnett, Polk, St. Croix, Pierce, and Pepin share a border with Minnesota while Taylor and Clark Counties are located in the north central and central part of Wisconsin.

Map of counties. The yellow highlighted counties are members of the Rural North Homeless Coalition and turquoise highlighted counties are members of the West Central Homeless Coalition.



Description of coalition. Following is a brief description of each.

- The mission of the Rural North (RN) Homeless Coalition is to collaborate as a group dedicated to end homelessness in our rural communities by advocating and maximizing resources and providing supportive services. RN's vision is to provide access to services and affordable housing to every member of our community. Counties served by the RN Coalition are Burnett, Clark, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor, and Washburn. Membership on the coalition include the following representatives from agencies and organizations dedicated to addressing issues facing the homeless in the targeted counties: Amanda Newberry, Director of Taylor County Supportive Housing, a transitional housing shelter; Jessica Medgett with the Taylor County Housing Authority; Angela Friend with the Center for Veteran's Issues; Anna Kauffman, Anna Ringstad, Michelle Wilkans, Lisa Walker and Tammy Magdzas representing different programs with Indianhead Community Action Agency, providing multiple programs and services to promote healthy families, sustainable communities and strong local businesses; Becca Golden with Northwest Wisconsin Concentrated Employment Program

(NWCEP) administering federal, state, and private foundation funded workforce development programs, Brandy Carlsen with Embrace Services, Inc., the domestic violence shelter for DV/SA survivors in Rusk, Washburn, and Barron Counties; Casey Levrach representing the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Connie Hanson, Director of Rusk County Lighthouse Homeless Shelter; Curt Spicer, Duana Bremer, Sandy Clark, Stacey Feidt, Stephen Smith, and Sue Skinner all with Salvation Army Service Extension representing multiple counties in the RN Coalition; and Trent Thibodeau, with MHS Health Wisconsin, a managed care company with a commitment to improving the health of the community one individual at a time through affordable and reliable healthcare plans. The Rural North Coalition is working on the Coordinated Community Plan under the auspices of the Salvation Army, which is the fiscal agent for the YHDP.

- The vision of the West Central (WC) Homeless Coalition is that homelessness should be prevented whenever possible, and when it cannot, homelessness should be rare, brief, and non-recurring. To accomplish this vision the mission is to end homelessness by providing homelessness prevention, intervention, and supportive services for persons and families in our region. The WC Coalition is comprised of representatives from the following agencies and organizations: Lori Zahrbach, the Executive Director of Benjamin's House Emergency Shelter; Naomi Cummings and Jamie Gibson, Bridge to Hope DV/SA shelter serving Dunn and Pepin Counties; Kevin Burch and Julianne Linberg with Catholic Charities of LaCrosse; Angela Friend with the Center for Veterans Issues; Danica Nichols and Cheri Moats with Community Referral Agency, the DV/SA shelter serving Burnett, Polk, and Barron Counties; Tammy July-Levra with Dunn County Housing Authority; Michelle Zagozen, the Homeless Liaison for the Durand-Arkansas School District; Ginny Ormsby with Northwoods Homeless shelters; Bob Rohret with St. Croix County Health & Human Services; Duana Bremer and Stacy Nordin with Salvation Army Service Extension; Heidi Hooten and Pdraig Gallagher with Stepping Stones of Dunn County, a DV/SA shelter; Amy Berg, with Turningpoint for Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence serving Pierce and St. Croix Counties; Casey Levrach with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Karla Peterson representing Veterans Outreach & Recovery Program; and Lori Newton, Lori Newton, and Erica all with West Community Action Programs (West CAP), serving housing and other essential needs for individuals in Pierce, Polk, and St. Croix County Section 8.

Representatives from the RN and WC Coalitions are collaborating in developing the coordinated community plan. The organization applying for the funding will be the Salvation Army, a 501(c)(3).

- Due to the absence of housing options for homeless youth in the two Coalitions, THUG (Truly Humble Under God) Life Ministries, in existence now for nearly 10 years, has stepped up to the plate to provide homeless services for Y/YA's ages 16-24 and to address their multiple other needs. Sara Rank, the Director of THUG Life has shared she works with an average of 100 to 110 homeless youth monthly in the Polk/St Croix County region. Through this organization, she provides multiple housing options

including shared apartments, host families, a home residence with bunk rooms, and renting rooms from families in the immediate vicinity. Additionally, THUG provides a variety of other services to youth including backpacks filled with personal essentials/supplies, funding for groceries, accompanying youth on medical and other appointments, assisting them in getting required ID's, driver's licenses, and encouragement and support for Y/YA's to complete their education and receive further training to become self-sufficient. THUG's vision is to purchase a central property with tiny houses, and a community center with a central kitchen and showers for youth to enjoy safe and temporary transitional housing.

II. Mission and Vision

A.B. Mission and Vision Statements. The RN and WC Coalitions are adopting the Wisconsin Balance of State mission and vision, of which the mission is: "With shared responsibility and driven by youth leadership and cross-sector collaboration the Wisconsin Balance of State YHDP Coalition's mission is to prevent youth homelessness whenever possible and if it is not, ensure that the experience is rare, brief and non-recurring."

C. Community History with Youth Homeless System. While the WC Coalition has had prior experience working with Positive Alternatives, a private non-profit, community-based, multi-service organization serving youth and families in Wisconsin, and specifically in Menomonie, that was many years ago when Positive Alternatives was funded through the Wisconsin Association for Homeless and Runaway Services to provide housing. Because there was no more funding for housing, Positive Alternatives now works with county human services offices to provide other types of services for youth in need of alternate care. The RN Coalition's experience working with homeless youth has primarily involved working with Crystal Meier, Workforce Resource, Inc., Program Coordinator of Independent Living for Youth Aging Out of Foster care, prioritizing youth aging out of foster care and providing Tenant-Based Rental Assistance vouchers.

Given limited involvement in working with and providing services and shelter for homeless youth in both regions, this coordinated community plan has provided an opportunity to address this growing need, as indicated in the data below.

D. Statement from the Local YAB. Upon notification of this YHDP project, efforts were made starting in February 2022 to establish a YAB for the RN and WC Coalitions as neither coalition had a functioning YAB. Contact was made with Crystal Meier and Derek Krzykowski, the Independent Living Program Manager and Specialist serving Workforce Resource's IL program in Burnett, Washburn, Sawyer, Rusk, Taylor, Polk and Barron Counties and Family & Children's Center IL program in Clark, St. Croix, Pepin, Pierce, and Dunn Counties. Ms. Meier

made several referrals to the program as did Shelby Fader, the CPS/Youth Justice staff in the Department of Children & Families in Polk County. Pastor Diane House, serving ELCA congregations in Barron and Polk Counties also suggested two youth, who were formerly homeless, but had since been adopted by a family in Polk County. While there have been ten youth referred and multiple calls/emails have been made to encourage their participation, the YAB has a consistent group of four to five youth/young adults who are actively participating, with an additional young adult in Taylor County who has a work conflict during the established time the YAB is meeting. Two are young adults enrolled at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire and are social work majors with one also having a double major in youth justice in addition to social work. Two youth, a brother and sister, are 16 and 17 years old who were homeless, but have since been adopted. Realizing the issues of being young and homeless, this brother and sister duo have begun a non-profit organization themselves which is focused on providing resources to other foster care youth and those experiencing homelessness. A new member, a young adult, single mother, and Native American, joined the YAB in April.

After reviewing the BoS established mission and vision statements, youth members of the RN/WC Coalition YAB provided feedback and approved the BoS YHDP mission and vision and adopted these as the local mission and vision for the RN and WC CCP. In a discussion about the merits/value of the YHDP, members concurred this is a critically needed program, especially for counties in the northwest region where there are extremely limited homeless shelters and opportunities to house homeless youth. All concurred a lack of recognition among the general populace about the issue of youth homelessness. While YAB members are primarily aware of what is occurring within their own county, discussion ensued this is problematic in most of the RN and WC counties, as many are primarily rural with one member commenting the existing housing options even in more heavily populated areas provide for only limited stays. One youth added it is difficult to rent an apartment when one does not have a rental history, or parental figures one can rely on to assist with this issue as landlords are hesitant to rent to individuals without a prior rental history.

YAB members also expressed concerns about the lack of any therapy or professional counseling services due to the limited numbers of professional mental health providers throughout the entire region (as shared in the data below examining the ratio of the population to professional therapists in each county). Youth believe a component of the ultimate program model selected needs to include other kinds of counseling services as well, such as peer counseling, financial counseling, job counseling, etc. Two YAB members, who have established a non-profit focused on addressing the needs of foster youth (e.g., basic supplies, enrichment items, and monetary support), shared the difficulty in promoting their non-profit to raise sufficient funds to address the needs of foster care children/youth and young people who are experiencing homelessness. While Child Protective Services is an excellent partner, all YAB members concurred there is a lack of recognition about youth homelessness and a lack of resources to support youth. Another concern raised was drug use by young people and births to youth in their early teens

who are not capable of supporting babies. Thus, they agreed that AODA counseling resources would be beneficial as would services supporting young parents.

III. Statement of Need

A. **PIT.** The RN and WC Coalitions collect PIT data twice a year – the last Wednesday into Thursday in the months of January and July. The purpose of collecting this data is to document an unduplicated count of all individuals located who are unsheltered and experiencing homelessness. The process both Coalitions use is assigning a designated Coalition member representing each county to spearhead a street count in the larger communities within the county and to visit common places where homeless unsheltered individuals may be found (e.g., laundromats, parking lots of larger stores that are open all night or late into the evening, gas stations, libraries, etc.), congregating or sleeping in their vehicles. For instance, in Rusk County, which is very rural, the count is taken in the two largest population centers, the city of Ladysmith and the Bruce village. In the other RN Coalition counties PIT data is collected in the following population centers: Burnett (Siren, Grantsburg, and Webster); Taylor (Medford and Gilman); Sawyer (Hayward); Clark (Loyal) and in Washburn (Shell Lake and Spooner). PIT data is collected in the following locations in the WC Coalition: Dunn (Menomonie, Boyceville, Colfax, Elk Mound, Wheeler, Connorsville, and Downsville); Pierce (Spring Valley, River Falls, Prescott, Ellsworth, and Plum City); Pepin (Durand, Pepin, Arkansaw); Barron (Rice Lake, Barron, Cumberland, Cameron, Prairie Farm, Chetek, and Turtle Lake); Polk (Balsam Lake, St. Croix Falls, Amery, Osceola, Clear Lake, Milltown, and Frederic); and in St. Croix (Hudson, New Richmond, Baldwin, Hammond, Woodville, Glenwood City, and Forrest). During July, PIT data is also conducted in area parks, along the river, etc. where individuals may be found camping. Coalition members often involve a formerly homeless individual who is now being sheltered to accompany them, as this individual generally knows where best to locate other homeless individuals.

Point in Time data from 2020 and 2021 for Y/YA's in RN and WC is in the following tables.

| Rural North Coalition Point in Time Data | | | | | | | | |
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| | 2020 | 2021 | 2020 | 2021 | 2020 | 2021 | 2020 | 2021 |
| Homeless Indicator | Emergency Shelter | Emergency Shelter | Transit'l Housing | Transit'l Housing | Unsheltered | Unsheltered | Total | Total |
| Total HH w/out children | 27 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 31 | 18 |
| Total people w/out children | 28 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 32 | 20 |
| Unaccompanied Youth HH<18 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Unaccompanied Youth people <18 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| Unaccompanied Youth HH 18-24 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 |

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|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----|---|
| Unaccompanied Youth people 18-24 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Total HH with children | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| Total people with children | 8 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 12 | 5 |
| Parenting youth HH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Parenting youth 18-24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Children of Parenting Youth | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Demographic Indicator | Parenting Youth | Parenting Youth | Young Adult | Young Adult | 2020 Unaccompanied Youth | 2021 Unaccompanied Youth | | |
| Female | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | |
| Male | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | | |
| Transgender | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Gender Non-conforming | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| White | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | | |
| Black or African American | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Native American | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Multi-Racial | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Asian | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Hispanic/Latino | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | | |
| Chronic HH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |

The PIT data for the RN Coalition indicates the vast majority of homeless individuals fall within the category of total households without children while there is very little data for unaccompanied youth and no data for parenting youth 18-24 years of age. This is true for both years of data. While the research (cited below) indicates there are sizeable numbers of homeless unaccompanied youth, the reality is PIT in RN is not capturing this data. This is the same situation in the following PIT data for the WC Coalition.

| West Central Coalition Point in Time Data | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2020 | 2021 | 2020 | 2021 | 2020 | 2021 | 2020 | 2021 |
| Homeless Indicator | Emergency Shelter | Emergency Shelter | Transit/I Housing | Transit/I Housing | Unsheltered | Unsheltered | Total | Total |
| Total HH w/out children | 78 | 70 | 28 | 31 | 2 | 0 | 108 | 101 |
| Total people w/out children | 79 | 80 | 28 | 31 | 2 | 0 | 109 | 111 |
| Unaccompanied Youth HH<18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|----|
| Unaccompanied Youth people <18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unaccompanied Youth HH 18-24 | 7 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 5 |
| Unaccompanied Youth people 18-24 | 8 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 6 |
| Total HH with children | 13 | 23 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 18 | 25 |
| Total people with children | 40 | 69 | 15 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 59 | 76 |
| Parenting youth HH | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Parenting youth 18-24 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Children of Parenting Youth | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Demographic Indicator | Parenting Youth | Parenting Youth | Young Adult | Young Adult | 2020 Unaccompanied Youth | | 2021 Unaccompanied Youth | |
| Female | 0 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 0 | | 0 | |
| Male | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | 0 | |
| Transgender | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| Gender Non-conforming | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| White | 0 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 0 | | 0 | |
| Black or African American | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| Native American | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| Multi-Racial | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| Asian | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | 0 | |
| Hispanic/Latino | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | |
| Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino | 0 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 0 | | 0 | |
| Chronic HH | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | 0 | |

The largest numbers of individuals without children identified in the WC Coalition is the most prevalent cohort of homeless individuals. There is no PIT data for unaccompanied homeless youth under 18 years of age. The data for unaccompanied homeless young adults 18-24 is also very low compared to the rest of the homeless population.

PIT Data Analysis. For both Coalitions, regardless of the age of homeless individuals, Emergency Shelter is by far the most common housing option for households with and without children, for unaccompanied youth less than 18 and for young adults 18-24. In 2020, 87% of households without children in RN were documented as using emergency shelters, 0% using transitional housing, and 13% documented as unsheltered. The percentage of total households without children residing in an emergency shelter was 55% less in 2021 compared to 2020 (15 vs. 27),

the percentage was also less at 83% with 17% documented as unsheltered (due to lower documented numbers all around during the PIT count). For RN homeless households with children, in 2020 (with 8 total in these households), 75% were in an emergency shelter, none were counted as residing in transitional housing, and one household with four total people (25%) were unsheltered. The following year, there were two households counted with 5 total people, with all of these residing in emergency shelters and none documented as residing in transitional housing or being unsheltered. The number of homeless unaccompanied youth under age 18 was 4 in 2020 and one individual in 2021, both residing in an emergency shelter. For YA's 18-24, there were 2 in 2020 and one in 2021, both residing in emergency shelters and one each year who were counted as unsheltered. Concerning gender and ethnicity, the majority of the homeless Y/YA's were males and white.

Given the highly populous WC Coalition, with 346,491 individuals compared to 119,983 for the RN (2.9 times larger) one would assume the PIT homeless count to be much higher in WC. The reality, however, is in 2020 the RN total homeless count of 71 individuals was less than 1.8 the number of WC total homeless at 127. But in 2021, there was a much larger differential with 163 total homeless in WC, more than 6.8 times higher than the 24 total homeless in RN. In the WC Coalition in 2020, 72% of total people without children were residing in emergency shelters while 26% were in transitional housing and 2% who were unsheltered. The numbers/percentages changed slightly the following year with 69% (70) of total people without children residing in emergency shelters and 31% (31) in transitional housing and none who were unsheltered. For WC households with children in 2020, 68% (40) were in an emergency shelter compared to 25% (15) in transitional housing, and 7% (4) were unsheltered. During the following year, 91% (69) were in an emergency shelter, 9% (7) in transitional housing, and none were found to be unsheltered. Concerning gender and ethnicity, the majority of the homeless Y/YA's in the WC Coalition were white non-Hispanic/non-Latino females.

Given the large geographical area, the numbers for homeless unaccompanied youth < 18 and those 18-24 with or without children are extremely low for both years for both Coalitions. Because the PIT data collection happens in select population centers in these counties, rather than all population centers, and in places where homeless Y/YA's may be hidden, there may be many other homeless individuals in all categories who are experiencing homelessness. In developing the CCP, it has come to light that THUG Life Ministries, located in Polk County is assisting more than 100 homeless youth on a regular basis, but yet it is hard to know if they are reflected in the PIT data with an assumption being made that they are not reflected in that data. In contacting all School Homeless Liaisons, the superintendent of the Lac Courte Oreilles High School in Sawyer County shared 99 homeless Native American youth are part of her school population. These youth are also not represented in the PIT data. Because many of the counties in these Coalitions, especially RN counties are extremely rural, there are undoubtedly much larger numbers of homeless Y/YA's residing in these counties who are most likely doubling up, couch surfing, or just hidden and not being counted in the PIT data. Thus, the need for more accurate data of Y/YA homelessness and perhaps better systems for connecting with homeless Y/YA's and/or promoting shelters/housing for these individuals.

B. Coordinated Entry. As an integrated crisis response system, the Coordinated Entry system is intended to increase and streamline access to housing and services for Y/YA households experiencing homeless, match appropriate levels of housing and services based on their needs, and prioritize persons with severe service needs for the most intensive interventions. Coalition shelter case managers collect and enter the coordinated entry data for homeless individuals. Exceptions include domestic violence shelters and other housing programs that do not receive federal housing funds. Data from the Coordinated Entry Prioritization Lists (PL) for each Coalition is listed in the following table:

| Coalition | | PL: 2/5/2020 | PL: 2/8/2021 | PL: 3/15/2022 |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Rural North | HH w/children | 5 | 10 | 2 |
| | Parenting Youth (subset) | 2 | 1 | |
| | HH w/out children | 9 | 16 | 2 |
| | Young Adults (subset) | 0 | 2 | |
| West Central | HH w/children | 80 | 39 | 4 |
| | Parenting Youth (subset) | 5 | 5 | |
| | HH w/out children | 314 | 177 | 5 |
| | Young Adults (sub-set) | 36 | 14 | |

While the RN Coalition has no youth on the Prioritization List, 11 youth were listed on RN's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). As of March 22, 2022, one additional youth has been referred for housing assistance. Households with children increased by 50% in the RN Coalition and the opposite was true in WC, with a decrease by 50%. The same is true for households without children in RN with a 56% increase while in WC there was 56% decrease between 2020 and 2021.

The CE data and an examination of HMIS data from both Coalitions, which includes data from Chippewa County which isn't covered under this CCP, confirms the same information -- a severe undercounting and provision of services to homeless unaccompanied youth < 18 years of age, homeless young adults 18-24, and homeless young adults with children, 18-24 years of age. HMIS Emergency Shelter data, 10/1/20 through 10/1/21 for the RN Coalition indicated no data for unaccompanied youth <18, and only 7 unaccompanied youth, 18-24, and for parenting youth, there was only one individual identified. The numbers are similar for HMIS homeless prevention data – one unaccompanied youth <18, 7 unaccompanied youth 18-24, and 8 parenting youth. Exit destinations for RN homeless Y/YA's is scattered between jail, placement at a psychiatric facility, home ownership or rent w/no subsidy, rental vouchers and/or ongoing subsidies, and/or living permanently with family and friends. HMIS emergency shelter data for the WC Coalition indicates non-existent data for unaccompanied youth <18, 47 unaccompanied youth 18-24 and 20 parenting youth. HMIS homeless prevention data indicates only 2 unaccompanied youth <18, 13 unaccompanied youth 18—24 and only 6 parenting youth 8-24 years of age. Exit destinations for WC homeless Y/YA's also is spread across numerous housing categories with rental without a subsidy at 23; staying permanently with family member at 18; and living either permanently or temporarily with friends, both at 7. Interestingly, 4 existed to unsuitable and uninhabitable housing.

As another data point for the RN and WC CCP and based on a recommendation that Coalitions partner with early childhood organizations in the region, contact was made with the Northwest WI Head Start/Early Head Start (HS/EHS) program serving parents in Burnett, Washburn, Sawyer, Rusk, Taylor, and Clark Counties. Information gleaned from the latest Program Information Report (PIR) indicates six homeless parents under the age of 25 who have children enrolled in the EHS/HS programs in RN Coalition counties of Burnett, Sawyer, Rusk, and Clark. Staff indicated this is lower than normal due to the fact the EHS/HS programs are currently under-enrolled. The CESA 11 HS/EHS programs serving single parent families in West Central Coalition counties of Polk, Barron, St. Croix, Dunn, and Pierce indicated seven single-parenting and pregnant youth/young adults (up to 25 yrs and under) experiencing homelessness from 9/1/2021 through 8/31/2022; 12 single-parent families during the 2020-2021 school year and 10 single-parent families during the 2019-2020 school year.

When queried if any of these parents had accessed either Coalition for housing assistance, EHS/HS staff indicated that they assist families in applying for low-income housing lists and are referring these families to local homeless shelters. They also added homeless families, for the most part, are living with friends or family members because they cannot afford housing on their own. While families are receiving some assistance, this response begs the question if collaboration currently exists between the Coalitions and early childhood programs such as HS/EHS? The research indicates pregnancy and parenthood are common among youth experiencing homelessness and recommends increased collaboration among homeless service providers and providers in other systems, including early childhood, early intervention, education, and welfare.¹

Other recommendations from this research, with implications for homeless models adopted for the RN and WC Coalitions include the need to: 1) address the sexual and reproductive health needs of youth experiencing homelessness by adapting evidence-based pregnancy prevention programs and providing contraception plus prenatal and post-partum care in nontraditional settings (an issue and concern actually raised by YAB members); 2) explore opportunities for family reunification, relationship building, and service engagement with youth experiencing homelessness who are pregnant or parenting; 3) design support programs that recognize the importance of the relationships pregnant and parenting youth have with their partners and co-parents; and 4) assess the risk for homelessness among pregnant and parenting youth and referral of high-risk youth for appropriate services when they are identified.²

Surveys were sent to every school home liaison in 53 school districts in the 12-county region and to the LCOO BIA school in Sawyer County asking staff to indicate the number of homeless Y/YA's in their respective school district. Of 14 of 54 completed surveys (26% response rate), the number of unaccompanied youth at risk of homelessness identified was 30, the number of unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness was 125; number of pregnant/parenting

¹ Voices of Youth Count (2018, May). Mixed opportunities: Pregnant and parenting youth experiences of homelessness in the U.S., Chicago, IL: Chapin Hall. Retrieve 3/10/22 from:

<https://www.chapinhall.org/project/voices-of-youth-count/>

² Ibid.

youth at risk of homeless was 6; and the number of pregnant or parenting youth experiencing homelessness was 2. Given the high number of unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness with 14 of 54 school responding to the survey, indicates the number of unaccompanied homeless youth could be much higher than PIT, CE, and HMIS data above currently shows for both coalitions. Thus, there is a need for a more effective and comprehensive process in collecting data about Y/YA homelessness.

To determine local stakeholders' (e.g., RN and WC Coalition members, DV shelter staff, school home liaisons, youth justice and CPS staff) perceptions of the scope/breadth of need experienced by homeless Y/YA's, more than 80 surveys were emailed to individuals representing these entities with 35 completed surveys received. In response to a question concerning what they believed were the most common challenges faced by Y/YA in finding more stable housing, the top ten responses were: 1) lack of money (27 of 35 responses), 2) affordable housing (26 responses), 3) lack of transportation (23), 4) mental illness (21), 5) finishing a high school diploma (18), 6) drug addiction (16), 7) Lack of self-confidence and poor decision-making (16 responses each), 8) lack of a credit history (15), 9) Lack of physical safety and lack of required identification (14 responses each), and 10) difficulty in finding a good paying job (receiving 13/35 responses). These challenges can be turned around into opportunities as both coalitions consider the most effective program models to address the issue of Y/YA homelessness.

B. Census, Poverty, Education, Employment. The following table shares demographic data delineating need in the two coalitions, first Rural North and then West Central.

| Rural North Coalition | | | | | | |
|---|------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Indicator | Burnett | Clark | Rusk | Sawyer | Taylor | Washburn |
| Population ³ | 16,526 | 34,659 | 14,188 | 18,074 | 19,913 | 16,623 |
| Total population count for Rural North Coalition – 119,983 | | | | | | |
| %/# Persons < 18 ⁴ | 17.4%/2876 | 29.4%/10,190 | 20.3%/2880 | 19.2%/3470 | 23.3%/4640 | 18.8%/3125 |
| Total population count for persons under 18 years of age in the Rural North Coalition – 27,181 | | | | | | |
| Race/Hispanic Origin ⁵ | | | | | | |
| White alone | 91.5% | 97.1% | 96.1% | 78.2% | 97.3% | 95.4% |
| Black/African Amer alone | 0.8% | 0.6% | 1.3% | 0.7% | 0.5% | 0.4% |
| Am Ind/Alaskan Native alone | 4.6% | 0.8% | 0.7% | 17.7% | 0.5% | 1.8% |
| Asian alone | 0.5% | 0.5% | 0.3% | 0.4% | 0.6% | 0.7% |
| Nat Haw/Other Pac Islander | 0.1% | | | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| Two/more Races | 2.5% | 1.0% | 1.5% | 3.1% | 1.1% | 1.7% |
| Hispanic/Latino | 2.0% | 5.2% | 2.0% | 2.9% | 2.4% | 2.0% |
| White alone, not H/L | 90.2% | 92.4% | 94.4% | 765.7% | 95.3% | 93.9% |
| % Rural ⁶ | 100.0% | 91.7% | 76.6% | 84.2% | 80.4% | 83.2% |

³ <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/US/PST045221>

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ 2021 County Health Rankings (2022). University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, Madison, WI: School of Medicine and Public Health. The percentage of the population living in a rural area. WI – 29.8% average. Retrieved 3/10/22 from: <https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/>

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|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Population/Square Mile ⁷ | 18.8 | 28.7 | 16.2 | 13.2 | 21.2 | 20.0 |
| Frequent Mental Distress ⁸ | 14% | 15% | 15% | 15% | 14% | 14% |
| Mental Health Providers ⁹ | 730:1 | 2,900:1 | 1,770:1 | 320:1 | 750:1 | 1,120:1 |
| Alcohol and Drug Use | | | | | | |
| Binge Drinking by Adults ¹⁰ | 11% | 18% | 18% | 22% | 25% | 15% |
| Alcohol Use ¹¹ | 65% | 51% | 65% | 62% | 70% | 58% |
| Drug Arrests ¹² | 356 | 35 | 280 | 843 | 319 | 662 |
| Uninsured Adults ¹³ | 9% | 16% | 9% | 12% | 9% | 9% |
| Uninsured Children ¹⁴ | 6% | 20% | 7% | 7% | 5% | 5% |
| Unemployment Rate ¹⁵ | 5.9% | 3.1% | 4.5% | 4.9% | 4.1% | 4.7% |
| Household Poverty/ALICE ¹⁶ | 14%/23% | 12%/30% | 15%/23% | 17%/26% | 11%/24% | 13%/24% |
| Households paying >30% ¹⁷ | 1738 | 2689 | 1449 | 1851 | 2070 | 1748 |
| Total number of households with housing costs of more than 30% of income in Rural North Coalition – 11,545 | | | | | | |
| Children in Poverty ¹⁸ | 23% | 22% | 21% | 21% | 13% | 18% |
| # Of Children in Poverty ¹⁹ | 468 | 1798 | 427 | 702 | 415 | 487 |
| Total number of children living in poverty in the Rural North Coalition – 4297 | | | | | | |

⁷ <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/US/PST045221>

⁸ 2021 County Health Rankings (2022). Indicates poor mental health days experienced by adults who reported 14 or > days of poor mental health per month (age-adjusted). WI – 13% average.

⁹ Ibid. Indicates the ratio of mental health providers. WI – 470:1 average.

¹⁰ Linnan, S., Paltzer, J., & Skaltzky, E. (2019). The burden of binge drinking in Wisconsin, Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, School of Medicine and Public Health. Wisconsin's rate is 24%. Retrieved 3/10/22 from: <https://uwphi.pophealth.wisc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/316/2019/10/The-Burden-of-Binge-Drinking-in-Wisconsin-Full-Report-2.pdf>

¹¹ Wisconsin Department of Health Services. (2016). Wisconsin Epidemiological Profile on Alcohol and Other Drugs, Madison, WI: Bureau of Prevention Treatment and Recovery, Division of Public Health and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. Percentage having one drink in the past 30 days (2014 data). WI --- 65%, 18 years of age and older. Retrieved 3/10/22 from: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p4/p45718-16.pdf>

¹² Ibid.

¹³ 2021 County Health Rankings. WI – 8% average.

¹⁴ Ibid. WI – 4% average.

¹⁵ Unemployment Rates (January 2022). WisConomy, Madison, WI: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development. United States January 2022 rate – 4.4%, Wisconsin's January 2022 rate – 3.2%. Retrieved 3/10/22 from: <https://jobcenterofwisconsin.com/wisconomy/pub/laus.htm>

¹⁶ Hooper, S., et. al. (2020). ALICE in Wisconsin: A financial hardship study. Madison, WI: United Way of Wisconsin. Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed households earn more than the Federal Poverty Level but less than the basic cost of living for the state (the ALICE Threshold) and are unable to make ends meet and cover the basic costs of housing, childcare, food, transportation, health care and technology. Retrieved 3/10/25 from: <https://www.unitedwaywi.org/page/ALICE>

¹⁷ Households w/housing cost more than 30% of income in Wisconsin (2016-2020). Kids Count Data. Retrieved 3/26/22 from: <https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/tables/8919-households-with-housing-costs-of-more-than-30-of-income?loc=51&loct=5#detailed/5/7041-7112/false/2423,2049,1770,1711,1637,1569,1496,1364,1234,1068/any/17843,17914>

¹⁸ 2021 County Health Rankings. Indicates the percentage of people under age 18 in poverty. Children in poverty may experience lasting effects on academic achievement, health, and income into adulthood. Children living in low-income household have an increased risk of injuries from accidents and physical abuse and are susceptible to more frequent chronic conditions. WI – 14% average.

¹⁹ Number of children living in poverty in Wisconsin (2016-2020). Kids Count Data. Retrieved 3/26/22 from: <https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/tables/7440-children-living-in-poverty?loc=51&loct=5#detailed/5/7041-7112/false/2423,2049,1770,1711,1637,1569,1496,1364,1234,1068/any/14800,14528>

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|--|---------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| Children in Single-parent Households ²⁰ | 22% | 10% | 17% | 35% | 17% | 18% |
| Social Associations ²¹ | 17.5 | 13.3 | 9.9 | 10.3 | 8.8 | 12.6 |
| High School Graduation ²² | 85% | 93% | 91% | 85% | 93% | 89% |
| Disconnected Youth ²³ | --- | 14% | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| West Central Coalition | | | | | | |
| Indicator | Barron | Dunn | Pepin | Pierce | Polk | St. Croix |
| Population | 46,711 | 45,440 | 7,318 | 42,212 | 44,977 | 93,536 |
| Total population count for West Central – 346,491 | | | | | | |
| %/# Persons < 18 | 21.5%/10,043 | 19.5%/8861 | 20.8%/1522 | 20.6%/8696 | 20.6%/9265 | 24.5%/22,916 |
| Total population count for persons under 18 years of age in the West Central Coalition -- 75,822 | | | | | | |
| <u>Race/Hispanic Origin</u> | | | | | | |
| White alone | 95.3% | 94.1% | 97.7% | 95.7% | 96.4% | 95.9% |
| Black/African Amer alone | 1.6% | 0.9% | 0.5% | 0.9% | 0.5% | 0.9% |
| Am Ind/Alaskan Native | 1.1% | 0.6% | 0.4% | 0.5% | 1.1% | 0.5% |
| Asian alone | 0.7% | 3.0% | 0.4% | 1.2% | 0.6% | 1.1% |
| Nat Haw/Other Pac Islander | | 0.1% | | | | |
| Two/more Races | 1.3% | 1.4% | 1.0% | 1.6% | 1.4% | 1.6% |
| Hispanic/Latino | 2.6% | 2.1% | 2.2% | 2.3% | 1.9% | 2.6% |
| White alone, not H/L | 93.0% | 92.4% | 95.9% | 93.8% | 94.9% | 93.6% |
| % Rural | 65.9% | 59.3% | 100.0% | 53.6% | 85.5% | 53.2% |
| Population/Square Mile | 53.2 | 51.6 | 32.2 | 71.5 | 48.4 | 116.8 |
| Frequent Mental Distress | 14% | 13% | 14% | 13% | 13% | 11% |
| Mental Health Providers | 1,130:1 | 600:1 | 3,640:1 | 2,040:1 | 520:1 | 700:1 |
| <u>Alcohol and Drug Use</u> | | | | | | |
| Binge Drinking by Adults | 27% | 20% | 25% | 26% | 19% | 27% |
| Alcohol Use | 56% | 67% | 67% | 63% | 66% | 67% |
| Drug Arrests | 185 | 401 | 243 | 219 | 266 | 322 |
| Uninsured Adults | 9% | 7% | 9% | 6% | 8% | 5% |
| Uninsured Children | 7% | 4% | 6% | 4% | 5% | 3% |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.9% | 3.4% | 3.9% | 3.5% | 4.7% | 3.3% |
| Household Poverty/ALICE | 12%/25% | 12%/21% | 11%/24% | 8%/24% | 10%/24% | 5%/22% |
| Households paying > 30% | 4986 | 4633 | 691 | 3613 | 4544 | 7990 |
| Total number of households with housing costs of more than 30% of income in West Central Coalition – 25,827 | | | | | | |
| Children in Poverty | 12% | 13% | 14% | 7% | 12% | 7% |

²⁰ Ibid. Children in single-parent households is the percentage of children (< 18 years of age) living in family households that are headed by a single parent. These children are at risk for adverse health outcomes, including mental illness and unhealthy behaviors. WI – 23%.

²¹ Ibid. Social associations measures the number of membership associations per 10,000 population in a given time period (one or more years) divided by the average number of people at risk during that period. Minimal contact with others and limited involvement in community life are associated with increased morbidity and early mortality. Social support networks have been identified as powerful predictors of health behaviors. WI – 11.5 average.

²² Ibid. Percentage of ninth-grade cohort that graduates in four years. Education is an important predictor of health. Completing more education is associated with healthier behaviors, a higher employment rate and earnings potential. WI – 90% average.

²³ Ibid. Percentage of teens and young adults ages 16-19 who are neither working nor in school. Several studies have shown disconnected youth have a disproportionate share of related health problems including chronic unemployment, poverty, mental health disorders, criminal behaviors, incarceration, poor health and early mortality. WI – 5%.

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|--|------|------|-----|------|------|------|
| # of Children in Poverty | 1601 | 809 | 248 | 393 | 1114 | 1111 |
| Total number of children living in poverty in the West Central Coalition – 5276 | | | | | | |
| Children in Single-parent Households | 21% | 15% | 13% | 12% | 20% | 15% |
| Social Associations | 16.8 | 10.6 | 8.2 | 10.3 | 15.8 | 10.9 |
| High School Graduation | 95% | 96% | 95% | 92% | 97% | 96% |
| Disconnected Youth | 6% | --- | --- | --- | 6% | 2% |

As is evident from this data, the entire RN and WC Coalitions are predominantly White, with the exception of Sawyer County which has a large number of Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa families residing in the county and their children and unaccompanied homeless youth attending the BIA Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe School, with 99 high school youth currently indicated as being homeless (per Jessica Hutchison, Superintendent of the LCOO school). While Burnett and Washburn Counties have a larger segment of the St. Croix Chippewa Tribe, native youth in these counties attend public schools. The next largest ethnicity/race in the RN Coalition is the Hispanic population with many involved in the agricultural sector in that region of Wisconsin.

A defining characteristic of the RN Coalition rurality with 100% of Burnett considered rural with the remaining RN counties ranging from 77% to 92% rural. While Pepin, a very small populous county in the WC Coalition is also 100% rural, four of the other five counties range from 53% to 66% rural with Polk being the exception at 86% rural. Another characteristic is the low population per square mile in all RN Coalition counties varying from 13.2 persons/square mile in Sawyer to 28.7 in Clark, whereas in WC counties, Pepin has the lowest ratio of individuals/square mile at 32.2 with St. Croix at 116.8. The rural nature and low population density impacts runaway and homeless youth in rural areas with fewer shelter options, fewer ways to access shelters, if they even exist, and fewer services designed specifically for youth experiencing homelessness, forcing young people to go without help or travel long distances to gain support. Thus, rural youth are more likely to be “hidden” in their communities because they often rely on “couch surfing” at friends’ or strangers’ homes, sleeping in vehicles, or staying outdoors. Both Coalitions have confirmed this fact, with the RN Coalition identifying this as a critical issue due to the nature of rurality of the RN Coalition and the need for alternative models to provide housing and shelter to support rural homeless youth.

Rural economic conditions also often have a negative impact on the lives of at-risk youth, making it more difficult than their peers in larger, more urban counties to connect with education and employment opportunities. The graduation rates listed above are not necessarily indicative of reality for all youth but instead comprise an aggregate percentage of all youth. In considering economically disadvantaged youth as a separate cohort, the graduation rate is generally considerably lower as are post-graduation plans with fewer economically disadvantaged youth participating in higher education.²⁴ Homeless youth fall within this economically

²⁴ Lavinson, R. (2019). The who’s who of the high school graduation rate, American Youth Policy Forum. Washington DC. Retrieved 3/25/22 from: <https://www.aypf.org/blog/the-whos-who-of-the-hs-grad-rate/>

disadvantaged cohort of students and often leave school before graduation and are considerably less likely to enroll in higher education. Engagement with mainstream education is fundamental to youth's ongoing educational development and overall wellbeing and is critical to prevent ongoing social and economic exclusion. While each LEA in both Coalitions has a homeless liaison, CCP members concurred with a need to train these individuals as well as others who interface with homeless youth in all the various educational and employment training resources and opportunities available to assist them in completing a high school diploma and attending further education and training to attain living wage employment. Thus, the need for models/programs and partnering agencies that primarily focus on education and employment opportunities.

Poverty is high in both counties, but especially high in RN counties, which impacts families in many negative ways, causing many stressors on families. Homelessness and poverty are inextricably linked. When individuals or families are unable to generate enough income to pay for necessities such as housing, food, childcare, health care, and education, necessities with a high-cost burden sometimes fall to the wayside. This is indicative in the poverty/ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) statistics shared above. Another indicator from the County Health Rankings is disconnected youth – while the data is listed only for four of 12 counties, this indicator reveals percentages of teens and young adults ages 16-19 who are neither working nor in school. Research shows disconnected youth have a disproportionate share of related health problems including chronic unemployment, poverty, mental health disorders, criminal behaviors, incarceration, poor health, and early mortality.²⁵ Homeless youth, who represent a “hidden” population group in these Coalitions certainly comprise disconnected youth with a need for program models to address this disconnectedness. CCP committee members and the RN/WC YAB have all suggested instituting mentorship programs to make an inroad into this issue.

In addition to homelessness, poverty impacts mental health, and given the shortage of mental health providers throughout both regions, this is an additional stressor creating conditions impacting health of families and the degree of homelessness experienced by youth/young adults with limited professional help. Homelessness, in turn, amplifies poor mental health, leading to anxiety, fear, depression, sleeplessness and substance use, and for homeless youth, creates a need for trauma-informed care and positive youth development as part of any homelessness preventive model or program. Another stressor causing family dysfunction leading to youth homelessness is excessive use of drugs and alcohol as a Child Protective Service staff member in Taylor County indicated during the week of March 7, 2022 eight children were removed from their family residence due to parent AODA issues.²⁶ In a 2018

²⁵ Mendelson, T., Mmari, K., Blum, R. W., Catalano, R. F. & Brindis, C. D. (2018). Opportunity youth: insights and opportunities for a public health approach to reengage disconnected teenagers and young adults, Public Health Rep. 133(1_suppl): 54S-64S. Retrieved 3/25/22 from: <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/30426873/>

²⁶ Clarkson, J. (2022, March). Conversation with Taylor County CPS staff.

Wisconsin Department of Children and Families report, county officials indicated parental drug abuse is the main factor behind a rise in the number of children who are placed with relatives or in foster care.²⁷ YAB members have also cited drug use and addiction as a major problem for youth experiencing homelessness (March 27 YAB meeting).

Summary Analysis. Based on demographic data presented above, the following suppositions are made impacting program models for homeless Y/YA's and those at risk of homelessness:

- The RN Coalition is extremely rural with few population centers in each county which impacts the types of homeless programs and services, especially for youth located in RN Coalition counties.
- The rural nature and lack of public transportation creates an additional challenge for homeless Y/YA's with limited access to shelters, transitional housing, schooling and further education and training, and employment.
- Because most Coalition counties are considered Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) for mental health providers, this creates a challenge to address the social/emotional well-being of homeless Y/YA's.
- Large numbers of native youth experiencing homelessness indicate the need for Native American tribal participation in the CCP and identification of preferred homelessness prevention models.
- There are many stressors experienced by families (e.g., poverty, drug/alcohol use, unemployment, living in a single-parent family, lower graduation rates for economically disadvantaged youth, etc.) that result in Y/YA homelessness and are deterrents to getting ahead. Thus, programs and models need to focus on education and employment opportunities, healthy relationships, mental health interventions, and recovery services for youth experiencing AODA issues and the need to partner with organizations to address and fill these needs.

C. Other Datapoints necessary to highlight specific gaps and needs. The following table shares datapoints highlighting specific gaps and needs of youth in the Rural North and West Central Coalitions concerning pregnant/parenting youth, LGBTQ+, unaccompanied minors, youth with disabilities (including HIV/AIDS), victims of sexual trafficking and exploitation, child welfare, and youth involved in the juvenile justice system.

| Rural North Coalition | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------|-------|------|--------|--------|----------|
| Indicator | Burnett | Clark | Rusk | Sawyer | Taylor | Washburn |

²⁷ Kaeding, D. (2018). Number of children placed with relatives, in foster care continues to rise in Wisconsin, Madison, WI: Wisconsin Public Radio. Retrieved 3/15/22 from: <https://www.wpr.org/number-children-placed-relatives-foster-care-continues-rise-wisconsin>

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|---|--|----------|--------|--------|----------|--------|
| Estimate Homeless 18-24 ²⁸ | 164 | 294 | 136 | 175 | 183 | 162 |
| Estimate Homeless 12-17 ²⁹ | 33 | 116 | 33 | 39 | 57 | 37 |
| Estimate RHY, Age 12-17 ³⁰ | 58 | 208 | 60 | 69 | 104 | 66 |
| Mck Vento Homeless Youth ³¹ | 43 | 105 | 8* | 32 | 19 | 18 |
| Homeless Racial Make-up ³² | | | | | | |
| White | 22 | 28 | 8 | 7 | 11 | 14 |
| Black/African American | | 55 | | 114** | | |
| Hispanic | | | | | | |
| American Indian | | | | | | |
| 2 > more | 6 | | | | | |
| Unemployment ³³ | | | | | | |
| 16-19 yrs of age | 12.6% | 6.5% | 6.8% | 13.7% | 9.0% | 3.8% |
| 20-24 yrs of age | 4.2% | 2.8% | 4.4% | 4.8% | 4.4% | 5.7% |
| LEP Homeless ³⁴ | -- | 42 | -- | -- | 4 | -- |
| Child W/Disabilities HL ³⁵ | 14 | 17 | -- | 12 | 4 | 7 |
| Juvenile Arrests ³⁶ | 5 | 31 | 31 | 25 | 18 | 39 |
| Teen Births ³⁷ | 7 | 16 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 7 |
| Screened-In CPS Referrals | 98/39 | 91/36 | 58/81 | 103/32 | 57/13 | 55/27 |
| Screened-In Service Referrals ³⁸ | | | | | | |
| Maltreatment Substantiation Count/Rate ³⁹ | 38/20.4% | 41/24.6% | 20/21% | 6/3.3% | 19/19.2% | 9/9.3% |
| LGBTQ+ ⁴⁰ | 12-23*** | 42-83 | 12-24 | 43-86 | 14-28 | 13-26 |
| Sex Trafficked Youth | With no formal documentation, this figure is unknown | | | | | |
| *Flambeau Sch District not listed on the DPI Homeless Liaison website | | | | | | |
| ** Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe School (BIA School) – not listed under DPI Public School Mck Vento data | | | | | | |

²⁸ Morton, M., Dworsky, A., Samuels, G. M., & Patel, S. (2018). Voice of youth count comprehensive report: Youth homelessness in America, Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, Office of Policy Development & Research. Retrieved 3/10/22 from: <https://www.chapinhall.org/project/voices-of-youth-count/>

²⁹ Ibid.

³⁰ Ibid.

³¹ Department of Public Instruction School District Homeless Liaison data (2019-2020), Madison, WI: Department of Public Instruction. Retrieved 3//1/0/22 from: <https://dpi.wi.gov/homeless/data>

³² Ibid.

³³ American Community Survey, 5-year estimate (2019), Table 2301. Retrieved 3/10/22 from: <https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?text=S2301&g=0500000US55005,55013,55019,55033,55091,55093,55095,55107,55109,55113,55119,55129>

³⁴ Department of Public Instruction School District Homeless Liaison data (2019-2020).

³⁵ Ibid.

³⁶ Wisconsin Department of Justice (2020). Juvenile arrests by county of violent, property, society, drug, and other crimes. Retrieved 3/8/22 from: <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/dles/bjia/ucr-arrest-data>.

³⁷ Wisconsin Dept. of Health Services, Division of Public Health, Office of Health Informatics. Wisconsin Interactive Statistics on Health (WISH) data query system, Teen Births – Teen Birth Rates Module. Retrieved 3/8/22 from: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wish/index.htm>

³⁸ Wisconsin Child Abuse & Neglect Report (2020). Madison, WI: Wisconsin Department of children & Families. Retrieved 3/10/22 from: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/cwportal/reports/pdf/can.pdf>

³⁹ Ibid.

⁴⁰ Gay and transgender youth homelessness by the numbers (2010), Center for American Progress. Retrieved 3/9/22 from: <https://www.americanprogress.org/article/gay-and-transgender-youth-homelessness-by-the-numbers/#:~:text=An%20alarming%20number%20of%20gay,of%20the%20overall%20youth%20population.>

*** The research indicates homeless/run-away youth comprise between 20% and 40% of that population. This is just an estimate based on the research.

| West Central Coalition | | | | | | |
|--|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Indicator | Barron | Dunn | Pepin | Pierce | Polk | St. Croix |
| Estimate Homeless 18-24 | 440 | 439 | 70 | 402 | 429 | 847 |
| Estimate Homeless 12-17 | 113 | 104 | 18 | 111 | 113 | 274 |
| Estimate RHY, Age 12-17 | 205 | 186 | 33 | 200 | 204 | 493 |
| Mck Vento Homeless Data | 140 | 77 | 20 | 98 | 163 | 118 |
| <u>Homeless Racial Make-up</u> | | | | | | |
| White | 80 | 37 | | 23 | 82 | 61 |
| Black/African American | | 6 | 15 | 13 | | 9 |
| Hispanic | 3 | | | 9 | 3 | 16 |
| American Indian | 4 | | | | 17 | |
| 2 > more | 9 | 4 | | 11 | 5 | 10 |
| <u>Unemployment</u> | | | | | | |
| 16-19 yrs of age | 5.7% | 11.1% | 2.0% | 6.0% | 12.4% | 6.5% |
| 20-24 yrs of age | 4.2% | 3.9% | 0.0% | 2.8% | 8.3% | 4.5% |
| Limited English Homeless | 3 | 3 | -- | 5 | -- | 11 |
| Child W/Disabilities HL | 38 | 21 | 5 | 9 | 29 | 22 |
| Juvenile Arrests | 65 | 217 | 9 | 92 | 187 | 272 |
| Teen Births | 15 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 11 |
| Screened-In CPS Referrals | 213/57 | 111/25 | 35/2 | 123/27 | 207/108 | 300/63 |
| Scrnd In Service Referrals | | | | | | |
| Maltreatment Substantiation Count/Rate | 33/27.0% | 43/19.6% | 12/15.6% | 71/48.6% | 37/10.6% | 50/10.2% |
| LGBTQ+ | 41-82 | 37-74 | 7-13 | 40-8- | 41-82 | 99-198 |
| Sex Trafficked Youth | With no documentation, this figure is unknown | | | | | |

Data presented in these tables indicates a significant number of unaccompanied homeless youth with vast differences between the estimated number of homeless youth and the McKinney Vento homeless youth, documented by LEA Homeless School Liaisons. The number in the McKinney Vento report is most likely more than the numbers indicated above because when LEAs have 0-2 homeless youth in each category for which they are responsible to report data, instead of listing the exact number, they can instead put a "S" in that category. For example, when listing ethnicity, 19 LEAs listed a "S" in the Hispanic column. Another example is the column for homeless children with disabilities with 14 LEAs indicating a "S" in that column. Thus, it is difficult to know the exact number of homeless youth in most categories/columns of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction report.

As indicated in the racial make-up of homeless youth, Sawyer County with three schools – Hayward, Winter, and the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe (LCOO) School have a combined total of 114 native youth who are homeless with LCOO school staff indicating 99 native youth are

currently homeless. This is consistent with research that shows American Indian youth shoulder more than double the risk for homelessness as other youth.⁴¹

While it is difficult to estimate the number of LGBTQ homeless youth, research indicates this number as 20% to 40% of all homeless youth in the United States.⁴² Many LGBTQ youth run away from home due to family conflict, but then face overt discrimination when seeking alternative housing. These vulnerable youth also experience higher rates of sexual assault than homeless heterosexual youth and find themselves more often compromised for money, food, drugs, shelter, or clothes, compared to straight homeless youth. As shown by the National Runaway Safeline data below, youth in both Coalitions who have either left, or are contemplating running away from home comprise gender-non-conforming and transgender youth. Thus, when considering youth homeless models/projects for the region, the unique needs of LGBTQ youth must also be taken into consideration. Thus, the estimates above are using research data indicating between 20 and 40% of run-away youth due to identifying as LGBTQ+.

Specific numbers have not been listed for trafficked youth because this data is not readily available. However, a 2018 report summarizing data from the Wisconsin child welfare information system regarding allegations and substantiations of child sex trafficking during the 15-month period from June 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018 cites 422 allegations of child sex trafficking across Wisconsin. While 178 (42.2%) of these allegations occurred in Milwaukee County, the remaining 244 (57.8%) occurred in balance of state counties.⁴³ State officials say human trafficking is a huge problem and cases have been reported in every Wisconsin county. Officials say human trafficking is not just an issue in big cities but also a problem locally including in rural areas with criminals using major highways, such as I-94 running from Minneapolis/St. Paul through many West Central Coalition counties, to transport their victims.⁴⁴ While there is no specific data on sex trafficking from each Coalition, this is an area for documentation warranting consideration.

Homelessness also impacts youth throughout the region who face abuse in the form of neglect, physical, sexual, and emotional abuse from family, acquaintances and others resulting in being removed from their families or running away, as indicated in the Child Protective Services data above from the Wisconsin Child Abuse & Neglect report. Another alarming indicator in the table above is the proportion of juvenile arrests to total population with St. Croix, Dunn, and Polk Counties having higher rates than all the other counties. Research also shows that children growing up in poverty are more likely to engage in self-harm and be involved in violent crimes

⁴¹ <https://www.urban.org/urban-wire/homelessness-indian-country-hidden-critical-problem>

⁴² Prevalence of youth homelessness and LGBTQ+ homelessness. Retrieved 2/26/22 from: <https://nn4youth.org/lgbtq-homeless-youth/>

⁴³ Reports of child sex trafficking allegations & substantiations to child protective services (2018, December). Madison, WI: Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, Division of Safety and Permanence, retrieved 3/31/22 from: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/aht/pdf/aht-report.pdf>

⁴⁴ Hall, T. (2018). Using Wisconsin roadways to crack down on human trafficking, Eau Claire, WI: WEAU. Retrieved 3/31/22 from: <https://www.weau.com/content/news/Using-Wisconsin-roadways-to-crack-down-on-human-trafficking-494561051.html>

as young adults.⁴⁵ Child Protective Services and juvenile arrest data highlight the importance and necessity for homeless prevention models/programs to provide child-friendly public services grounded in trauma-informed care and positive youth development.

Another critical sub-population with housing needs are youth/young adults experiencing domestic violence issues. The RN and WC Coalitions have six Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Center – Community Referral Agency (Polk and Burnett Counties); Embrace (Washburn, Barron, and Rusk); Stepping Stones (Taylor); Turning Point (Pierce and St. Croix); The Bridge to Hope (Dunn and Pepin); and Oakwood Haven (Sawyer). An example of the extreme need for housing support for YA's experiencing domestic violence and sexual assault is the following: Turning Point served 65 clients in 2021, six of whom were young adults ages 18-24 with several small children (totaling 11), 17% of the entire shelter population. Of the 542 clients served in 2021, 97 were young adults. Services received include transportation assistance, crisis counseling, legal system support, one-on-one support, support groups, housing services and advocacy and emergency food, clothing, and hygiene products. Embrace served nearly 400 clients, 25 of which were unaccompanied youth either at-risk of homelessness or experiencing homelessness and 360 comprised pregnant or parenting youth.

Overall, the extreme number of Y/YA's who are either homeless or at-risk of homelessness in both regions, the number of youth contemplating or having run-away from home, and the high homeless rate among special populations of Y/YA's indicates a need for multiple program/models to solve the problem of youth homelessness.

D. FYI Vouchers, FUP Vouchers and RHY Data. The only data available is Runaway/Homeless data, shared below.

RHY Data. The National Runaway Safeline (NRS) has compiled statistics of youth contacting the Safeline. Nine youth from the RN Coalition contacted the safeline in the past year. Of these 57.1% were contemplating running and 42.9% were youth in crisis. While 83.3% were living at home the top five issues were family dynamics (40%), emotional/verbal abuse (26.7%), mental health concerns (13.3%), sexual abuse/assault (6.7%) and issues concerning school/education (6.7%). Demographics of RN youth contacting the safeline are Hispanic/Latino (16.7%), White/Caucasian (83.3%); females (66.7%), males (16.7%) and gender non-conforming (16.7%). Ages of youth were 12 yrs (16.7%), 13 yrs (16.7%), 15 (16.7%), two 17 yrs of age (33.3%), and one youth who was 18 (16.7%). Counties of origin were one youth each from Clark, Rusk, and Taylor Counties, two youth from Washburn County, and four youth from Sawyer County.

⁴⁵ Mok, P. L. H., Antonson, S., Pedersen, C. B., Carr, M. J., Kapur, N., Nazroo, J. and Webb, R. T. (2018). Family income inequalities and trajectories through childhood and self-harm and violence in young adults: A population-based, nested case-control study, *The Lancet.com/Public-Health*, Vol 3. P. e498-e507. Retrieved 3/10/22 from: [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS2468-2667\(18\)30164-6/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS2468-2667(18)30164-6/fulltext)

Data from youth in counties comprising the WC Coalition included 41 (although Chippewa County, which is not included in this Coordinated Community Plan was also included). Of these 8 youth (24.2%) were contemplating running, 11 were runaway youth, one self-identified as a throwaway youth and 13 (39.4%) were youth in crisis. Of the 41, 30.3% were currently living at home. The top issues were family dynamics (37.2%), peer/social issues (11.6%), emotional/verbal abuse (11.6%), physical abuse/assault (10.4%), and mental health issues (9.3%). Demographics of youth were White/Caucasian – 22 (64.7%), unknown/not provided (29.4%), and multi-racial – 2 (5.9%). Of these youth, 80% had been gone 1-3 days from their home and 10% had been gone for 1-3 weeks. Gender demographics are females – 17 (48.6%), males – 10 (28.6%), gender non-conforming – 3 (8.6%), transgender – 3 (8.6%) and unknown/not provided – 2 (5.7%). Age demographics were under 12 yrs (1), 12 yrs (8), 13 yrs (3), 14 (2), 15 (10), 16 (1), 17 (6), and two adults. Counties of origin were Barron (13), Dunn (1), Pepin (3), Polk (10), and St. Croix (10). As shared earlier, Chippewa County with 4 youth is not included in the RN/WC Coalitions Coordinated Community Plan.

IV. Goals, Objectives, Action Steps

The four USICH (United States Interagency Council on Homelessness) Core Outcomes the Wi BoS is using to determine goals are:

- 1) Stable housing, including a safe and reliable place to call home.
- 2) Permanent connections, including ongoing attachments to families, communities, schools, and other positive social networks;
- 3) Education/employment, including high performance in and completion of education and training activities, especially for younger youth, and starting and maintaining adequate and stable employment, particularly for older youth; and
- 4) Social-emotional well-being, including development of key competencies, attitudes, and behaviors that equip a young person to succeed across multiple domains of daily life, including school, work, relationships, and community.

The BoS has further defined these goals as follows with the RN and WC Coalitions and the CCP planning committee and YAB, using a modified gap analysis process has broken these down into objectives, action steps, a timeline, and parties which would be responsible for implementing these.

A. Goals, B. Objectives, C. Partner(s) Responsible, and D. Timeframe.

- a. **Goal 1: Stable Housing.** Youth and Young Adults are immediately provided with safe, supported, and flexible housing options that reflect their individualized needs and pave the way for long-term, sustainable housing.

| Action Steps | Timeline | Responsible Parties |
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| Objective 1: Implement landlord engagement strategies to support youth in finding and maintaining stable housing. | | |
| Hire system navigators/Coalition case managers to build relationships w/landlords to educate/promote shared housing for homeless Y/YA's. | Oct '22 ongoing | BoS, RN/WC Coalition leadership/YAB |
| Sponsor county forums with area landlords to raise consciousness and educate them about Y/YA's homelessness and housing needs. | Jan-Mar 2023, annually | RN/WC Coalition Members, System Navigator, Case Mgrs, Faith-based orgs (as a venue) |
| Create list of Coalition area landlords willing to rent to Y/YA's, especially those w/out a rental history. | Jan '23, Annually | System Navigator |
| Objective 2: Implement innovative housing strategies including shared housing. | | |
| Hire housing navigators/Coalition case managers to build relationships w/landlords to promote shared housing for homeless Y/YA's. | Oct 2022 | RN/WC Coalition leadership/YAB |
| Establish safety and housing first w/as few regulations and questions asked for the young person. | Nov 2022 | RN/WC Coalitions/YAB members, Case Mgrs |
| Conduct a community asset map in each county to develop an inventory of alternative housing strategies for homeless Y/YA's. | Nov 2022 - Feb 2023, Mar-Jun 2023 | RN/WC Coalitions, YAB Coalition Case Mgrs, Mapping Consultant |
| Host forums w/faith-based organizations to educate congregants/ community members about need for housing and to generate strategies to house homeless Y/YA's including host families. | Feb 2023-May 2023, ongoing | RN/WC Coalitions, System Navigator, Coalition Case Mgrs, YAB, Faith-based orgs |
| Remove the barriers for youth 17 years of age to sign for their own apartment. | Jan 2023 ongoing | RN/WC Coalition, County landlords |
| Objective 3: Provide sufficient funding to increase housing and emergency/crisis interventions. | | |
| Research joint transitional housing via motel vouchers as a strategy for emergency/crisis interventions for homeless Y/YA's. | Nov 2022 | RN/WC Coalitions System Navigator |
| Explore potential to create Y/YA's drop-in centers as a safe, short-term housing alternative. | Nov 2022 -- May 2023 | System Navigator |
| Establish and fund a warm-line "manned" to share ideas for Y/YA's to access housing for emergency/crisis interventions. | Mar 2023, ongoing | RN/WC Coalitions, Community and Faith-based volunteers |
| Fund/place QR codes on all relevant housing resources/social media to promote emergency/crisis intervention options, place housing information in multiple locations (laundromats, gas stations, bathroom stalls, etc.). | Oct-Dec 2022 | RN/WC Coalition Leadership/members |
| Objective 4: Develop strategies around affordable housing options. | | |
| Advocate for fair market rent waivers through HUD. | Dec 2022 Ongoing | RN/WC Coalitions, YAB members |
| Identify landlords who will accept HUD FMR waivers. | Feb 2023 | System Navigator |

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| Promote shared housing options w/landlords. | | Mar 2023, ongoing | System Navigator |
| Objective 5: <i>Improve the Coordinated Entry system to be youth-focused.</i> | | | |
| BoS YAC/RN and WC Coalition YAB members to review Coor- dinated Entry forms/process to determine degree of youth friendliness and suggest improvements accordingly. | | Jan-Mar 2023 | BoS Leadership/BoS YAC, RN/WC YAB |
| Ensure multiple points of entry for homeless Y/YA’s to access appropriate housing programs/services. | | Jan-Mar 2023, ongoing | RN/WC Coalition, Coali- tion Case Mgrs, County Health/Social Services |
| Create youth-specific Coordinated Entry forms. | | Jan-Mar 2023 | RN/WC Coalition/YAB |
| Meet w/Y/YA’s where it is most convenient for them. | | 2023 Ongoing | RN/WC Coalition mem- bers, Case Mgrs |
| Objective 6: <i>Ensure comprehensive case management as a core component of all youth projects.</i> | | | |
| RN and WC Coalition/county-level case managers to be trained in trauma informed care and positive youth development. | | Jan-Mar 2023 | RN/WC Coalition/County Health/Social Services, TiC/PYD Consultant |
| RN and WC YAB involved in interview process when new case managers are hired. | | 2023, ongoing | YAB, RN/WC Coalition Leadership |
| Recruit and train peer mentors to assist Y/YA’s as an alternative to case management. | | Jan-Mar 2023 ongoing | System Navigator, Faith- based organizations, Mentor Consultant |
| Objective 7: <i>Offer a system of navigators who walk along side with youth.</i> | | | |
| Recruit mentors to provide peer support (e.g., college youth involved in service-learning; CPS staff recommendations; Goodwill model assigning mentors, etc.) | | Jan-Mar 2023 Ongoing | System Navigator, Faith- based orgs, CBO volun- teers, IL Coordinators |
| Partner w/existing organizations (e.g., Kinship, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, etc.) to provide relevant information to homeless Y/YA’s. | | Jan-Mar 2023 | RN/WC Coalition, System Navigator, CBO’s |
| Vet/train mentors in peer support processes (e.g., positive youth development, trauma-informed care). | | Apr-Jun 2023 | RN/WC Coalition Leader- ship/Case Mgr, System Navigator, Mentor Con- sultant |
| Match homeless/at-risk of homelessness Y/YA’s to former home- less Y/YA w/whom they can relate to support/provide guidance. | | Apr – Sep 2023, ongoing | Case Mgs/IL Coordina- tors, County Health/ Social Services/ Youth Justice |
| HUD Key Principles | | | |
| Equity XX | Positive Youth Development XX | Trauma-Informed Care XX | Family Engagement XX |
| Housing First XX | Youth Choice XX | Social & Community Integration XX | Coordinated Entry XX |
| Special Populations XX | Unsheltered Homeless- ness XX | Individualized and Client-driven supports XX | |

- b. Goal 2: Permanent Connections.** Youth and young adults are supported in cultivating consistent, self-identified people who can respectfully guide, support and advocate with them to get their needs met.

| Action Steps | | Responsible Parties |
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| Objective 1: <i>Develop a peer support model across the Rural North and West Central Coalitions.</i> | | |
| Partner w/area agencies who may have similar programming or pieces of programming and/or volunteers w/experience and interest in this work (e.g., Big Brothers/Big Sisters) | Jan-Mar 2023 | RN/WC Coalition, County SS/Health/ Youth Justice, CBO's |
| Develop a peer support model/framework and guidelines (e.g., confidentiality, safety, respect, conduct, boundaries, etc.) and list of qualities of peer mentors. | Apr-Jun 2023 | RN/WC YAB, System Navigator, Coalition MGS, Mentor Consultant |
| Promote peer support model to community and recruit mentors. | Apr-Jun 2023, ongoing | RN/WC Coalition, YAB, Coalition Case Mgrs, Faith-based orgs |
| Identify trainers and train mentors in peer support model. | Jul-Sep 2023 | RN/WC Coalition/ Mentor Consultant |
| Match mentors to homeless Y/YA's. | Jul-Sep 2023 ongoing | IL Coordinators, Coalition Mgrs, County SS/Health/ Youth Justice, Case Managers |
| Conduct on-going evaluation of peer support model to determine effectiveness and make necessary changes. | Oct-Dec 2023 annually | Evaluation Consultant |
| Objective 2: <i>Provide access to mentorship training for adults who will be working with Y/YA's.</i> | | |
| Identify/recruit individuals who are connected to youth and can provide non-judgmental help and support. | Apr-Jun 2023 ongoing | System Navigator, Coalition Case Mgrs, YAB, Faith-based orgs |
| Identify PYD/TIC consultants and provide mentorship training in Positive Youth Development and trauma-informed care. | Jul-Sep 2023 annually | RN/WN Coalition, YAB, PYD/TIC Consultant |
| Match mentors to Y/YA's. | Jul-Dec 2023 ongoing | IL Coordinators, Coalition Case Mgrs, County SS/Health/ Youth Justice |
| Conduct on-going evaluation of mentorship program to determine effectiveness and make necessary changes. | Oct-Dec 2023 annually | Evaluation Consultant |
| Objective 3: <i>Develop expectations to ensure youth have a say in who supports them both in agencies and chosen family or other natural supports.</i> | | |
| Implement mapping experience w/Y/YA's identifying a support network, mapping relationships/individuals Y/YA's can call/count on for help, modeled on Foster Care Permanency Pact. | Jan-Mar 2023 ongoing | Coalition Case Mgrs |

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| Implement healthy relationship program w/homeless Y/YA's focused on safe relationships and healthy boundaries with adults. | Jan-Mar 2023 ongoing | Coalition Case Mgrs, IL Coordinators, UW Extension | |
| Involve youth in "case plan" development identifying their supports as well as needs. | Jan 2023 ongoing | Coalition Case Mgrs | |
| Objective 4: <i>Increase staff training opportunities around Positive Youth Development, mentorship ideas, developing community connections outside of the homeless system, and mental health crisis training.</i> | | | |
| Provide training annually for LEA Homeless Liaisons, social services and CBO staff interfacing w/homeless Y/YA's to create awareness of available resources, programs, and services. | Jan-Mar 2023, Sep annually | RN/WC Coalition System Navigator/Case Mgrs | |
| Provide annual staff training in Positive Youth Development (PYD) and trauma-informed care (TiC) | Jan-Mar 2023 annually | PYD/TIC Consultant | |
| Use RN/WC coalition meetings as an opportunity to share reflections and strategies in using PYD/TiC w/homeless youth. | Monthly Coalition mtgs, 2023 | RN/WC Coalition Leadership/Coalition Case Mgrs | |
| Objective 5: <i>Establish Host Homes strategies.</i> | | | |
| Research how other successful host homes are established to assist in developing a plan and expectations of Host Homes. | Jan-Mar 2023 | System Navigator | |
| Involve local churches/schools in holding community forums to raise awareness of Y/YA homelessness and recruit potential host homes/families. | Jan-Sep 2023, ongoing | RN/WC Coalition Faith-based orgs | |
| Provide information about the vetting process for individuals interested in providing a host home. | Jan-Sep 2023 ongoing | RN/WC Coalition, System Navigator/Case Mgrs | |
| Develop recruitment strategies/process to recruit, train and retain host homes. | Jan-Mar 2023 | Coalition System Navigator/Case Mgrs, YAB | |
| Survey host family and Y/YA to assess effectiveness of host home strategy. | Oct-Dec 2023 Annually | Evaluation Consultant | |
| HUD Key Principles | | | |
| Equity XX | Positive Youth Development XX | Trauma-Informed Care XX | Family Engagement XX |
| Housing First XX | Youth Choice XX | Social & Community Integration XX | Coordinated Entry XX |
| Special Populations XX | Unsheltered Homelessness XX | Individualized and Client-driven supports XX | |

- c. Goal 3: Education and Employment.** Youth and young adults have access without barriers to a variety of education and employment opportunities to achieve the personal goals and financial stability necessary to thrive.

| Action Steps | Timeline | Responsible Parties |
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| Objective 1: <i>Increase relationships and opportunities that highlight alternative education pathways.</i> | | |
| Enable youth 17 years of age to access educational services easier, enrolling in educational opportunities when they have unresponsive parents. | Oct-Dec 2022 ongoing | LEA Homeless Liaisons, School Counselors, Case Mgrs |
| Enroll youth in GED/HSED programs and college prep course offered through technical colleges. | Oct-Dec 2022 ongoing | Northwood Tech, Chippewa Valley Tech, Northcentral Tech Colleges Staff, Case Mgrs |
| Connect w/Wisconsin Literacy programs to access literacy tutors for Y/YA's completing a GED/HSED. | Oct-Dec 2022 ongoing | Northwest/North Central WI Literacy program volunteers, Case Mgrs |
| Objective 2: <i>Share information with coalitions on educational and training program opportunities for Y/YA's.</i> | | |
| Educational/workforce program partners to share information w/ Coalition Staff/IL Coordinators/Case Managers concerning Y/YA's educational/training program opportunities. | Oct-Dec 2022 ongoing | WRI/NWCEP, West Central/NW WIBs, Job Center, Tech College Staff |
| Use a QR code, short videos, quick apps to share information w/Y/YA's about educational/training program opportunities. | Oct-Dec 2022 ongoing | WRI/NWCEP, West Central/NW WIBs, Job Center, Tech College staff |
| Provide scholarships for youth to get driver's education to obtain their driver's license and access educational/training programs. | Jan-Mar 2023 ongoing | Faith-based orgs, Area Businesses, Foundations, IL Coordinators, Coalition Case Mgrs |
| Enroll Y/YA's in workforce programs to access support services including transportation. | Oct-Dec 2022 ongoing | WRI/NWCEP Career Planners/staff, IL Coordinators, Case Mgrs |
| Contact area churches/schools to provide space for job coaching, resume writing, mock interviews, etc. w/homeless Y/YA's. | Oct-Dec 2022 Ongoing | Coalition Case Mgrs, Local church groups |
| Connect Y/YA's to agencies providing Skills Enhancement programs to support education/training opportunities. | Oct-Dec 2022 ongoing | Case Mgrs, West CAP/ Indianhead Community Action Agency staff, |
| Objective 3: <i>Increase awareness of childcare and early childhood educational opportunities in each coalition. Advocate for additional resources when there are no options.</i> | | |
| Connect Y/YA's w/children to their local Early Head Start/Head Start organization to enroll children. | Oct-Dec 2022 ongoing | Northwoods EHS/ HS, CESA 11 EHS/HS staff, Case Mgrs |
| Enroll Y/YA's w/children in workforce programs to access childcare assistance. | Oct-Dec 2022, ongoing | WRI/NWCEP Career Planners/staff |

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| Share information about regional family support systems and early childcare/education systems to Y/YA's w/children. | Oct-Dec 2022, ongoing | Case Managers, Reg'l Family Resource Centers in Taylor, Washburn, Sawyer, Burnett, St. Croix Counties | |
| Objective 4: <i>Coordinate more advanced apprenticeship opportunities as well as flexible internships for youth to explore career paths.</i> | | | |
| Enroll Y/YA's in career academies to introduce them to apprentice-ship opportunities and tour local industries. | Oct-Dec 2022 ongoing | WRI/NWCEP, Case Mgrs | |
| Connect Y/YA's w/employers providing apprenticeship opportunities. | Oct-Dec 2022 ongoing | WRI/NWCEP Business Services Specialists, Tech Colleges | |
| Objective 5: <i>Provide education and employment training opportunities to Y/YA's.</i> | | | |
| Enroll Y/YA's in WIOA, W-2, FSET, Transitional Jobs programs in which they are eligible. | Oct-Dec 2022 ongoing | WRI, NWCEP Career Planners, Case Mgrs | |
| Provide case management/mobility mentoring to help Y/YA's achieve career opportunities/life goals. | Oct-Dec 2022 ongoing | WRI Career Planners, Case Mgrs | |
| Enroll Y/YA's in technical college and university programs where their interests lie. | Oct-Dec 2022 ongoing | NWT/CVTC/NCT, UW System, Private Colleges | |
| Enlist Institution of Higher Education (IHE) staff to assist Y/YA's w/the FAFSA process to access funding support for higher education | Jan-Jun 2023 ongoing | Case Managers, IHE staff | |
| Objective 6: <i>Provide access to life skills/daily living education (e.g., money management/budgeting/balancing household accounts, RentSmart, insurance, meal planning, cooking healthy meals, cleaning, etc..).</i> | | | |
| Connect with UW Extension to provide RentSmart, Money Matters, and other programs to access life skills/daily living education | Jan-Mar 2023 ongoing | Case Managers, UW Extension/IL Coordinators | |
| Create or gather mini-training modules of each life skill to share w/ Y/YA's. | Oct-Dec 2022 ongoing | IL Coordinators, Case Mgrs, UW Extension | |
| Provide mini-workshops on life skills | Jan-Mar 2023, ongoing | CBO volunteers/ UW Extension, Case Mgrs | |
| HUD Key Principles | | | |
| Equity XX | Positive Youth Development XX | Trauma-Informed Care ____ | Family Engagement ____ |
| Housing First ____ | Youth Choice XX | Social & Community Integration XX | Coordinated Entry ____ |
| Special Populations XX | Unsheltered Homelessness | Individualized and Client-driven supports XX | |

- d. Goal 4: Social Emotional Well-being.** The health and well-being of youth and young adults are prioritized by meeting youth/young adults where they are and providing them with the resources and support they need to achieve happiness, health, self-sufficiency, and self-actualization.

| Action Steps | Timeline | Responsible Parties |
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| Objective 1: <i>Establish mentors that support youth through the system, allowing youth to lead their own lives, set their own goals, realize their power to meet life's challenges and giving them the ability to manage stress, function in their daily lives, and become resilient when faced with adversity or trauma.</i> | | |
| Recruit and train high potential mentors to provide Y/YA's w/guidance and support. | Jan-Mar 2023, annual Ongoing | Case Mgrs, System Navigator, Faith-based orgs, CBO volunteers, Mentor Consultant |
| Identify a consistent time/place for youth to connect w/a mentor, if they desire, to help w/housing, employment and other concerns raised by the Y/YA's. | Mar 2023 Ongoing | Case Managers, Mentors |
| Objective 2: <i>Implement culturally sensitive, developmentally appropriate, comprehensive health education (mental, physical, sexual health and AODA) so youth are aware of options and strategies to live their healthiest lives.</i> | | |
| Integrate cultural competence (e.g., an ability to interact effectively w/people of different cultures) into all case managers/staff and mentor training who are tasked w/assisting homeless Y/YA's. | Feb-Mar 2023, annual Ongoing | Mentor Consultant Case Mgrs, County HH/SS/Youth Justice staff |
| Contact area churches to be a venue to offer mentoring activities for adults matching Y/YA's with mentors | Jan-Mar 2023, annual | Case Mgrs, Faith-based orgs |
| Match mentors with homeless Y/YA's to provide ongoing support and assistance. | Apr 2023 ongoing | Case Managers, IL Coordinators |
| Objective 3: <i>Offer professional development training on Positive Youth Development and Trauma-Informed practices at every level of the system and develop expectations so that all youth services are consistent across the Rural North and West Central Coalitions.</i> | | |
| Provide training annually for LEA Homeless Liaisons, social services, CBO, and RN/WC Coalition staff interfacing w/homeless Y/YA's to create awareness of available resources, programs, and services. | Jan-Mar 2023, Sep annually | Case Mgrs, RN/WC Coalition |
| Provide annual staff training in Positive Youth Development (PYD) and trauma-informed care (TiC) for mentors, case managers and other staff interfacing w/Y/YA's. | Jan-Mar 2023 annually | Cas Mgrs, PYD/TIC Consultant |
| Integrate time on the agenda during Coalition meetings to share reflections and strategies in using PYD and TiC with homeless youth. | Monthly Coalition meetings | RN/WC Coalition Leadership |
| Objective 4: <i>Increase access to resources/services for Y/YA's who need mental/behavioral health and substance abuse recovery support.</i> | | |

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| Develop partnerships w/mental health and healthcare providers in the region as referral sources for Y/YA's with mental/behavioral health and AODA issues. | Jan 2023 ongoing | System Navigator, RN/WC Coalition Case Managers, Healthcare Providers | |
| Increase Case Managers' knowledge of available mental/behavioral health and recovery services resources available to homeless Y/YA's. | Jan 2023 ongoing | Region 7 WIB, WRI Support to Community Staff | |
| Enroll Y/YA's in Support to Communities/Wisconsin Works programs providing mental health services and/or AODA recovery services. | Jan 2023 ongoing | WRI/Region 7 NW WIB staff | |
| Objective 5: <i>Let youth set their own goals, realizing youths' power to meet life's challenges, giving them the ability to manage stress, function in their daily lives, and become resilient when faced with adversity or trauma.</i> | | | |
| Establish a common goal setting process to be used by Y/YA's and facilitated by mentors, case managers, county social services, etc. for youth to identify goals and steps to address their goals. | Apr 2023 ongoing | Mentors, Case Mgrs, County SS, YAB, IL Coordinators, Adult Mentors | |
| Assist Y/YA's in determining action steps to address their goals. | Apr 2023 ongoing | Mentors, Case Mgrs, County Social Services | |
| Meet with Y/YA's periodically to monitor goal progress. | May 2023 ongoing | Mentors, Case Mgrs, County Social Services | |
| HUD Key Principles | | | |
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| Housing First ____ | Youth Choice XX | Social & Community Integration XX | Coordinated Entry XX |
| Special Populations XX | Unsheltered Homelessness XX | Individualized and Client-driven supports XX | |

V. Governance

A. Coalition Leadership, Committee Structure, and Youth Action Board Governance Structures. Rural North Governance Structure. The RN Coalition is open to agencies, organizations, and institutions with an interest in becoming involved in addressing issues facing those who are homeless in Burnett, Washburn, Sawyer, Rusk, Taylor, and Clark Counties. Membership strives to include a variety of people to represent homeless service providers, faith-based groups, local businesses, substance abuse and mental health counselors, law enforcement, government officials, schools, hospitals, health care providers, elected officials, consumers or former consumers, representatives of specific populations; veterans, elderly, and youth. Current membership (as shared on page 1 [I. Introduction]) consists of individuals representing homeless shel-

ters, a county housing authority, the veteran population, a community action agency having a presence in all six counties, a workforce development organization, a domestic violence shelter serving multiple counties, an organization focused on health services, and Salvation Army Extension Services serving multiple counties. While committees will be created on an ad-hoc basis, a PIT standing committee exists which is chaired by the Coordinated Entry Coordinator. To be a member, a signed letter of commitment to the RN mission needs to be on file. The RN Coalition meets every other month and meetings are either in person or held virtually.

At a special meeting held March 23rd, RN Coalition members voted to have a youth representative, with a vote on the RN Coalition. Officers include the chair, vice-chair, and secretary. Each agency or member, who has fulfilled the requirements to be a part of the Coalition has one vote. Officers serve a two-year term and can hold two consecutive terms. A quorum is considered as a majority of members present.

West Central Governance Structure. The WC Homeless Coalition is open to agencies, organizations, and individuals with an interest in ending homelessness in WI's west central counties including Polk, Barron, St. Croix, Pierce, Pepin, Dunn, and Chippewa County (For purposes of the CCP, Chippewa County will be working with another Coalition.) Current members (as shared on page 2 [I. Introduction]) consist of individuals representing two homeless shelters, a county housing authority, five domestic violence shelters, Catholic Charities, veteran's affairs, a LEA homeless liaison, county health & human services, a community action agency serving multiple counties, and Salvation Army Extension Services serving multiple counties. Interested member organizations apply to the secretary and must attend eight of 12 regular meetings, held monthly, each calendar year. Regular meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and are either held virtually or on a rotational basis at different organizations' locations.

At the April 19, 2022 meeting the WC Coalition voted to have a youth representative on their board, with voting privileges. The creation of committees will be determined by a majority vote of the members. Task forces will be created on an ad-hoc basis to accomplish a task-specific assignment on a time-limited basis. Governance includes a chair, vice-chair, and secretary, comprised of organization/agency representatives, with one-year terms, renewable for additional one-year terms. Each member agency/organization has one vote, and each individual advocate member has one vote. A quorum is a simple majority of voting members. The creation of committees is determined by a majority vote of the members. Task forces are created on an ad-hoc basis to accomplish a task-specific assignment on a time-limited basis.

Youth Action Board. The Youth Action Board serving the RN and WC Coalitions is using a flat leadership/core group model with contributing member serving either in an official or unofficial status. Decisions will be made via consensus voting, a process to ensure each person's input is valued, heard, and considered. If the YAB is unable to reach consensus, they will move to majority rule voting where two-thirds of the group will agree to move forward. The YAB has

been meeting every Sunday afternoon, 3:30 to 4:30 via Zoom to work on the YHDP CCP and to get organized as a functioning YAB for the collaborating RN and WC Coalitions. At the March 27, 2022 meeting, by consensus YAB members moved that Alyssa White would be the RN and WC YAB statewide Youth Action Committee representative.

How the YAB Interfaces with Coalition Leadership. On March 22, 2022 the RN Coalition made a motion to change the by-laws to include a youth representative member on their board. On April 19, 2022 the WC Coalition voted to include a YAB member on their board. The YAB member will contribute to Coalitions meetings apprizing them of decisions made at YAB meetings.

VI. Stakeholders

The following list of current partners are representatives of county-level agencies, community-based organizations and members of the RN and WC Coalitions. Members from these organizations have been involved in weekly meetings to facilitate the development of a YHDP collaborative coordinated community plan.

| Current YHDP Partners | | |
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| Partner | Name | Description of Involvement (need to define roles) |
| Youth Action Board | Alyssa White, Ali Gutha, Jordan Gutha, Jennifer Pester, Dallas Crawford, Lorena Whitebird | The Youth Action Board is comprised of youth from the Rural North and West Central Homeless Coalitions who are participating in Independent Living for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care programs, youth justice, and other programs. Youth have been actively involved in providing input and feedback into the plan and determining youth homeless programs/models required for the 12-county region. |
| Child Welfare (CPS/ Youth Justice) Rusk, Washburn, Barron, St. Croix, Taylor County, Polk County | Cheyenna Makinia Katelyn Retzlaff Marcia Bednar Stephanie Wick Julie Clarkson Shelby Fader | Representatives from Child Welfare Agencies/Youth Justice have been actively involved on the Planning Committee and have shared many ideas for objectives/action steps to achieve the objectives addressing youth homelessness throughout the region. They are committed to implementing ideas generated in the CCP to address the issue of youth homelessness in RN and WC Coalition counties. |
| Salvation Army Extension Services | Duana Bremer, Curt Spicer, Sandy Clark, Stacey Feidt, Stephenha Smith; Sue Skinner, Stacy Nordin | Members have been involved in developing the Coordinated Community Plan, and as active members of the RN and WC Coalitions, the Salvation Army will be actively involved in providing housing options and other services for homeless Y/YA's, arranging for short-term (overnight) emergencies or crisis so volunteers are able to house individuals for a night or two until they can be put in touch with those dealing with more long-term issues. |
| Homeless/Emergency Shelters The Taylor House, RC Lighthouse, | Amanda Newberry, Connie Hanson, Lori Zahrbock, Ginny | Members have been actively involved in developing the Coordinate Community Plan. New/existing homeless shelters in the Rural North and West Central Coalitions will continue to provide housing for young adults with the potential to provide |

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| Benjamin House, Emergency Shelter, Northwood Homeless Shelter, Grace Place, Family House, THUG Life Ministries | Ormsby, Duana Bremer, Sara Rank | housing services for youth. These shelters will provide safe and secure housing for Y/YA's who are in transition to finding permanent housing and will also continue to provide case management and access to other services dependent on identified needs. |
| Housing Authorities Taylor County | Jessica Mudgett | Housing authorities will provide low-rent or free apartments to qualified residents. |
| DV/SA Shelters <u>Turningpoint,</u> Embrace, Bridge to Hope, Community Referral Agency, Steppingstones of Dunn County | Amy Berg, Brandy Carlsen, Naomi Cummings, Jamie Gibson, Danica Nichols Cheri Moats, Heidi Hooten, Pdraig Gallagher | DV shelter staff have been involved in developing the Coordinated Community Plan. DV shelters will provide outreach services via multiple venues to share services provided, facilitating connections with social workers and counselors to address mental health issues while providing a safe environment for YA's who have experienced domestic violence and/or sexual assault. Staff have been trained in trauma informed care and provide case management. DV shelters will provide crisis shelter, a 24-hour crisis hotline, one-on-one support, support groups, advocacy, and information and referral services, including assistance identifying permanent housing and helping shelter residents to transition to their own apartments. For DV/SA survivors with longer shelter stays, shelter staff will help with everything one needs to become a productive adult – life skills, housing skills, job skills, and education support. |
| Community Action Agencies Indianhead (ICAA) West CAP | Anna Kauffman, Anna Ringstad, Lisa Walker, Michelle Wilkans, Tammy Magdzas Lori Newton, Erica Schoch, Tim Mathur | ICAA's goal is to assist individuals in achieving self-sufficiency by providing resources, education, and services necessary to develop healthy families, sustainable communities, and strong local businesses. Programs they will provide include food access, skills enhancement, employment assistance, vouchers, rental assistance, and transportation assistance. West CAP, with a focus on strong, secure families, and sustainable communities, will provide programs and support for homeless intervention, food access, adult literacy, and skills enhancement. West CAP members have provided input into the CCP. |
| Workforce Programs Northwest WI CEP Workforce Resource | Becca Golden Workforce Resource FSET, WIOA, W-2 Case Managers (TBD) | NWCEP/Workforce Resource (WRI) will provide multiple programs/services in the region focusing on Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act for in-school/out-of-school youth, FoodShare Employment & Training, Independent Living for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care, Wisconsin Works (W-2), and Transitional Jobs. Upon enrolling in programs, participants will receive case mgmt support in obtaining/retaining employment and supportive services including childcare, transportation, tuition assistance, and free smartphones w/minute/data cards. WRI will provide funding support for mental health counseling/AODA recovery programs through the Support to Communities grant and the W-2 program. |
| Veterans Issues Center for Veteran's Issues, U.S. Dept of | Angela Friend and Casey Levrach | The Veteran's Office will offer the same level of service to Veterans through HUD VASH programming. HUD VASH provides Section 8 Housing Vouchers to veterans along with case management services for the duration of their voucher. |

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| Vet Affairs, Medical Ctr | | |
| Local & State Government Barron Economic Development Corp/ WI's 75 th Assembly District | Dave Armstrong | Mr. Armstrong was instrumental in spearheading a Barron County initiative to provide mobility mentoring training through Economic Mobility Pathways for multiple social services agencies/ community-based organizations. Mobility mentoring is the professional practice of partnering with participants to assist them in acquiring the resources, skills, and sustained behavior changes necessary to attain/preserve their economic independence, which will be a very effective process in assisting youth homelessness. He has been and will continue to be an advocate of mobility mentoring as comprehensive case management. |
| Runaway & Homeless Youth Prgrm Provider THUG Life Ministries | Sara Rank and Devon Rank | THUG (Truly Humble Under God) Life is an organization helping homeless youth in the St. Croix Valley/surrounding area. The mission is to assist teenagers in completing high school and continue to post-secondary education. THUG Life will help provide for basic needs (e.g., clothing, finances, transportation, and other required support) in the St. Croix/Polk County region. |
| Faith-Based Orgs ELCA Northwest Synod Justice Team Catholic Charities of LaCrosse | Pastor Diane House, Kevin Burch, Julianne Linberg | Pastor House has been involved on a state taskforce to address youth trafficking/organizing ELCA church forums to create an awareness of youth trafficking and help congregations develop strategies to resolving this issue. She has provided suggestions on how faith-based orgs can be instrumental in addressing the issue of youth homelessness. |
| LEAs/Schools Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe School Somerset Sch District | Jessica Hutchison, Supt., Sara Poquette, Social Worker Abbiegail Bohatta, Homeless Liaison | The Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe School provides academic rigor/ cultural connectivity enabling students to meet state/national standards in reading, writing, and mathematics while learning and practicing the intricate lessons of the Ojibwe language, culture, and history. LCOOS staff will work with homeless Native Y/A's. LEA homeless liaisons are the key to ensuring homeless children/youth receive the services they need and are the primary contact between homeless families, school and LEA staff, shelter workers, and other service providers. |
| Independent Living for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Workforce Resource Family & Children's Center | Crystal Meier, Prgrm Manager Derek Krzykowski, IL Specialist | WRI administers the IL program in Burnett, Washburn, Sawyer, Rusk, Taylor, Polk, and Barron Counties. IL program goals, consistent with YHDP goals are to help youth successfully transition to adulthood to obtain: 1) safe/stable housing; 2) education to meet their career goals; 3) self-sustaining income through employment; 4) services addressing health/well-being needs; and 5) connection to life-long caring adults. Family & Children Center administers the IL program, with the same goals and will serve foster care youth in St. Croix, Pierce, Pepin, Dunn, and Clark. |

While not currently involved in the process of developing the CCP, the following organizations and agencies comprise future partners who will be contacted to assist full implementation of the CCP in the RN and WC Coalitions' plans to address the issue of Y/YA's homelessness.

| Future YHDP Partners | | |
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| Workforce Dvlpmt Boards NW WI Workforce Investment Bd West Central Workforce Dvlpmt Bd | MariKay Nabozny John Menz | The NW WI WIB (WDA 7) and WC Workforce Development Bd (WDA 8) will prioritize access to employment and/or high demand industry training programs for Y/YA's at risk of homelessness or experiencing homelessness. The NW WIB administers the Support to Communities grant providing funding for behavioral health counseling and AODA recovery programs. |
| Technical Colleges Northwood Tech, Chippewa Valley Tech, Northcentral Tech | Individuals contacted_TBD TBD TBD | Technical Colleges will provide multiple program such as GED boot camps for Y/YA's to attain their GED/HSED; provide preparatory programs/workshops for Y/YA's focused on study skills, acclimating to higher education, career/aptitude assessments to help guide youth with career choices/future. |
| UW System UW EC, Barron County, UW Eau Claire, UW Stout UW River Falls, UW Madison, Extension | Individuals contacted with each IHE are TBD | Counselors will provide young adults with the support needed on their path to higher education, offering academic advising to assist YA/s in developing educational plans aligned with career goals/resources to help in career development outside the classroom. Assistance will be available to YA's in applying for financial aid and connecting YA's to campus employment opportunities. |
| Early Childhood Education Programs CESA 11 EHS/HS Northwest WI EHS/HS | Individual contacts within each agency are TBD | EHS programs focus on intensive comprehensive child development/family support services to low-income infants, toddlers, their families, and to pregnant women and their families. HS Start provides preschool children of low-income families with a comprehensive program to meet children's emotional, social, health, nutritional and psychological needs. EHS/HS staff work with YA's who are homeless to help them connect with agencies providing housing/addressing other needs. |
| Family Resource Centers Family Resource Ctr St. Croix Valley, Northwest Connections, Lakeland FRC, Burnett County FRC, Parent Resource Ctr of Taylor County, Heart Island Family Enrichment Ctr | Individual contacts within each FRC are TBD | The family/parent resource centers in six of the 12 RN/WC Coalition counties will provide parenting YA's with information and resources on parenting education (e.g., children's brain development, how to strengthen family relationships, expectations as children grow, tips for communicating with their children, stress management skills and how to administer effective discipline techniques. These centers provide a nurturing environment to empower and celebrate families while forging ties to the larger community. |
| Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Northwestern WI | Individual contacts TBD | This organization, located in Hudson, with a mission to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth, will be contacted to provide mentoring support for Y/YA's in the Pierce/St. Croix Counties. |
| Wisconsin Literacy | Individuals contacted TBD | With a mission to ensure all people in WI have the literacy skills to reach their full potential, 7 Literacy Councils in RN and WC counties will be available to tutor Y/YA's who need literacy and GED tutoring assistance |

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| Mental Health Providers | Agencies/individual contacts TBD | Given the trauma events experienced by homeless Y/YA's mental health providers will be an important partner in the YHDP, providing counseling, therapy, and behavioral health services. |
| Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Council | LCCO school superintendent, another Tribal member TBD | Coalitions will engage tribal members concerning the issue of Y/YA homelessness and assist in developing a feasible plan for addressing Y/YA homelessness in their communities and access to a system navigator to assist in these efforts. |
| St. Croix Chippewa Tribal Council | Tribal members TBD | Coalitions will engage tribal members concerning the issue of Y/YA homelessness and assist in developing a feasible plan for addressing Y/YA homelessness in their communities and access to a system navigator to assist in these efforts. |
| Kinship of Polk County | Individual contact TBD | With a mission to improve the quality of a child's life by establishing a relationship with a caring mentor for the purpose of promoting stability, support, friendship, and community and 42 year's success in addressing this mission, Kinship of Polk County will be contacted to provide guidance and assistance in establishing mentor programs for homeless Y/YA's across the 12-county region. |
| ELCA/UCC Congregations | Individuals contacted TBD | There are more than seven UCC and 12 ELCA congregations located in RN and WC Coalition counties. These two faith-based organizations are focused on issues of social justice including trafficked youth and promoting and support diversity. Congregations will be contacted to be venues for recruiting mentors, providing training, and raising consciousness concerning issues of Y/YA homelessness throughout the region. |
| Health Care Providers | Individuals contacted TBD | As healthcare issues arise with homeless Y/YA's, Coalition staff will contact healthcare providers in their respective regions to provide appropriate and required healthcare. |
| Dental Clinics | Individuals contacted TBD | Case Managers will enroll homeless Y/YA's in Badger Care providing access to dental care providers in the region |
| Rice Lake Area Free Clinic | Melissa Price, Clinic Director | The free Clinic, serving Burnett, Polk, Washburn, Barron, Rusk, and Sawyer Counties will provide free healthcare and behavioral/mental services/counseling to uninsured Y/YA's. |
| Positive Alternatives | Individuals contacted TBD | Through a continuum of family and strength-based services Positive Alternatives strives to equip at risk youth/young adults with the social, emotional, and developmental skills needed to flourish. With a current focus on Community-Based Services, Positive Alternatives will be a resource to work with youth/parents to improve family, community, and school relationships to prevent out of home placement. Case Managers, trained in the use of Motivational Interviewing, will help youth and families to reach their goals. |

VII. New Projects

Given the severe lack of housing options for Y/YA's throughout the 12-county region, CCP planning committee members have discussed the need for viable options to provide more effective services, both to prevent Y/YA homelessness, but also options to enable these

individuals to secure safe and stable housing. The RN and WC Coalitions believe that two system navigators, one for each Coalition, would be needed to help to facilitate many of the objectives and activities generated in this collaborative plan. The Coalitions are also proposing to hire Case Managers to provide additional support to Y/YA's. These individuals could provide a single point of contact for youth in helping them to navigate complex systems in addition to their housing and other needs. System navigators and case managers would interface with schools, law enforcement, juvenile justice systems, foster care services, and social service providers (e.g., health care, workforce programs, etc.), to connect youth to coordinated prevention and diversion resources. These individuals will be integral in supporting community partners to meet the needs of youth and serve as a safe and supportive resource for youth whose needs are not currently being addressed in the existing homeless service system. RN and WC navigators will also support and facilitate the local youth action group to ensure their authentic youth voice continues to be part of the solution and integrated into decision-making within the local coalitions.

VIII. Signatures

Signatures have been obtained from all required positions and individuals who have either been involved in the development of the CCP and/or are supportive of this initiative to prevent and end youth homelessness. Signature pages are attached to this document.

- A. Coalition Leadership: Amanda Newberry, chair, Duana Bremer, board member of the RN Coalition; Erica Schoch, chair and Amy Berg, board member of the WC Homeless Coalition.
- B. Public Child Welfare Agency: Cheyenne Makinia, CST & Foster Care Coordinator, Rusk County; Marcia Bednar, Case Manager, Barron County; Julie Clarkson, Children and Families Unit, Supervisor, Taylor County; Shelby Fader, Youth Justice Social Worker, Polk County; and Stephanie Wick, Case Manager, St. Croix County.
- C. Local Government Agency. 75th Assembly Representative, Dave Armstrong (representing Barron, Polk, Dunn, St. Croix, Washburn and Burnett Counties) and the Director of Economic Development in Barron County. Dave Willingham, Rusk County Board of Supervisors, and potentially St. Croix County.
- D. Local Youth Action board: Alyssa White, Ali Gutha, Jordan Gutha, and Dallas Crawford.
- E. Runaway and Homeless Youth provider: Sara Rank, THUG Life Ministries.

IX. Other

Future plans (e.g., projects not funded by YHDP but other ideas such as additional research needed, data sharing agreements, partnerships not currently happening, etc.)

A challenge that has arisen while working on this Coordinated Community Plan is the difficulty in getting support from local elected officials. Given the fast pace with which this initiative has moved, and the requirements involved in developing a comprehensive plan for 12 counties, it has been difficult to garner support outside of the immediate committee, involved in this process. In trying to access these signatures, concerns have been raised by county administrators about

the necessity to have county supervisory boards vote on the completed plan as a prerequisite to signing letters of support. Given this, plans are being made now to share this initiative at upcoming county board meetings, the first of which is scheduled with Rusk County on May 24th. We were however, able to get support from Wisconsin's 75th Assembly Representative, who represents constituents in 6 of the counties involved in this initiative!



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April 21, 2022

Carrie Poser, CoC Director
Wisconsin Balance of State
P.O. Box 272
Eau Claire, WI 54702

RE: Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program

Dear Ms. Poser:

On behalf of St. Croix County, please accept this letter of support for the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) grant opportunity. St. Croix County supports this opportunity with the focus of ending youth homelessness in St. Croix County.

We understand that the West Central Homeless Coalition in collaboration with the Rural North Homeless Coalition promises to work collaboratively with multiple partners, county Child Welfare Agencies, and other community-based organizations to implement a comprehensive system to prevent and end youth homelessness. The Coordinated Community Plan has created an awareness of the magnitude of the issue, and while we are not monetarily involved in this program, we are however, in support of the goals and objectives outlined in the plan.

We believe our involvement in the YHDP is essential in the effort to end youth homelessness.

Sincerely,

Bob Long, Chair
St. Croix County Board of Supervisors

SIGNATURE PAGE

Local Homeless Coalition

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Amanda Newberry

Name (print)


Signature

Chair

Title/Rural North Coalition

4/13/22

Date

Duana Bremer

Name (print)


Signature

COALITION MEMBER

Title/Rural North Coalition

4/8/22

Date

Erica Schoch

Name (print)

Erica Schoch
Signature

West Central Homeless Coalition Chair

Title

04/15/2022

Date

Amy Berg

Name (print)


Signature

Resource Development Director

Title

4-14-2022

Date

Youth Action Group Members

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Alyssa White

Name (print)


Signature

4/11/2022

Date

Dallas Crawford

Name (print)


Signature

4/18/2022
Date

Ali Gutha
Name (print)

Signature
Ali Gutha

Date
4-11-22

Jordan Gutha
Name (print)

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Public Child Welfare Agency

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Cheyenna Makinia
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CST + Foster Care Coordinator
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County

Cheyenne Makinia
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4/14/2022
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Children & Families Social
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Case Manager
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County

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Shelby Fader

Name (print)

Youth Justice Social Worker

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Polk

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Stephanie Wick

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Runaway and Homeless Youth Provider

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Sara Rank

Name (print)

Director

Title

Sara Rank

Signature

4-15-22

Date

April 20, 2022

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Re: Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program

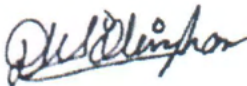
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I believe Rusk County's involvement in the YHDP is essential in the effort to end youth homelessness.

Sincerely



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DAVE ARMSTRONG

STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 75TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

April 20, 2022

Carrie Poser
COC Coordinator
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PO Box 272
Eau Claire, WI 54702

Dear Ms. Poser,

As the State Representative for Wisconsin's 75th Assembly District, which includes several counties within the West Central Homeless Coalition – Barron, Polk, Dunn, and Saint Croix – I am writing in support of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) grant opportunity. I strongly support this program and the focus of ending youth homelessness in these counties.

I understand that the West Central Homeless Coalition promises to work collaboratively with multiple partners, including county child welfare agencies, community-based organizations, and our counterparts in the Rural North Coalition (which includes two other counties in the 75th District – Washburn and Burnett) to implement a comprehensive system to prevent and end youth homelessness. The Coordinated Community Plan has created an awareness of the magnitude of the issue, and I am in support of the goals and objectives outlined in the plan. I believe involvement in the YHDP is essential in the effort to end youth homelessness.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at (608) 266-2519 at Rep.Armstrong@legis.wi.gov.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dave Armstrong".

Dave Armstrong
State Representative
75th Assembly District



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Rock Walworth

***Coordinated Community Plan to
Prevent & End Youth Homelessness***



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Rock/Walworth YHDP Coordinated Community Plan

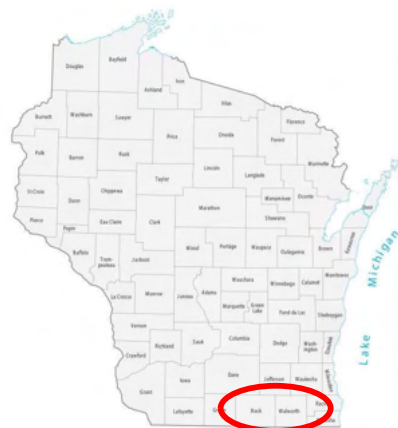
I. Introduction

The Rock County Homeless Intervention Task Force was formed in 1996 and the Walworth County Continuum of Care was formed in 2004. In 2018, these two associations formally combined to create The Homeless Intervention Task Force of Rock and Walworth Counties. This coalition is comprised of members representing a cross-section of the community, including: local non-profits, city and county government, school districts, workforce development, and committed community members. Meetings are held on a monthly basis. The first meeting of the year is the annual prioritization meeting where the coalition sets priorities for the year.

The Homeless Intervention Task Force of Rock and Walworth Counties (HITF) is a consortium working to end homelessness through seamless delivery of collaborative services. This community-based effort seeks to coordinate services, share information, identify gaps in service, increase funding, and eliminate duplication of services for homeless and at-risk of becoming homeless households. As a coalition, HITF believes that any form of homelessness within our community is unacceptable. The coalition and its committees strive to be culturally sensitive and adhere to research and evidence-based principles of individual, community and family need.

In 2020, Rock County had a population of 163,687 people with a median age of 39.5 and a median household income of \$57,875. The largest ethnic groups in Rock County are: White (83%), Hispanic (8%), Black (4%), and two or more races (5%). In 2020, 14.3% of the people of Rock County lived below the poverty line, a number that is higher than the national average of 12.3%. The largest demographic group living in poverty are females ages 25-34. The most common racial or ethnic group living below the poverty line in Rock County is White, followed by Hispanic and Black. Rock County includes the cities of Beloit, Edgerton, Evansville, Janesville, and Milton. The city of Beloit has the highest poverty rate at 24.8%.¹

In 2020, Walworth county had a population of 106,478 with a median age of 41.8 and a median household income of \$63,549. The largest ethnic groups in Walworth county are White (85%), Hispanic (11%), Black (1%), and two or more races (3%). In 2020, 12.4% of the population of Walworth county live below the poverty line, a number that is about equal to the national average of 12.3%. The largest demographic group living in poverty are males ages 55-64, followed by females ages 18-24 and females ages 25-34. The most common racial or ethnic group living below the poverty line in Walworth County is White, followed by Hispanic. Walworth County includes the cities of Delavan, Elkhorn and Lake Geneva, and parts of Burlington and Whitewater. The villages of Sharon and Walworth have the highest poverty rates at 20.2 %.²



¹ Census.gov

² Census.gov

II. Mission and Vision

A. Mission Statement

The HITF of Rock and Walworth Counties is adopting the Mission of the Balance of State.

B. Vision Statement

The HITF of Rock and Walworth Counties is adopting the Vision of the Balance of State.

C. Community history with Youth Homeless System

HITF members assisted in establishing a new local non-profit organization, Project 16:49, to fill a gap in local services for homeless youth in Rock County. Project 16:49 began operations in 2014. The organization provides basic needs assistance, referrals and case management support to unaccompanied homeless youth ages 14-21, and operates two transitional living homes for youth ages 17-21. Project 16:49 partners with local adult service providers to ensure youth have access to all appropriate resources and to coordinate services.

Project 16:49 is a Federal Runaway and Homeless Youth service provider and an active member of Wisconsin Association for Homeless and Runaway Services (for youth). Project 16:49 has worked with our state representatives to and testified in support of state legislation to address the needs of unaccompanied homeless youth, including changes to improve access to: work permits, health and mental health care, and emergency shelter / TLPs.

HITF established a Youth Action Board (YAB) and Youth Subcommittee in February, 2022. The Youth Subcommittee is tasked with oversight of the YHDP process, providing monthly data reports, facilitating specific training on youth issues, and working collaboratively with the Rock/Walworth YAB.

D. Statement from the local Youth Action Board

The Rock/Walworth Youth Action Board seeks to bring awareness to the diverse issues surrounding youth homelessness. Through advocacy, we seek to ensure youth have access to the services they need to grow and thrive. Through this Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) process, we have actively worked on this plan and collaborated with stakeholders to identify the needs and gaps in our community. Youth who are experiencing homelessness face unknown situations and difficult circumstances on a daily basis. We would like to provide these youth with services that make their experience short, brief and non-recurring. The need in our community is high. There are not many services available for the homeless community, let alone the homeless youth in Rock and Walworth counties. This population is often overlooked and as a result, youth fall through the cracks in our systems. The YHDP gives a life changing opportunity to at-risk and homeless youth in our community.

III. Statement of Need

Access to Stable and Affordable Housing

A factor contributing to the challenge of preventing and addressing youth homelessness in the Rock/ Walworth region is the lack of availability and access to stable affordable housing. There is very limited rental housing available in the region. Studies on affordable housing are limited and the demand for subsidized housing nearly always exceeds supply. Waiting lists for housing is common. In looking at our local coalition Point in Time (PIT) data from 2021 to 2022, the total number of people with children increased from 76 to 109 in emergency shelters, while decreased from 47 to 28 in transitional housing. This may

be due to the increase in emergency motel vouchers for families. We are seeing more of our families in motels than ever before. The number of total households with children also increased from 22 to 33 in emergency shelters and decreased from 12 to 9 in transitional housing. The highest number of youth experiencing homelessness are white young adult females, followed by black young adult females. We did not have any unsheltered or unaccompanied youth reported in the 2022 PIT data.

For the purposes of the PIT, the following HUD definitions apply:

Youth – Persons under age 25. HUD collects and reports youth data based on persons under 18 and persons between 18 and 24.

Parenting Youth – A youth who identifies as the parent or legal guardian of one or more children who are present with or sleeping in the same place as that youth parent, where there is no person over age 24 in the household.

Unaccompanied Youth – Unaccompanied youth are persons under age 25 who are not accompanied by a parent or guardian and are not a parent or guardian presenting with or sleeping in the same place as his/her child(ren). Unaccompanied youth are single youth, youth couples, and groups of youth presenting together as a household.

2021 Rock/Walworth PIT Data

| | Emergency Shelter | Transitional Housing | Unsheltered |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Total HH w/out children | 37 | 41 | 7 |
| Total people w/out children | 50 | 41 | 7 |
| Unaccompanied youth HH less than 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unaccompanied youth people less than 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unaccompanied Youth HH 18-24 | 7 | 5 | 1 |
| Unaccompanied people 18-24 | 9 | 5 | 1 |
| Total HH with children | 22 | 12 | 1 |
| Total people with children | 76 | 47 | 4 |
| Parenting youth HH | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Parenting youth people 18-24 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Children of Parenting youth | 5 | 4 | 0 |

2022 Rock/Walworth PIT Data

| | Emergency Shelter | Transitional Housing | Unsheltered |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Total HH w/out children | 11 | 0 | 1 |

| | | | |
|---|-----|----|---|
| Total people w/out children | 12 | 0 | 1 |
| Unaccompanied youth HH less than 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unaccompanied youth people less than 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unaccompanied Youth HH 18-24 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unaccompanied people 18-24 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total HH with children | 33 | 9 | 0 |
| Total people with children | 109 | 28 | 0 |
| Parenting youth HH | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Parenting youth people 18-24 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Children of Parenting youth | 2 | 0 | 0 |

Rock/Walworth PIT Demographics 2021

| | Parenting Youth | Young Adult | Unaccompanied Youth |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Female | 5 | 6 | 0 |
| Male | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| Transgender | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Non-Conforming | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| White | 3 | 13 | 0 |
| Black | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Native American | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Multiracial | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Asian | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hispanic/ Latino | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Non-Hispanic/ Non-Latino | 6 | 10 | 0 |

Rock/Walworth PIT Demographics 2022

| | Parenting Youth | Young Adult | Unaccompanied Youth |
|--|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|
|--|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|

| | | | |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|
| Female | 1 | 8 | 0 |
| Male | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Transgender | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Non-Conforming | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| White | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Black | 3 | 8 | 0 |
| Native American | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Multiracial | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Asian | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hispanic/ Latino | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Non-Hispanic/ Non-Latino | 6 | 6 | 0 |

When looking at our Coordinated Entry data there was a significant decrease in the number of households with children and parenting youth. The amount of households without children also grew from previous years. The young adult population has remained close to the same throughout the past 3 years.

| | 2/5/2020 | 2/8/2021 | 3/15/2022 |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| HH w/Children | 163 | 135 | 79 |
| Parenting Youth | 33 | 23 | 15 |
| HH w/out Children | 160 | 134 | 205 |
| Young Adults | 29 | 20 | 22 |

Our local Homeless Management Information System data reported 102 unaccompanied homeless youth in 2021. Of these youth, 6 were minors, 49 were between the ages of 18-24 and 33 were parenting youth between the ages of 18-24. Project 16:49 housed 14 of these youth in their transitional living program. 37 youth received prevention services from local agencies.

As of April 2019 there were approximately 239 families on the Housing Choice Voucher program and 117 on Janesville's Housing Choice Voucher waiting list. When the Janesville Housing Choice Vouchers waiting list opened in May 2019, over 500 families applied the first day. There are 598 Housing Choice Vouchers administered in the city of Beloit and 563 in Janesville.³

Households are considered to be cost-burdened and severely cost-burdened if they spend more than 30% and 50% of their income on housing. Currently there are almost 11 million renter households in the US with extremely low incomes, 70% of which are severely cost-burdened. Among Rock County residents, 45% of renters are considered cost-burdened.

³ City of Beloit, City of Janesville, and Rock County, Wisconsin Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Report, 2020

Households experiencing cost burden may be forced to choose between paying housing costs and other basic necessities, such as food, health care, or other basic needs. In Walworth County 21.1 % of households had housing costs more than 30% of their income.⁴ One third (33%) of Rock County households are currently experiencing housing problems. 47.3% are Latinos, and 58.3% are black.⁵

Both Rock and Walworth counties utilize the Fostering Youth to Independence (FYI) voucher programs. The FYI voucher partnership between Public Housing Agencies and Public Child Welfare. Youth who are between the ages of 18-24 and who have left foster care, or will leave within 90 days and are at risk of homelessness are eligible for the program. This program provides 36 months of housing assistance. In Rock County, 16 youth were referred to the FYI voucher program in 2021-2022. Of these 16 youth; 5 are currently housed with the voucher, 2 are actively looking for housing, and 5 are in the process of application and orientation for the program. The remaining 4 youth did not utilize the voucher; 1 youth declining and 3 youth moving out of the area. In Walworth County, 5 youth were referred to the Fostering Youth to Independence voucher program in 2021.

Project 16:49 serves Rock County's unaccompanied homeless youth. The organization provides basic need assistance, case management, referrals and operates two transitional living homes. In 2021, Project 16:49 provided transitional living services to 33 youth and direct case management services to 69 additional youth.

Lack of Family Support and Permanent Connections

The vast majority of youth do not become homeless by choice. Many different factors contribute to youth homelessness, but studies suggest that some of the primary reasons are family dysfunction, sexual abuse, and "aging out" of the foster care system. Some families' experience violence, heightened family conflict, death of parent/caretaker or parental neglect due to poverty or mental illness. Some parents reject a young person because they are pregnant or come out as LGBTQ. According to a study conducted by the US Department of Health and Human Services, 21-40% of homeless youth have been sexually abused prior to running away.⁶ These young people are fleeing from victimization, violence, and to escape the next traumatic violation against her or his body.

The Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) reported 2,835 Child Protective Services (CPS) referrals for Rock County in 2020. That number increased to 3,237 CPS referrals in 2021. Both years held a similar screen in rate of 33%. The primary reporting officials in Rock County are law enforcement and the highest reported maltreatment is neglect. In Walworth County, DCF reported 615 reports to CPS in 2020 and 655 in 2021. The screen in rate decreased from 29% in 2020 to 22.7% in 2021. Another notable change in data is the primary reporting officials. Walworth had law enforcement as their top reporting official in 2020, but in 2021 educational personnel were the primary reporters. This aligns feedback we have received from Walworth that youth and students receive the majority of services and supports at the schools. Both years had neglect as their highest reported maltreatment.⁷

Approximately 12 to 36 percent of youth ages 18 or 21 exiting the foster care system become homeless. Though some former foster care youth manage to find decent living situations after emancipation, one study found that 32% youth transitioned more than five

⁴ 2015-19 Annie Casey Foundation, Kids count data center

⁵ Risk and Resilience difference in Risk Factors and Health Outcomes between Homeless and Non Homeless in 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey

⁶ US Department of Health and Human Services

⁷ dcf.wisconsin.gov

times within a two to four year span post-foster care. Limited support coupled with low earning potential and a shortage of affordable housing result in youth “couch surfing” in order to remain stably housed.⁸

In Rock County approximately 10 youth age out of the Foster Care system each year. Approximately 12 to 36 percent of youth ages 18 or 21 exiting the foster care system become homeless. Though some former foster care youth manage to find decent living situations after emancipation, one study found that 32% youth transitioned more than five times within a two to four year span post-foster care. Limited support coupled with low earning potential and a shortage of affordable housing result in youth “couch surfing” in order to remain stably housed.⁹ 29% of the youth Project 16:49 has worked with were involved in the Foster Care system. 8% of youth aged out with nowhere else to go.

Runaways and youth experiencing homelessness are particularly vulnerable to becoming victims of sex trafficking. A federally funded study involving shelter youth indicated that approximately 28% of street youth reported selling sex to generate money for basic needs. According to a study conducted by the US Department of Health and Human Services, 21-40% of homeless youth have been sexually abused prior to running away.¹⁰ These young people are fleeing from victimization, violence, and to escape the next traumatic violation against her or his body. Project 16:49 has reported 42% of all female youth worked with had been trafficked.

Pregnant and parenting teens are more at risk for becoming homeless due to being kicked out of their home. The current teen birth rate in Rock County is 17.5% and 7.7% in Walworth county. In 2020, The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) reported a teen birth rate of 92 in Rock County and 25 in Walworth County in 2020. In 2021 WI DHS reported 390 births by women under the age of 25 in Rock County. This accounts for approximately 23% of births in Rock County that year.¹¹

School House connection analysis of the state's Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) data found that high school students who identify as LGBTQ are disproportionately likely to experience homelessness, with 29.8% of students experiencing homelessness identifying as LGBTQ, compared to 13.8% of all students. According to the 2019 Rock County YRBS, students who self-identified as LGBTQ+ reported higher incidences of self-harm, 53% compared to 14% for straight-cisgender students. 82% had problems with anxiety (compared to 45% for straight-cisgender) and 50% have considered suicide. (compared to 12% for straight-cisgender).¹² Project 16:49 reports 15% of the youth they work with identify as LGBTQIA+.

Education

The number of students identified as homeless in schools is high and many of these youth graduate lacking basic independent living skills. During the 2017-18 school year (the most recent data from the Department of Public Instruction) Rock County had 1,169 students identified as homeless. 262 of those students were unaccompanied homeless youth. The highest number of homeless youth live in the City of Beloit with 556 identified as

⁸ Risk and Resilience difference in Risk Factors and Health Outcomes between Homeless and Non Homeless in 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey

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¹⁰ US Department of Health and Human Services

¹¹ WISH (Wisconsin Interactive Statistics on Health)

¹² Risk and Resilience differences in risk factors and health outcomes between homeless and non-homeless in 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey

homeless. The next highest number of homeless youth attend the School District of Janesville with 504 students identified as homeless. Walworth County identified 248 homeless youth, with 24 of them being unaccompanied homeless youth. The highest number of homeless youth live in Delavan-Darien with 104 students identified as homeless. In the 19-20 school year Rock and Walworth county combined had identified 1,301 students experiencing homelessness. With Beloit having the highest amount at 548 and Janesville at 401. The highest number for a school district in Walworth County was Whitewater at 66 students identified as homeless.¹³

Rock County

| School District | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Beloit | 582 | 548 |
| Beloit-Turner | 25 | 25 |
| Clinton | 20 | 13 |
| Edgerton | 45 | 48 |
| Evansville | 12 | 9 |
| Janesville | 476 | 401 |
| Milton | 27 | 29 |
| Parkview | 5 | 6 |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>1,192</i> | <i>1,079</i> |

Walworth County

| School District | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Big Foot | 3 | 4 |
| Delavan-Darien | 66 | 50 |
| East Troy | 13 | 20 |
| Elkhorn | 70 | 50 |
| Fontana | N/A | N/A |
| Geneva | N/A | N/A |
| Lake Geneva | 24 | 17 |
| Linn | N/A | N/A |
| Sharon | 3 | 3 |
| Walworth | 7 | 10 |
| Whitewater | 66 | 68 |
| Williams Bay | N/A | N/A |
| <i>Totals</i> | <i>252</i> | <i>222</i> |

Looking towards the future, The Voices of Youth Count gives a projection of youth homelessness in Rock and Walworth County.¹⁴ The projected number of homeless youth for Rock County is significantly lower than the McKinney Vento data reported for that same year. Rock County has over double the projected amount of students experiencing homelessness. The McKinney Vento data reported 1,079 homeless students for the 2019-2020 school year and the Voices of Youth Count projecting only 442 youth to be

¹³ Department of Public Instruction WiseEDASH

¹⁴ Voices of Youth County 2017 Chapin Hall

experiencing homelessness in that same year. This drastic difference shows Rock County to be above average for their homeless youth population. Both Janesville and Beloit school districts carry the weight of these numbers. Beloit school district exceeds the projected amount of homeless students by itself.

| County | Ages | 2020 Census | Youth Experiencing Homelessness | Runaways |
|----------|------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| Rock | 12-14 year olds | 6,625 | 221 | 398 |
| Rock | 14- 17 year olds | 6,624 | 221 | 397 |
| Walworth | 13-14 year olds | 3,861 | 129 | 232 |
| Walworth | 15-17 year olds | 4,102 | 137 | 246 |

The National Center on Family Homelessness reports that 75 percent of homeless elementary school students performed below grade level in reading and math. That number rose to 85 percent for high school students. Students who experience homelessness are more likely than their non-homeless peers to be held back from grade to grade, have poor attendance or be chronically absent from school, fail courses, have more disciplinary issues, and drop out of school. These negative effects are amplified the longer a student remains homeless.¹⁵

Evidence strongly suggests that homeless children and youth have a disproportionately high incidence of disabilities. For instance, prevalence estimates indicate that children who are homeless are twice as likely to have learning disabilities and three times as likely to have an emotional disturbance as children who are not homeless.¹⁶ The table below shows Rock (Janesville and Beloit) and Walworth (Delavan/Darien and Whitewater) school districts with the percent of homeless students by disability. There is a correlation between the school districts with the highest number of students identified as homeless and the increase in special education services.¹⁷

| Disability | Janesville | Beloit | Delavan/Darien | Whitewater |
|---------------------------------|------------|-------------|----------------|------------|
| Autism | 2.1% | 2.9% | 2.9% | 4.2% |
| Emotional Behavioral | 7.1% | 14.8% | None listed | 6.7% |
| Hearing impaired | 6.7% | None listed | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Intellectual | 1.2% | 16.0% | 4.2% | 16.7% |
| Other health impairment | 6.8% | 11.4% | 5.9% | 4.3% |
| Significant Developmental delay | 7.7% | 11.7% | 3.4% | 4.0% |
| Learning Disability | 5.0% | 8.7% | 2.3% | 5.4% |
| Speech and Language | 4.7% | 9.4% | 4.3% | 5.6% |

¹⁵ National Center on Family Homelessness

¹⁶ Better Homes Fund, 1999

¹⁷ Department of Public Instruction WiseEDASH

Absence from school has dire long term consequences for students including higher rates of dropping out of school, and becoming involved in the criminal justice system. The YRBS data show that students experiencing homelessness were 4.63 more likely to miss school compared to stably housed students. The Department of Justice reported 931 juvenile arrests in Rock County and 532 juvenile arrests in Walworth county in 2020.¹⁸

As of March 2022, The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development Division of Vocational Rehabilitation has 97 youth aged 14-18 years old and 32 youth aged 19-24 years old enrolled in Rock County. Many more youth are involved in job search services with an estimate of 180 youth aged 19-24 receiving DVR services in Rock County.¹⁹

Social and Emotional Wellbeing

Struggles with mental health and substance abuse are significantly higher among students reporting homelessness, comparable across homeless living situations. YRBS data show that tragically, many high school students experiencing homelessness resort to self-harm as a response to the trauma of homelessness. Students experiencing homelessness were 7.19 times more likely to attempt suicide and 3.21 times more likely to have a suicide plan compared to stably housed youth.²⁰

In looking at the most recent 2019 Wisconsin Youth Risk Behavior Survey data for the school District of Janesville, students who identified themselves as food insecure had higher percentages of self-harm, anxiety, hopelessness and suicidal ideations compared to their not food insecure peers.

| | Food Insecure | Not Food Insecure |
|------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Self-harm (past 12 months) | 36% | 16% |
| Problems with anxiety | 68% | 47% |
| Feelings of hopelessness | 52% | 28% |
| Seriously considered suicide | 31% | 14% |
| Made a suicide plan | 26% | 10% |
| Attempted Suicide | 18% | 5% |

¹⁸ Wisconsin Department of Justice UCR Dashboard

¹⁹ Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development

²⁰ Risk and Resilience differences in risk factors and health outcomes between homeless and non-homeless in 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey

IV. Goals, Objectives, Action Steps

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| Goal 1 <u>Stable Housing</u>- Youth and young adults are immediately provided with safe, supported, and flexible housing options that reflect their individualized needs and pave the way for long-term, sustainable housing. | | | |
| Objective 1: Explore innovative housing strategies for youth. | | | |
| Action Steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore landlord engagement strategies to support youth finding and maintaining stable housing.• Explore different types of Transitional Living Programs/Rapid Rehousing for youth, different types to meet different needs.• Explore hiring a housing navigator for youth.• Bring together potential partners in Walworth County to explore youth centered services. | | | |
| Partners Responsible: HITF Youth Subcommittee Youth Advisory Board | | | |
| Time Frame: 6-9 months | | | |
| HUD Principles | | | |
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| Goal 1 <u>Stable Housing</u>- Youth and young adults are immediately provided with safe, supported, and flexible housing options that reflect their individualized needs and pave the way for long-term, sustainable housing. | | | |
| Objective 2: Explore possibility of opening a youth focused emergency shelter for unaccompanied minors. | | | |
| Action Steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Form a committee to oversee and plan the project.• Meet with community stakeholders to discuss feasibility, location, staffing, insurance and funding.• Seek funding for the project. | | | |
| Partners Responsible: HITF Youth Subcommittee Youth Advisory Board Emergency Shelter Planning Committee | | | |
| Time Frame: Initiate conversation with counties in fall 2022 | | | |
| HUD Principles | | | |
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| Goal 2 <u>Permanent Connections</u> - Youth and young adults are supported in cultivating consistent, self-identified people who can respectfully guide, support, and advocate with them to get their needs met. | | | |
| Objectives 1: Explore youth outreach and supportive services for youth who are homeless, at risk of homelessness or transitioning into independent living. | | | |
| Action Steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore youth advocates/mentoring programs. • Explore system navigator/community case workers. • Explore youth drop in centers/ youth resource centers. • Explore peer support for transitional age youth. • Explore having a social worker housed in public libraries to offer support and resources • Explore delivery of life skills options. | | | |
| Partners Responsible: HITF Youth Subcommittee Youth Advisory Board | | | |
| Time Frame: 1 year | | | |
| HUD Principles | | | |
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| Goal 3 <u>Education and Employment</u> - Youth and young adults have access without barriers to a variety of education and employment opportunities to achieve the personal goals and financial stability necessary to thrive. | | | |
| Objective 1: Explore transportation throughout both counties. Specifically Beloit, Walworth county, and the Beloit Janesville Express | | | |
| Action Steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with community leaders to discuss the process to improve transportation. • Participate in transportation studies | | | |
| Partners Responsible: HITF of Rock and Walworth County | | | |
| Time Frame: Start fall 2022 | | | |
| HUD Principles | | | |
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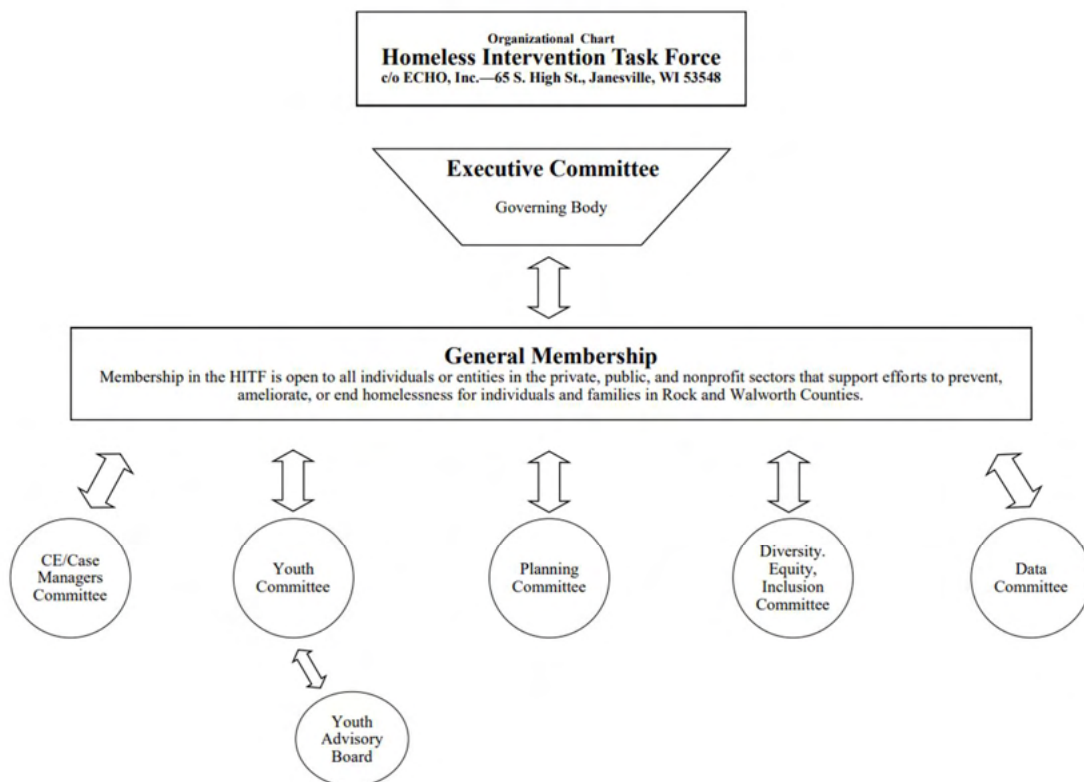
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| Goal 3 <u>Education and Employment</u> - Youth and young adults have access without barriers to a variety of education and employment opportunities to achieve the personal goals and financial stability necessary to thrive. | | | |
| Objective 2: Increase positive relationships and collaborative opportunities between HITF, youth and the educational systems in Rock and Walworth counties. | | | |
| Action Steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore alternative educational pathways for students experiencing homelessness. • Work together to share information on current McKinney-Vento programs, scholarship opportunities and ongoing needs of youth experiencing homelessness. • Increase awareness and expansion of early childhood programs such as Head Start, Early Head Start and others. • Increase awareness and expand programs for populations such as LGBTQIA+ and pregnant and parenting teen programs. • Provide education and employment training opportunities to case managers. | | | |
| Partners Responsible: HITF Youth Subcommittee District Homeless Liaisons Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Board | | | |
| Time Frame: 2022-2023 School Year | | | |
| HUD Principles | | | |
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| Goal 4- <u>Social Emotional Wellbeing</u> - The health and well-being of youth and young adults are prioritized by meeting youth where they are and providing them with the resources and supports they need to achieve happiness, health, self-sufficiency and self-actualization. | | | |
| Objective 1: Increase access to mental health and AODA resources in Rock and Walworth counties for youth experiencing homelessness. | | | |
| Action Steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produce a recent mental health and Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse resource list of providers. • Explore transportation options to help youth get to appointments. • Explore expanding mental health satellite offices in schools and/or community centers. • Explore peer support programs for youth. • Explore a stabilization center for youth. • Work with public libraries to explore the possibility of having community social workers placed in the public libraries. | | | |
| Partners Responsible: HITF Youth Subcommittee HealthNet Rock Valley Community Programs | | | |
| Time Frame: 1 year | | | |
| HUD Principles | | | |

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V. Governance

The Homeless Intervention Task Force of Rock and Walworth Counties is comprised of an Executive Committee, General Members, Subcommittees and the Youth Action Board. Any community member is eligible to join HITF by agreeing to the principles and operating procedures of the organization and executing a membership agreement. The Youth Subcommittee oversees the YHDP process. Youth from the Youth Advisory Board are considered individual members of HITF and are eligible to vote.



VI. Stakeholders

| <u>Partner</u> | <u>Partner's Name and Role</u> | <u>Involvement</u> |
|--|---|---|
| Youth with lived experience | Rock/Walworth Youth Action Board | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HITF Youth Subcommittee • BOS YAB • YHDP |
| Rock/Walworth Coalition | HITF Youth Subcommittee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversight of YHDP • Collaboration with YAB |
| Public Child Welfare Agencies | Rock County Child Protective Services Rock County Child Long-Term Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in local stakeholder planning meetings • Provided information and • Committed to pursuing joint future projects |
| School Districts | Janesville School District Beloit School District Elkhorn School District | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HITF Youth Subcommittee • HITF membership • Participation in local stakeholder planning meetings • Provided information and • Committed to pursuing joint future projects |
| Institutions of Higher Education | University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Blackhawk Technical College | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in local stakeholder planning meetings • Provided information and • Committed to pursuing joint future projects |
| Workforce Development | Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Board | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HITF Youth Subcommittee • HITF membership • Participation in local stakeholder planning meetings • Provided information and • Committed to pursuing joint future projects |
| Local and State Law enforcement and Judges | Janesville Police Department Rock County Juvenile Judge | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in local stakeholder planning meetings • Provided information and • Committed to pursuing joint future projects |
| Local and State Government | Janesville City Manager Walworth County Human Services Rock County Human Services Rock County Crisis | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HITF membership • Participation in local stakeholder planning meetings • Provided information and |

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|--|--|---|
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committed to pursuing joint future projects |
| Public Housing Authorities | City of Janesville Housing Walworth County Housing Authority | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HITF membership Participation in local stakeholder planning meetings Provided information and Committed to pursuing joint future projects |
| CoC and ESG Program Recipients | ECHO Community Action YWCA of Rock County Family Promise of Greater Beloit Family Services of Southern Wisconsin & Northern Illinois | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HITF Youth Subcommittee HITF membership Participation in local stakeholder planning meetings Provided information and Committed to pursuing joint future projects |
| Health, Mental Health and Substance Use Agencies | MercyHealth | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation in local stakeholder planning meetings Provided information and Committed to pursuing joint future projects |
| RHY Provider | Project 16:49 | HITF Youth Subcommittee and YAB facilitation |
| Non-Profit Youth Organizations | Boys and Girls Club Youth 2 Youth Safe Families for Children | HITF Youth Subcommittee |
| Legal Services | Legal Action of Wisconsin | HITF Youth Subcommittee |
| Action Teams and Task Forces | Diversity Action Team Rock County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation in local stakeholder planning meetings Provided information and Committed to pursuing joint future projects |

Following our stakeholder focus groups, we identified missing stakeholders with whom committee members will continue to make contact and encourage their input and involvement. There will be an emphasis on connecting with stakeholders in Walworth County. Walworth does not have the same capacity of service providers that Rock County does, which has made it difficult to gather data and make contact with appropriate individuals in this line of work. Committee members will continue to reach out and have individual conversations with the stakeholders identified below.

Partner
Public Child Welfare Agencies

Partner's Name and Role
Walworth County Child Protective Services
Walworth County Child Long-Term Support

| | |
|--|--|
| School Districts | Delavan-Darien School District Whitewater School District |
| Local and State Law enforcement and Judges | Beloit Police Department Elkhorn Police Department Delavan Police Department |
| Public Housing Authorities | Walworth County Housing |
| Non-Profit Youth Organizations | Stateline Boys and Girls Club Walworth Boys and Girls Club |
| Landlords | RedE2Rent |

VII. New Projects

Through a series of focus groups with stakeholders from various Rock and Walworth County organizations and agencies, we identified a number of local challenges, gaps in services, and opportunities to work together to end youth homelessness. Thirty-four stakeholders participated in discussions. A summary of the key questions and top responses are included below.

What factors do you see contributing to youth homelessness in Rock and Walworth Counties?

- Lack of availability and access to stable / affordable housing.
- Lack of family support or unsafe homes (due to addiction, other abuse)
- Unmet mental health needs
- Non-acceptance of youth's sexual orientation or gender identity
- Generational poverty
- Aging out of foster care with no place to go
- Lack of resources for minors

What are the gaps in local services for homeless youth?

- Lack of available housing options for youth
- No drop-in center or emergency shelter for youth
- Lack of services for youth ages 16-18
- Lack of TLP or other supports for pregnant and parenting teens
- Need for increased youth outreach to tell them what resources are available
- Lack of public transportation in Walworth county

How can we work together as a community to address youth homelessness?

- Create more TLP / other housing options for youth: different types to meet different needs, congregate living, scattered apartments
- Hire a youth housing navigator
- Establish drop-in centers (with resource persons) for youth
- Provide mentoring for transitional age youth
- Provide landlord incentives and supports
- Establish a stabilization center for youth with mental health needs
- Place a social worker at the public library to work with homeless population
- Increase mental health services in schools and the community
- Offer peer support for transitional age youth
- Offer more peer support programs

Based on the feedback from these meetings, the HITF Youth Subcommittee is interested in pursuing a Rapid Rehousing project for our homeless youth. Organizations that are interested in partnering on this project include ECHO and Project 16:49.

IX. Other

In addition to the continued work noted in Section IV, there are a few additional projects being developed in our communities that will expand opportunities and support for our homeless youth:

- Family Services of Southern WI and Northern IL is working to secure funding for a 20-unit TLP to serve women with children. While it is not solely for the youth population, it will make an option available to parenting female youth where few currently exist.
- ECHO has secured funding for 6 units to provide TLP services to families with children.
- The Boys and Girls Club in Janesville has secured funding to construct a new building that would include a Teen Center.
- First Lutheran Church and Project 16:49 are partnering to bring Open Table into our community. This program will provide participating youth with mentors, expand their support networks, and strengthen their connections to individuals and the community.
- Beloit Vision of Hope is a new collective that is working to put in place a 3-bed Temporary Emergency Overnight Housing program (1-3 nights). This would be available for our older youth in emergency situations. They also are working to implement a Dispute Resolution program for individuals experiencing homelessness or at significant risk of becoming homeless. Part of their plan includes introducing a Participatory Theater component.
- The HITF Youth Subcommittee is working with local school district homeless liaisons to increase communication of McKinney-Vento data as this provides a greater reflection of that portion of the youth population.

Public Child Welfare Agency

The signature(s) below attests to our approval and support for the coalition's Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program's Coordinated Community Plan to End Youth Homelessness. The coalition promises to work collaboratively with our partners to implement a comprehensive system to prevent and end youth homelessness, including the goals and objectives outlined in the plan.

Carlo Newton
Name (print)

[Signature]
Signature

Director - HMS
Title

04/20/2022
Date

Walworth
County

Local Government

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Name (print)

City Manager, Rock
Title City of Janesville County

Signature

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Date

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Title

County

Signature

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Local Homeless Coalition

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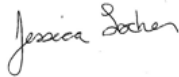
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HITF Chair

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4/21/22

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Rock Walworth BOS Board of Director

Title

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Date

Youth Action Group Members

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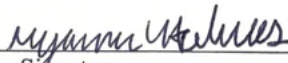
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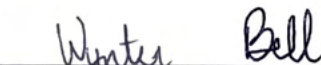
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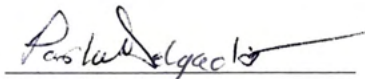
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE
SUE CONLEY
44TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT
JANESVILLE

March 28, 2022

Carrie Poser
CoC Director
WI Balance of State
P.O. Box 272
Eau Claire, WI 54702

Dear Ms. Poser,

I am contacting you in support of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) grant opportunity for funding in Rock and Walworth Counties. I strongly support the proposal, as well as the mission of the Homeless Intervention Task Force (HITF) of Rock and Walworth Counties, which emphasizes ending youth homelessness within the community.

The HITF is a unique and valuable asset to Rock and Walworth Counties. The HITF is currently working on a project to create a comprehensive community plan (CCP) for Rock and Walworth Counties, led by Project 1649 and the homeless liaisons from the school districts.

I fully support the use of Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program grant funding within Rock and Walworth Counties and encourage you to give them all due consideration.

Sincerely,

Rep. Sue Conley
Wisconsin State Assembly
District 44

Waukesha-Ozaukee- Washington (WOW)

***Coordinated Community Plan to
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Part I. Introduction

A. Geography and Location

Three committed local coalitions in adjacent Wisconsin counties have created a unified plan around youth homelessness. The Housing Action Coalition of Waukesha (HAC), Ozaukee County Local Coalition, and the Washington County Local Coalition have formed a region that includes a combined Waukesha, Ozaukee, and Washington Youth Action Group (WOW YAG). All three local coalitions are members of the Wisconsin Balance of State Continuum of Care (WISBOSCO).

The region serves the Wisconsin counties of Waukesha (population, 404,198), Ozaukee (population, 89,395), and Washington (population, 136,034). The primary cities within these counties include Waukesha, Oconomowoc, Pewaukee, Sussex, Delafield, New Berlin, Brookfield, Port Washington, Saukville, Grafton, Cedarburg, Thiensville, Mequon, West Bend, Hartford, Jackson, Germantown, Slinger, and Richfield.



Of the three coalitions, the Housing Action Coalition of Waukesha is a 501(c)3, and the Ozaukee County Local Coalition and Washington County Local Coalition are informal groups. These groups are made up of individuals and organizations meeting regularly to discuss how to end youth homelessness in the region. Such individuals and organizations may include nonprofit homeless service providers, victim service providers, faith-based organizations, governments, businesses, advocates, public housing agencies, school districts, social services providers, mental health agencies, hospitals, universities, affordable housing developers, law enforcement agencies, and organizations that serve youth who are experiencing homelessness or who were formerly homeless.

Within the region, participating organizations bring their expertise in homelessness across the spectrum of race, age, gender, and cultural identities. They represent both urban and rural areas. Though the region's breadth is wide, the focus is to center the voices of youth by engaging committed young leaders interested in the many issues facing youth ages 18-24 and unaccompanied youth 17 years and under who are homeless within the region's service area.

B. The Formation of WOW YAG

The WOW YAG has a young history, beginning when Ozaukee showed interest in the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) in June 2021. After discussing their mutual excitement about the possibilities, Ozaukee and Waukesha submitted their joint statement of interest. In March of 2022, Washington County also joined the WOW YAG.

As part of forming the WOW YAG, each of the local coalitions will sign an agreement to work toward ending youth homelessness in the shared region. Each coalition will have a representative on WOW YAG and report back to their local coalition with relevant information.

During the Coordinated Community Plan to End Homelessness development, the local coalition representatives have contributed to weekly WOW YAG meetings to discuss needs and the objectives and action steps to move their organizations toward the overall goals set by the WIBOSCOC.

C. Youth Action Groups: Honoring Youth Voices

The local coalitions are continuing to grow participation in the youth action group. It is a work in progress as they seek out members representing an array of youth identities. The ultimate goal is for each YAG to operate almost independently with youth leadership and voices at the forefront and support as needed from participating adults with a vested interest in youth homelessness.

With structured collaboration between the service providers and youth in each county, needs will be better met across the WOW region.

The WOW YAG strives to include various people to represent specific populations in each county, emphasizing youth bringing lived experience. Organizations providing services and basic needs to unhoused youth are also represented.

The WOW YAG has outlined some guidelines for membership and structure, including requiring official group members to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and commitment statement to the WOW YAG mission. This pledge maintains an individual's active membership and reserves the right to vote. An individual holds a membership. Member responsibilities, privileges, and voting rights have been outlined and described in the governance section of this plan.

Part II. Vision and Mission Statement

The following mission and vision were created from the responses given by participating youth to service providers who asked a series of questions. The questions included: Why are we here? What are we trying to do? What is the world we are trying to create? What are our collective core values in ending youth homelessness? The youth explained their own life experiences, what was helpful during their journeys and what could have been improved upon or was missing from the support they received. These mission and vision statements directly reflect the youths' experiences, thoughts, and feelings. They were encouraged by service providers to explain their journey with homelessness, what services or opportunities were presented to them, and what other support or resources they wished would have been available.

A. Vision Statement

The WOW Youth Action Group envisions a future in the region where all youth and young adults:

- Receive immediate and equitable access to components they need to thrive in housing, education, employment, well-being, and positive community connections.
- Access inclusive and individualized wrap-around supports to create a mentally and physically healthy environment for growing and learning.
- Take the power with leadership opportunities at every level in the youth-serving system.
- Thrive in various housing options that meet youth's individual needs by providing youth-directed services, community resources connections, and lifelong stability paths through immediate assessment and progressive engagement.
- Partner with culturally affirming and Trauma-Informed Care trained providers that address the specific needs of LGBTQIA+, BIPOC, pregnant and parenting youth, youth fleeing domestic violence, and survivors of human trafficking.
- Acknowledge the impact of policies that increase systematic disparities in race, disability, etc.
- Advocate for changes in policy that support rather than penalize youth seeking self-determination and self-sufficiency.
- Support youth by:
 - a. Assessing their well-being needs by close collaboration with mental health, substance abuse, and health systems
 - b. Uplifting youth to follow their passions through a positive youth development framework
 - c. Making supportive services easy to identify and readily available

B. Mission Statement

With shared responsibility and driven by youth leadership and cross-sector collaboration, the Waukesha, Ozaukee, and Washington Youth Action Group's mission is ***to prevent youth homelessness through easy access to supportive services and to ensure that the experience of homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring.***

C. Community History with Youth Homelessness System

One common denominator of the three local coalitions that form the WOW YAG is that no specific youth homelessness programs exist. Ozaukee County serves youth over 18 through Emergency Shelter, Rapid Re-Housing, and Homeless Prevention, but those programs are not tailored to youth. Waukesha and Washington County operate similarly with the addition of Transitional Housing.

The need for youth-specific programming was why Waukesha and Ozaukee Counties became interested in collaborating on the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program grant in June of 2021. Since then, both counties have created a regional Youth Action Group. Each county has recruited youth, community participants, and community stakeholders. In January 2022, Washington County was added to make the regional WOW YAG.

The region's efforts will benefit from one of its member agencies with a long history of working with runaway and homeless youth. Youth and Family Project (YFP) first developed its "Runaway Program" for runaway and homeless youth in Ozaukee and Washington Counties in 1987 with funding from a state grant. YFP has successfully administered this state grant for 35 years. In 1996 they began an expanded

Runaway Program to include services in Waukesha County, thanks to a federal Basic Center Grant that continued for 20 years. YFP also participated collaboratively in a Federal RHY Street Outreach Grant from 2013 to 2017 through the Wisconsin Association of Homeless and Runaway Services.

After 2017, state and federal funding began to shift or be cut, eventually forcing the program to focus on runaway prevention in Washington County and a limited portion of Waukesha County through the Crossroads Youth Program. The Crossroads Youth Program partners with local schools to provide counseling support to address issues associated with the incidence of running away, including family conflict, mental health, AODA, and school issues.

Through the YHDP, we hope efforts can be expanded back to focus more broadly on all youth experiencing homelessness. The long experience of the Youth and Family Project will become an integral part of our region's efforts.

D. Statement from Regional YAB

Similar to the mission and vision, youth members of the WOW YAG were given a qualitative survey to explain their thoughts, feelings, and opinions about YHDP, youth homelessness, the work that is being done as a regional group, the importance of the group and they were given the opportunity to express any additional thoughts they may have. That work led to the involved Service Providers combining the youth responses to create the statement below:

As the Waukesha, Ozaukee, and Washington Youth Action Board (WOW YAB), we believe the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) will support youth at risk or experiencing homelessness. The input of youths' lived experiences provides critical evidence that a program is needed in the region. We believe that our voice is being heard as we actively participate on the Youth Action Board during weekly meetings. When young people are at risk of homelessness or literally homeless, they are at higher risk of mortality, physical and mental illness, dependency, and abuse. Receiving this grant will lower the possibility of youth experiencing these risks. It is hard for a young person to thrive when their basic needs are not met, but with this grant, the region will be able to provide youth with basic living needs to become independent and thrive.

E. HUD Key Principles and Youth Focus Points

HUD Key Principles

The WOW YAG understands the HUD Key Principles and will incorporate them into the goals, objectives, and action steps of the CCP. These principles are listed below:

- Equity
- Positive Youth Development
- Housing First
- Trauma-Informed Care
- Coordinated Entry
- Youth Collaboration
- Family Engagement
- Unsheltered Homelessness
- Individualized and client-driven supports
- Social and Community Integration

Additionally, youth repeatedly expressed their sincere interest in not losing sight of the following focus points to be considered through the development and implementation of the CCP.

Youth-Identified Focus Points

Confidentiality - Our community recognizes the youth receiving services shall have the rights and privileges respected by confidentiality. Youth are guaranteed that sensitive information shall be exclusive between themselves and their specific homeless service provider unless a youth states otherwise.

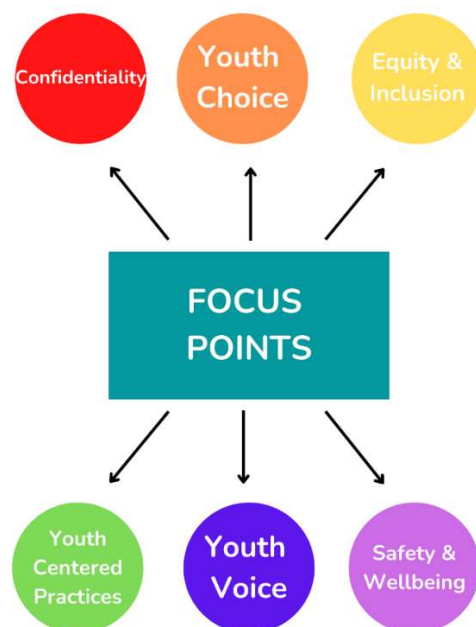
Safety and Wellbeing - Our community will prioritize the safety of young adults experiencing homelessness. We will promote the skills and practices necessary to foster a safe environment that encourages the well-being of youth.

Equity and Inclusion - Our community acknowledges social groups' cultural and structural differences within society. It will promote understanding of the disparities for youth who are a part of these social groups. We will create an environment that cultivates a sense of cultural acceptance and competence to eliminate many youths' inequalities.

Youth-Centered Practices - Our community prioritizes programming and practices that center around the specific needs of youth to allow them to prosper and reach their full potential

Youth Voice - Our community will prioritize the voices of the youth and, with our local youth action group, amplify the plan that they believe best serves homeless youth in the community.

Youth Choice - Our community will encourage choice within youth homeless programs to give youth freedom regarding what they believe can best serve their needs to meet self-sufficiency and independence.



The WOW YAG will develop a HUD Key Principles and Youth Focus Points Assessment to evaluate their successful plan implementation.

III. Statement of Need

A. WOW Region - Scope of Youth Homelessness

The many needs of homeless youth were elevated by the conversations within the Youth Action Groups of our three local coalitions and their personal experiences. The data in the tables below takes those stories and places them in context, describing the many barriers facing unhoused youth.

Data sources in the tables below include PIT, Coordinated Entry, reporting from HMIS, 2020 Census, and information from Wisconsin state agencies, including the Department of Justice and Department of Education. The HMIS sources of data include Emergency Shelter, Safe Haven, Transitional Living, Youth and Family Project RHY, Permanent Housing, Rapid Re-housing, and Prevention Programs.

B. WOW Region - PIT DATA 2021

The WOW region's January 2021 Point in Time (PIT) date showed 148 households in the three-county area experiencing homelessness. Of those households, the vast majority were in emergency shelters. There were 26 parenting households with children, including 16 in emergency shelters. There were nine households identified as youth during the January point in time, the majority of which were single, white males.

WOW Region PIT Data - January 2021

| Households | Emergency Shelter | Transitional Housing | Unsheltered | Total |
|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------|
| Total | | | | |
| Households | 110 | 19 | 19 | 148 |
| People | 153 | 43 | 19 | 215 |
| Total HH w/out Children | | | | |
| Households | 94 | 9 | 19 | 122 |
| People | 94 | 9 | 19 | 122 |
| Total HH w Children | | | | |
| Households | 16 | 10 | 0 | 26 |
| People | 59 | 34 | 0 | 93 |

WOW Region PIT Data - Additional Youth Demographics - January 2021

| Youth Demographics | Parenting Youth | Young Adult | Unaccompanied Youth |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Gender | | | |
| Female | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Male | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Transgender | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gender Non-conforming | 0 | 0 | 0 |

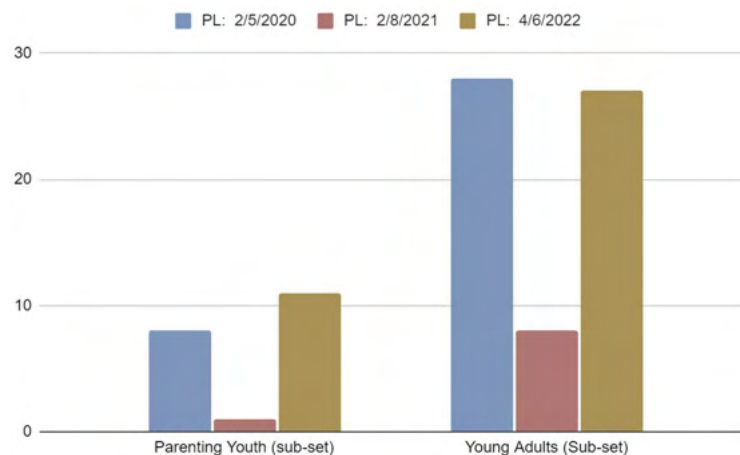
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|-------------------------|---|---|---|
| Race | | | |
| White | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| Black/African American | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Native American | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Multi-racial | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Asian | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Ethnicity | | | |
| Hispanic/Latino | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino | 1 | 7 | 1 |

C. WOW Region - Coordinated Entry Housing Prioritization List

Of the 38 youth and young adults on the combined WOW Coordinated Entry list on 4/6/22, 11 of those individuals were parenting. For the three different years represented, this date had the highest number of parenting youth in the region. This highlights that we must attend to the specific needs of this parenting subset as we develop programming and resources for youth.

| Coalition | Household Type | PL: 2/5/2020 | PL: 2/8/2021 | PL: 4/6/2022 |
|------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Ozaukee | Parenting Youth (sub-set) | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| | Young Adults (Sub-set) | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| Washington | Parenting Youth (sub-set) | 4 | 0 | 3 |
| | Young Adults (Sub-set) | 6 | 3 | 8 |
| Waukesha | Parenting Youth (sub-set) | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| | Young Adults (Sub-set) | 22 | 4 | 14 |
| WOW Region | Parenting Youth (sub-set) | 8 | 1 | 11 |
| | Young Adults (Sub-set) | 28 | 8 | 27 |

HMIS WOW Region Youth on the Prioritization List for Housing



D. WOW Region - Census, Poverty, Education, and Employment

Data from 2020 shows the percentage of youth under 18 is identical at 21% in all three counties. Poverty and unemployment rates are similar, except for the poverty rate in Washington County. In terms of enrollment of unhoused children in WOW school districts, the total number declined about 18% between the 2018-19 and 2019-20 school years. Ozaukee, the county reporting the fewest enrollees, had a significant 60% decline -from 42 students in 2018/19 to 17 in 2019/20 - suggesting that it would be good to verify how this data is being collected within schools. The juvenile arrest data shows a disproportionate number of juvenile arrests in Washington County. The cause(s) for this should be explored.

| | Total | Waukesha | Ozaukee | Washington |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Census <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Population Under 18 % under 18 www.census.gov | 635,242 135,625 21% | 406,978 86,686 21% | 91,503 19,399 21% | 136,761 29,540 21% |
| Poverty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # People % People in Poverty www.census.gov | 28,003 4.4% | 17,093 4.2% | 3,935 4.3% | 6,975 5.1% |
| Education – Reported Homeless <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18/19 School Year 19/20 School Year www.dpi.wi.gov/homeless/data | 595 486 | 395 350 | 42 17 | 158 119 |
| Unemployment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2020 https://datacenter.kidscount.org/ | 5.5% Avg | 5.6% | 5.4% | 5.6% |
| Child Welfare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPS Referrals Screen-ins | 2800 627 | 1569 366 | 432 140 | 799 121 |
| Juvenile Justice 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Juvenile arrests % to Youth Population https://www.doj.state.wi.us/dles/bjia/ucr-arrest-data | 1939 1.43% | 806 .93% | 268 1.38% | 865 2.93% |

F. WOW Region - HMIS Data 2021/2020

The data below shows an equal number of 243 individuals served in the WOW region in 2020 and 2021. A significant disparity in both years shows White individuals receiving prevention services at a much greater rate than Black individuals. Another racial disparity is demonstrated in the greater number of BIPOC people served in Emergency Shelter, Safe Haven, and Transitional Living.

| Subpopulation for Waukesha, Ozaukee, and Washington County for FY 2020/2021 | | Emergency shelter, Safe Haven, and Trans. Living | | PSH or RRH | | Prevention | | Total | |
|---|--------------------|--|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| YEAR | | 2021 | 2020 | 2021 | 2020 | 2021 | 2020 | 2021 | 2020 |
| TOTAL: | | 85 | 90 | 7 | 10 | 151 | 143 | 243 | 243 |
| Race | Black | 43 | 33 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 12 | 52 | 47 |
| | White | 37 | 51 | 3 | 7 | 124 | 106 | 164 | 164 |
| | Multi-Racial | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 17 | 23 | 22 |
| | Asian American | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | American Indian | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | Data Not Collected | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | Client Refused | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 6 |
| Ethnicity | Non-Hispanic | 78 | 81 | 7 | 10 | 121 | 113 | 206 | 204 |
| | Hispanic | 5 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 18 | 24 | 26 |
| | Client Refused | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 10 | 12 | 10 |
| | Data Not Collected | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Gender | Female | 37 | 44 | 6 | 10 | 83 | 93 | 126 | 147 |
| | Male | 47 | 44 | 1 | 0 | 57 | 45 | 105 | 89 |
| | Transgender | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| | Another gender | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| | Questioning | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | Client refused | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Parenting | Parenting | 16 | 19 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 24 | 25 |

IV. Goals, Objectives, Action Steps

| Goal 1: Stable Housing - Youth & Young Adults are immediately provided with safe, supported, and flexible housing options that reflect their individualized needs and pave the way for long-term, sustainable housing. | |
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| Objective 1.1: Youth have access to a safe, trusted, and confidential care system. | |
| Action Steps: 1.1a: Local Coalitions will hire a Youth Navigator to coordinate services. 1.1b: WOW Region will hire a Youth Relationship Manager to connect area youth with care systems. | |
| Objective 1.2: Youth have confidential, 24-hour access to Emergency Shelter. | |
| Action Steps: 1.2a: WOW YAG will work with regional Family Services to identify processes for immediate access to foster and host homes for unaccompanied youth under 18. 1.2b: WOW YAG will work with regional emergency shelter service providers to develop a system of immediate shelter arrangements for youth who are category 1, 2, or 4 homeless for youth ages 18-24. | |
| Objective 1.3: Youth ages 18-24 will have access to innovative housing strategies that include Transitional Living and Rapid Rehousing programs with shared housing options. | |
| Action Steps: 1.3a: Develop a Transitional Living/Rapid Rehousing Program. 1.3b: Develop shared housing resources for youth looking for roommates. 1.3c: Implement landlord engagement strategies to support youth in their housing search. | |
| Objective 1.4: Youth have access to a youth-focused Regional Coordinated Entry System. | |
| Action Steps: 1.4a: The WOW YAG will work with local coalitions to review the coordinated entry system. | |
| Partner(s) Responsible | Evaluation for Success |
| WOW YAG, HAC, Ozaukee Local Coalition, Washington Local Coalition, Hebron Housing Services, Family Promise of Ozaukee County, Youth and Family Project, WOW County Family Services, Regional Landlords, Family Promise of Washington County, Family Promise of Waukesha County, The Women's Center, Friends, Advocates of Ozaukee, WIBOS, ICA, Salvation Army, St. Vincent De Paul | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth report immediate access to safe shelter. Youth secure independent housing solutions. Youth on the CE list are quickly identified and connected to housing solutions. |

Goal 2: Permanent Connections: Youth & young adults are supported in cultivating consistent, self-identified people who can respectfully guide, support, and advocate with them to get their needs met.

Objective 2.1: Cultivate a community of trustworthy services providers respectful of youth privacy, comfort, and desire for safety.

Action Steps:

- 2.1a: The Youth Navigators will develop relationships with area services providers to create a seamless connection of resources for youth.
- 2.1b: The WOW YAG will encourage open dialogue and review the privacy and safety of youth served through the CCP.

Objective 2.2: Youth have access to peer support and services that are youth-centered and sensitive to their demographic.

Action Steps:

- 2.2a: Youth Navigator develops and implements a peer support program.
- 2.2b: Youth Navigator develops and implements a mentorship training program for adults in the Youth Action Group service provider collaborative.
- 2.2c: The WOW YAG will identify and connect youth development training opportunities to youth service providers.
- 2.2d: The Youth Navigator will work with service providers to offer services that allow youth to select their support systems.

Objective 2.3: Youth have access to a secure and confidential wrap-around system that coordinates services for youth.

Action Steps:

- 2.3a: The Youth Navigator will develop a comprehensive resource guide for youth.
- 2.3b: The Youth Navigator will work with the WOW YAG on strategies that connect youth confidentially to resources and services needed to prevent homelessness.
- 2.3c: The WOW YAG will work with WIBOS to develop a comprehensive, safe, secure online application for youth services.

Partner(s) Responsible

WOW YAG, HAC, Ozaukee Local Coalition, Washington Local Coalition, Hebron Housing Services, Family Promise of Ozaukee County, Youth and Family Project, WOW County Family Services, WIBOS, ICA, UW Extension, law enforcement, food pantries, Hope Center

Evaluation for Success

- Youth report that they feel they have safe, confidential access to services.
- Youth report positive relationships with adult mentors and peer support.
- Youth report the system holistically addressed their issues to prevent or end homelessness.

Goal 3: Education & Employment - Youth & Young Adults have access without barriers to various education and employment opportunities to achieve the personal goals and financial stability necessary to thrive.

Objective 3.1: Youth have access to education and employment opportunities that provide a pathway for success.

Action Steps:

- 3.1a: Youth Relationship Manager will talk with the youth about employment and education interests.
- 3.1b: Youth Relationship Manager will work with school districts to connect with at-risk students.
- 3.1c: Youth Relationship Manager will work with Boys and Girls Club's Be Great Graduate Program.
- 3.1d: The Youth Navigator will identify employers willing to work with youth 18-24.
- 3.1e: Youth Navigator will identify education opportunities for youth at regional colleges.
- 3.1f: Youth Navigator will identify Apprenticeship opportunities for youth.
- 3.1g: Youth Navigator will identify opportunities for youth to complete their GED.
- 3.1h: Youth Navigator will attend school liaison groups for each county.
- 3.1i: Youth Relationship Manager will work with School Resource Officers.
- 3.1j: Youth Relationship Manager will identify and connect youth to the public safety program.
- 3.1k: Youth Relationship Manager and Youth Navigators work together on School-Wide Resources Fair.

Objective 3.2: Youth are empowered to believe in their chance for employment and educational success.

Action Steps:

- 3.2a: The WOW YAG will research techniques for motivating youth and offer motivational training to case managers and service providers.
- 3.2b: The WOW YAG will provide oversight to ensure youth support systems are accepting and encouraging.
- 3.2c: WOW YAG will partner with school districts to identify at-risk runaway youth.
- 3.2d: WOW YAG will engage law enforcement in conversations around juvenile arrests and intervention strategies.

| Partner(s) Responsible | Evaluation for Success |
|---|---|
| WOW YAG, HAC, Ozaukee Local Coalition, Washington Local Coalition, Hebron Housing Services, Family Promise of Ozaukee County, Youth and Family Project, WOW County Family Services, Law Enforcement agencies, youth-centered employers, Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC), Moraine Park Technical College (MPTC), Waukesha Area Technical College (WCTC), Carroll University, Concordia University, UWM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth secure employment with a living wage. • Youth advance their education. • Youth report positive self-esteem, improved sense of worth, and achievement. • Youth who are working report higher wages. |

Goal 4: Social-Emotional Wellbeing - The health and well-being of YYA are prioritized by meeting youth where they are and providing them with the resources and support they need to achieve happiness, health, self-sufficiency, and self-actualization.

Objective 4.1: Improve life skills for success, including financial management, transportation, reliability, time management, and relationship building.

Action Steps:

4.1a: Youth Relationship Manager will host conversations with youth to assess their needs and help improve their life skills.

4.1b: Youth Navigator will identify agencies willing to host life skills programs

4.1d: Youth Navigator will identify employers willing to provide entry-level training.

Objective 4.2: Implement culturally sensitive, developmentally appropriate, comprehensive health education (mental, physical, sexual health & AODA) so youth know options and strategies to live their healthiest lives.

Action Steps:

4.2a: WOW YAG and Youth Navigators identify options for direct access to mental health.

4.2b: WOW YAG and Youth Navigators identify opportunities for immediate access to AODA Services.

4.2c: Youth Navigator will develop and implement intervention models regionally.

4.2d: WOW YAG will develop youth cultural awareness throughout every county.

4.2f: Youth Navigator will identify recovery programs available throughout the region.

4.2g: Youth Relationship Manager will assess and address youth physical health needs.

4.2h: WOW YAG strengthens relationships with local health providers.

4.2i: Youth Navigators work with the Runaway Youth program for under 18 access to mental health services.

Objective 4.3: Positive youth development, culturally specific support, and Trauma-Informed practices are implemented at every level of the system, and all youth services are consistent in WOW Region.

Action Steps:

4.3a: The WOW YAG will work with partner agencies to implement relevant training programs.

4.3b: The WOW YAG will develop, implement, and evaluate the culture of youth care.

| Partner(s) Responsible | Evaluation for Success |
|---|--|
| James Place, Youth and Family Project, Family Promise Ozaukee, The Women's Center, Regional County Mental Health Services, Local Libraries, Workforce Development, planned parenthood, Albrecht Free Clinic, 16th Street, Waukesha Free Clinic, Lake Area Free Clinic, Smiles Dental Care, Froedtert, Rogers, Aurora, ProHealth, Ascension. Elevate, Addiction Resource Center, NAMI, Serona Recovery, Elevate, Exodus, Polaris, WISHOPE, Women's Health Recovery Project. Diverse and Resilient, Just Us of Washington County, | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth have a higher composite score in health, dental health, mental health at the exit or a period after entry (HMIS) Youth self-reports increased health, mental wellness, social connectedness, self-esteem, etc. Youth refrain from criminal acts. |

Part V. WOW YAG Governance

The Waukesha, Ozaukee, Washington Youth Action Group (WOW YAG) will work toward the defined mission of the group serving Waukesha, Ozaukee, and Washington Counties. The primary purpose of the YAG is to develop, implement, review, and revise the Coordinated Community Plan to end youth homelessness in the region. The group is a combination of youth and adults interested in addressing issues facing youth that are homeless in the service area. The group is governed by Members defined as youth ages 14-24 of which 25% have lived experience. Each Local Homeless Coalition involved in the WOW Region must have at least one Member serve on the WOW YAG. Adults serving the group will provide leadership development and guidance for the youth. The Youth Facilitator is responsible for recruiting Youth Members and reviewing YAG action, including review of Member timesheets, meeting agendas, and minutes. All decisions that impact the Youth Action Group and the Coordinated Community Plan will be made formally by the Members.

The WOW Youth Action Group will select the WIBOS Youth Action Board Member, acting as the YAG Chair. Qualifications for a WIBOS YAB Board Member include the willingness and ability to represent WOW YAG at WIBOS YAB meetings, have a heart for the mission of the WIBOS YAB, and work for an agency that serves households experiencing homelessness, attend and facilitate local WOW YAG meetings. The YAB Board Member may nominate themselves or be nominated by a regional coalition member. The WOW YAG will vote to approve the Board Member before the WIBOS YAB annual meeting.

The YAB Member's responsibilities include:

- Oversight of the efficient performance of the WOW Youth Action Group.
- Routinely evaluate YAG activities to ensure the voices of youth with lived experience are expressed and considered when making decisions.
- Articulate and periodically review and update the mission of the Group.
- Recruit members that will serve the mission of the Group.
- Attend WIBOS YAB Business meetings and report information to the group.
- Schedule local WOW YAG meetings, prepare agendas, and communicate with group members.
- Routinely review WOW Comprehensive Community Plan.
- Keep Local Coalitions informed about the Youth Action Group and updated on progress.

Additionally, the group will nominate a Secretary responsible for recording meeting minutes. Qualifications for a WOW YAG Secretary include attending meetings, recording discussions and decisions, and maintaining records of WOW YAG activity. In the event of a YAB Board Member or Secretary's resignation, the seat will be filled at the next regularly scheduled WIBOS YAB meeting.

The YAG strives to include a variety of people to represent specific populations, including:

- Youth with Lived Experience
- Youth with a desire to change the local housing system
- Youth with organization and leadership experience
- LGBTQ+ Youth
- BIPOC Youth

Official group members will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and commitment to the WOW YAG mission on file. This pledge maintains the Youth's active membership and reserves the right to vote. Members will be expected to attend 75% of the meetings to maintain their membership

privileges, including voting rights. They will provide reports required by WOW YAG, local geographic leadership in homeless-related issues, and support the mission of WOW YAG within Waukesha, Ozaukee, and Washington County. The WOW Youth Action Group will seek to have representation from each local coalition represented.

Members of WOW YAG will have one vote, cast in person or by written proxy, by the member representative at any group meeting on a matter where voting is permitted. Voting is required for:

- Selection of Youth Action Board Member
- Selection of Local Youth Delegates
- Selection of Youth Action Group Secretary
- Revision of Local WOW YAG Memorandum of Understanding
- Revisions to the Coordinated Community Plan
- Youth Projects

Committees and workgroups will be established as needed by the Youth Action Group.

The group will meet regularly. Meetings will be facilitated by the delegate Youth Action Board Member either locally or via video conferencing. An annual meeting will be held in March of each year to select WI BOS Youth Action Board Member/Chair and Secretary. The WIBOS YAB Member, WOW YAG Chair, and Secretary will hold a term of one year.

VI. Stakeholders

| Waukesha - Ozaukee - Washington WOW Youth Group | | | |
|---|------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| Role | YAB contact Name | County | Agency Affiliation |
| WOW Youth Facilitator | Adam Hurst | Ozaukee | Family Promise Ozaukee |
| WIBOS YAB Member/YAG Chair | Kennedy Kingston | Ozaukee | Family Promise Ozaukee |
| Youth Member | Da'Don'J Bell-Williams | Ozaukee | Family Promise Ozaukee |
| Youth Member | Michaela Wolfe | Ozaukee | Family Promise Ozaukee |
| Youth Member | Matthew Wilkins | Waukesha | Hebron Housing Services |
| Youth Member | Emily West | Waukesha | Hebron Housing Services |
| Service Provider | Kimberly Quam | Ozaukee | Ozaukee County Human Services |
| DV Shelter Service Provider | Sophie Zentner | Ozaukee | Advocates of Ozaukee |
| Basic Needs Provider | Linda Vargo | Ozaukee | SVDP |
| Basic Needs Provider | Tracy Van Ryzin | Ozaukee | SVDP |
| Housing and Shelter Service Provider | Kathleen Fisher | Waukesha | Hebron Housing Services |
| Housing and Shelter Service Provider | Jennifer Rowedder | Waukesha | Hebron Housing Services |
| DV Shelter Service Provider | Jessi Trauth | Waukesha | The Women's Center |
| Service Provider | Jackie Smith | Waukesha | Housing Action Coalition |
| Law Enforcement | Jason Fink | Waukesha | City of Waukesha |
| Mental Health Service Provider | Mary Madden | Waukesha | NAMI |
| Children and Family Provider | Ron Pupp | Waukesha | Waukesha County Adolescent & Family |
| Youth Service Provider | Emily Greene | Washington | Youth and Family Project |

VII. Special Projects

Project 1 –

Transitional Housing- Rapid Rehousing Joint Component

This project that purposely embraces a client-driven Housing First philosophy will be a combination of transitional housing and rapid re-housing that provides low-barrier and safe places for youth ages 18-24 and parenting youth experiencing homelessness. Coupled with financial assistance and services, this crisis housing will be youth-focused and move them quickly into permanent housing. Due to the lack of affordable housing and reasonable landlords in the WOW region, youth experience significant challenges securing long-term lease agreements. This project will offer flexible housing options for youth.

The project will:

- Use a Housing First approach, which includes
 - Youth-led services;
 - Focus on moving into permanent housing as quickly as possible;
 - No requirements to take part in treatment or services to receive help; and
 - Low barriers to entry (including being able to accommodate youth with pets and partners).
- Incorporate youth choice in finding permanent housing and determining when to exit crisis housing. Meaning the youth decides when they are ready to move on to the RRH Part of the model, NOT the program. This includes youth deciding to skip the TH Part of the model and go directly into RRH.
- Provide or connect youth to resources that help them achieve their goals.
- Target and prioritize youth with the highest needs, including youth who:
 - Are unsheltered;
 - Have been homeless for a long time or repeatedly;
 - Are most vulnerable to violence or harm; and
 - Have the highest barriers to accessing and maintaining permanent housing.
- Use a combined Coordinated Entry List to select youth for the project.
- Prioritize the engagement of Landlords who are willing to work with youth.
- Offer flexibility in case management, financial support, and measuring outcomes.

Funds will be used for Intake, Case Management, Financial and Rental Assistance.

Agency: Hebron Housing Services

Service Area: Waukesha, Ozaukee Washington

Estimated # Individuals: 15-20 Youth ages 18-24

Estimated Budget: \$200,000 – 250,000 annually

Outcome: Youth experiencing homelessness will quickly move into permanent housing.

Project 2

Supportive Services Only – Diversion – Youth ages 18-24

The WOW Region Diversion Program is a system-wide approach to preventing youth from entering an emergency shelter. The diversion strategy is to prevent homelessness for people seeking shelter by helping them identify immediate alternate housing arrangements and, if necessary, connecting them with services and financial assistance to help them return to permanent housing.

The program starts at the point of entry when a youth is asking for shelter. The program embraces the approach that each youth can be best served by having a creative conversation to assist them in finding another direction that prevents them from entering the shelter.

Diversion services include connections to family or natural supports, financial, utility, and/or rental assistance; short-term case management; link to mainstream services and/or benefits; and housing search. The Diversion Specialist will wrap a system of care around each youth referred to the program. They will begin a conversation that fosters creative solutions for alternative housing options outside of shelter. An emphasis will be placed on empowering youth facing imminent homelessness to identify safe and appropriate housing options (other than the street/car/shelter). The relationship will focus on helping youth begin to regain control over their situation and their lives.

Youth at the “front door” or other homeless entry points seeking a place to stay will be immediately connected to the Diversion Specialist. The Diversion Specialist will begin a conversation with the youth to assess their situation, connect them to resources, and follow up. Funds will support the position of a Diversion Specialist and provide financial assistance for youth in the diversion program.

Agency: Hebron Housing Services

Service Area: Waukesha, Ozaukee, Washington County

Serve: Youth Ages 18-24

Estimated # Individuals: 50-75 Youth

Estimated Budget: \$75,000 - \$100,000 annually

Outcome: Youth ages 18-24 gain stability and remain out of the shelter system after 30 days follow up

Project 3 –

Supportive Services Only -DIVERSION – Youth 17 and Under

The Diversion Project will address the needs of youth in crisis 17. Diversion Services would identify and expand the current supportive connections of youth to prevent them from entering homeless systems and shelters. Coaches/mentors would partner with youth navigators, McKinney Vento homeless liaisons, RHYP programs, and partner agencies to address the specific needs of youth. Coaches/mentors would provide case management for youth in crisis, family mediation/conflict resolution to allow youth to remain in their homes safely, life skills training, and permanency planning.

Agency: Youth and Family Project

Service Area: Waukesha, Ozaukee, Washington

Estimated # Individuals: 50-75 unaccompanied youth age 17 and under.

Estimated Budget: \$75,000 annually

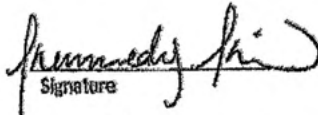
Outcome: Youth under 18 will connect with resources that prevent homelessness.

VIII. Signatures

WOW Youth Action Group

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Chair
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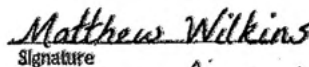
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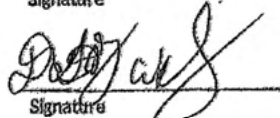
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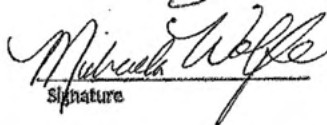
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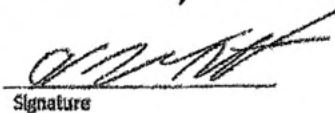
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Michaela Wolfe
Name (Print)


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Adam Hurst,
Facilitator
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Waukesha County Signatures

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Dana Baumgartner

Name (Print)



Signature

Waukesha Local Coalition

Board Member

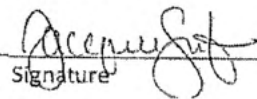
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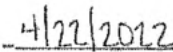
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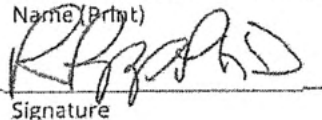
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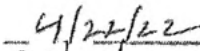
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~~Child~~ & Family Division Manager

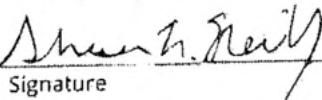
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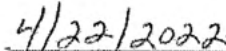
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Mayor, City of Waukesha

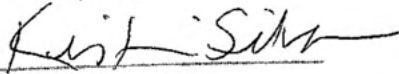
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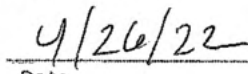
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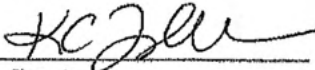


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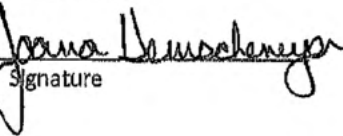

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Board Member

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Joana Hemschemeyer
Name (Print)


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Ozaukee Local Coalition Chair
Title

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Kimberly Quam
Name (Print)


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Ozaukee Department of Human
Services, Children & Families Manager
Title

4/20/2022
Date

Ted Neltzke
Name (Print)


Signature

Mayor, City of Port
Washington
Title

4/19/22
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Jason Dzwiniel
Name (Print)


Signature

Ozaukee County Administrator
Title

04/26/2022
Date

Washington County Signatures

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| <u>Hannah Conforti</u> Name (Print) | <u>Washington Local Coalition</u> Board Member |
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| <u>Hannah Conforti</u> Name (Print) | <u>Washington Local Coalition Chair</u> Title |
| <u>Hannah Conforti</u> Signature | <u>4/22/2022</u> Date |
| <u>Julie Driscoll</u> Name (Print) | <u>Washington County</u> Chief Health and Human Services Officer |
| <u>Julie Driscoll</u> Signature | <u>4-22-2022</u> Date |
| <u>Joshua Schoemann</u> Name (Print) | <u>Washington County Executive</u> Title |
| <u>Josh Schoemann</u> Signature | <u>4/22/2022</u> Date |

APPENDIX A

Definitions and Commonly Used Acronyms

CoC: Continuum of Care, a community-based homeless assistance program planning network.

Coordinated Entry: A standardized method for connecting individuals and families experiencing homelessness to the resources available in a geographic area.

DHS: Waukesha, Ozaukee, and Washington County's Department of Human Services

LGBTQIA+: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual.

HMIS: Homeless Management Information System, an information technology system used to collect client-level data and data on the provision of housing and services to homeless individuals and families and people at risk of homelessness.

Homelessness: The WOW uses the HUD definition of homelessness.

HUD: [United States Department of] Housing and Urban Development.

HUD Homelessness Categories:

Category 1 - Literal Homelessness: Individuals and families who live in a place not meant for human habitation (including the streets or in their car), emergency shelter, transitional housing, and hotels paid for by a government or charitable organization.

Category 2 - Imminent Risk of Homelessness: Individuals or families will lose their primary nighttime residence within 14 days and have no other resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing.

Category 3 - Homeless Under Other Statutes: Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not meet any of the other categories but are homeless under other federal statutes, have not had a lease, and have moved two or more times in the past 60 days and can be expected to remain unstable due to special needs or barriers.

Category 4 - Fleeing Domestic Violence: Individuals or families who are fleeing or attempting to flee their housing or the place they are staying because of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions related to violence that has taken place in the house or has made them afraid to return to the house, including trading sex for housing, trafficking, physical abuse, violence (or perceived threat of violence) because of the youth's sexual orientation, and who lack resources or support networks to maintain or obtain permanent housing.

Host Home: A private home associated with a host home program that volunteers to host youth in need of temporary housing. Host homes offer youth a safe alternative to shelters on either a short- or long-term basis and are paired with supportive services provided by a service agency.

Housing First: A homeless assistance approach prioritizes providing permanent housing to people experiencing homelessness, thus ending their homelessness and serving as a platform from which they can pursue personal goals and improve their quality of life. This approach is guided by the belief that people need necessities like food and a place to live before attending to anything less critical, such as getting a job, budgeting properly, or attending to substance use issues. Additionally, Housing First is based on the theory that client choice is valuable in housing selection and supportive service

participation. Exercising that choice is likely to make a person more successful in remaining housed and improving their life.

Pregnant or Parenting Youth: Individuals who are age 24 years or younger who are pregnant or who are the parents or legal guardians of one or more children who are present with or sleeping in the same place as that youth parent and where there is no person over age 24 years in the household.

PSH: Permanent Supportive Housing, long-term housing with supportive services for homeless individuals with disabilities.

RHH: Rapid Re-housing, A program model that assists individuals or families experiencing homelessness to move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing through a combination of rental assistance, housing search, and supportive services.

Service Provider: Any agency that provides a service to the youth.

TIC: Trauma-Informed Care, an approach that recognizes the widespread impact of trauma and understands potential paths for recovery; recognizes the signs and symptoms of trauma in clients, families, staff, and others; responds by fully integrating knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures and practices; and seeks to resist re-traumatization actively.

Unaccompanied Youth: Persons aged 24 years or younger who are not part of a family with children and who are not accompanied by their parent or guardian during their episode of homelessness. This also includes two or more youth aged 24 years or younger presenting together as a family without children.

WISBOSCO: Wisconsin Balance of State Continuum of Care, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization supporting all the counties in Wisconsin, except Dane, Milwaukee, and Racine. The membership comprises agencies that serve, support, and care about those experiencing homelessness.

WOW: Waukesha, Washington, and Ozaukee Counties

WIBOSYAB: Wisconsin Balance of State Youth Action Board, a group of youth included in COC decisions, particularly on policies that relate to preventing and ending youth homelessness across the balance of the state. Each YAB member is 24 years or younger, and at least two-thirds of the YAB members are homeless or formerly homeless.

WOWYAG: Waukesha, Ozaukee, Washington Youth Action Group includes youth ages 24 and under interested in becoming involved in addressing issues facing homeless youth in the service area. Each YAG member is 24 years or younger, and at least two-thirds of the YAG members are homeless or formerly homeless.

YHDP: Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program, a HUD initiative to help communities drastically reduce youth homelessness through innovative strategies.

Youth: A person who is under the age of 25 years.

WinnebagoLand

***Coordinated Community Plan to
Prevent & End Youth Homelessness***



WIBOSCOC

WinnebagoLand Coalition Youth Homeless Demonstration Project Coordinated Community Plan

Introduction

The Winnebago CoC exists to address the housing issues in the urban and rural areas of Fond du Lac, Green Lake and Winnebago counties. The WinnebagoLand coalition is not a 501c3 organization and has a Chair, Vice-chair and a recording Secretary.

The WinnebagoLand Coalition has been around in the combined form since May of 2019. Prior to 2019 the 3 counties met separately as the Oshkosh Housing Coalition with Green Lake County representation attending and then the Fond du Lac Continuum of Care.

The attendees of these meetings are made up of Non-Profit, Faith Based, City Government, County Government, and School liaisons.

Mission and Vision

Winnebago Land will adopt the Wisconsin Balance of State Mission and Vision.

The WinnebagoLand coalition does not currently have any housing programming that specifically serves youth. The Youth Advisory Board is eager to be the voice and make changes for youth who are experiencing homelessness in our communities.

Letters of Support Obtained:

Boys and Girls Club of FDL
Fond du Lac County Health Department
Consumer Credit Counseling
Fond du Lac School District
WIOA-Youth
Day by Day Shelter
Green Lake County Health and Human Services
City of Oshkosh
The Salvation Army Fond du Lac

Statement of Need

The WinnebagoLand Coalition has a critical need for youth specific services to build better opportunities for youth in the communities we serve. The following reported 252 Youth could be positively impacted by further youth specific funding brought to our Coalition.

The Coordinated Entry list ran 2/5/20 had 18 young adults and 4 parenting youth. The Coordinated Entry list ran 2/8/21 had 5 young adults and 2 parenting youth.

During the Point in Time count in 2021 2 unsheltered youth were found.

32 Youth sought Emergency Shelter services, up from a total of 4 youth the previous year.

During the Point in Time count in 2022 1 unsheltered youth were found.

14 Youth sought Emergency Shelter services and 5 parenting youth sought shelter services.

Per verbal report by School District McKinney Vento Homeless Liaison Linda Tack there were 164 homeless youth in the 20-21 School Year. As of 4/21/22 Linda Tack reported a current number of 192 homeless youth.

Needs were discussed by the Youth Advisory Committee prior to the creation of the Youth Advisory Board and later approved by the youth advisory board once formed.

For Stable Housing:

Significant need for more housings options.

Emergency Shelter services

Case management or Coaching

For Education:

Support and resources to Increase Graduation Rates

Individualized education paths beyond traditional 4 year post secondary education route to ensure living wage jobs.

Coaches to aid in getting needed documents such as birth certificates and Social Security Cards

For Employment:

Workforce Development resources.

Employer incentives to hire youth (including at risk youth)

Jobs/Apprenticeships for youth that pave a path to a career while providing a living wage.

For Financial:

Opening a bank account

Following a budget

Paying bills

Completing Taxes

For Health and Social well-being:

Safety Planning

Life Planning through strengths based learning

Reproductive Planning

Healthy Relationships

Suicide Prevention

Violence Prevention

Healthy transitions from youth based services to adult services

Parenting Classes

Guiding Principles were discussed by the Youth Advisory Committee prior to the creation of the Youth Advisory Board and later approved by the youth advisory board once formed.

We believe in Positive Youth Development.

Positive Youth Development reflects both a philosophical approach to policy and a grounded strengths-based approach to working alongside youth. Based on the belief that, given guidance and support from caring adults, all youth can grow up healthy and happy, making positive contributions to their identified families, schools, and communities. Positive youth development does not address youth primarily as problems to be fixed but rather assets that can be developed. The Winnebagoland Coalition intends to help our Youth learn for themselves, the assets they truly are to the communities they live in.

Trauma-Informed Care is Essential

Trauma impacts a large portion of youth in the Winnebagoland Coalition who have been exposed to violence and substance use in the home, academic stress, emotional rejection and abuse by peers and/or at home, some living in unsafe housing situations. Many youth turn to drugs and alcohol, withdraw from education or once loved extra curricular activities or participate in self-harming behaviors. Trauma-informed approaches will help to avoid re-traumatizing youth by allowing them to tell their stories when they are ready.

The Power of Youth Voice

Youth choice ensures that youth and young adults are able to make their own decisions. Youth and young adults have the power to identify their needed supports within the community. Service providers will honor and respect each unique youth circumstance and, when requested, will provide information and support youth in creating their individualized plans to achieve self-sufficiency.

Creating Healthy Social Supports

Social networks are integral components of the health and well-being of all youth and young adults. It is imperative that the youth is responsible for who they identify as family. The Winnebagoland coalition strives to create supports for our youth to thrive. We are committed to strengthening, stabilizing, and reunifying families when it is in the best interest of the youth, recognizing the trauma that may have occurred within the family they were born into. We also value youth voice and will honor their expertise as they define their own support network to us as providers.

To Follow Housing First

Housing First is a cornerstone principle for meeting a multitude of basic needs necessary for success. Young people must be provided with rapid access to safe, secure, and stable housing that meets their needs with no preconditions.

Support Each Individual

The Winnebagoland Coalition recognizes that each individual youth are as unique as their needs and strengths. The range of services available in our community allows youth to voluntarily select the supports that best align with their individual goals.

Youth homelessness services must be geared toward helping support healthy transitions from youth to adulthood. The Winnebagoland Coalition values self-sufficiency and we must prepare youth for successful transition into the community as positive, contributing members by allowing opportunities for learning and development.

No Wrong Door

HUD has identified coordinated entry as a necessary component of a high functioning crisis response system. The Winnebagoland Coalition must redefine our coordinated entry model as a system that incorporates youth voices and acknowledgment of their unique needs. This model must provide a holistic identification of each youth's needs specific to housing and should include resources trained in Coordinated Entry that are culturally appropriate and meet the unique needs of each individual youth.

The following goals were identified by the Youth Advisory Committee prior to the creation of the Youth Advisory Board and later approved by the youth advisory board once formed. The following

goals were developed from the needs and will be reached by using the guiding principals and partnerships of the community stakeholders.

- 1) Stable housing, which includes a safe and reliable place to call home;
- 2) Permanent connections/relationships, which include ongoing attachments to support system, communities, schools, and other positive social networks;
- 3) Education/employment which provides for high performance in and completion of educational and training activities, especially for younger youth, and starting and maintaining adequate and stable employment, particularly for older youth living wage employment.
- 4) Financial, how to open a bank account, pay bills, file taxes
- 5) Health and Social well-being, which includes the development of critical competencies, attitudes, and behaviors that equip a young person to succeed across multiple domains of health care, stress management, daily life, time management, including school, work, relationships, and community.

New Projects

Development of New Supportive Services Only position to include outreach, diversion and navigation. It was discovered in the YAB discussions that even though there is the presence of the homeless liaisons in the Winnebagoland coalition and awareness of the no wrong door policy and Coordinated Entry of those liaisons there remains a disconnect on getting the youth and parenting connected to services in a way that is comfortable and accessible for them.

The youth action committee members also started to realize that the youth ages 18-24 in their programming often could utilize services but were not always following through. It is the hope of brining in an SSO staff to focus on connecting directly with the youth can start to bridge a gap in services that the youth are seeing. The Winnebagoland Coalition has enough housing dollars that can serve this population which helped with the decision of bringing in a new SSO project.

Governance

- Winnebagoland CoC made of Fond du Lac, Green Lake and Winnebago Counties
- Local Oshkosh CoC and Fond du Lac CoC meetings
- Youth Action Committee and Youth Advisory Board
- Community Partners

The YAB is meeting and voting on Chair and Co-Chair. They will send representation to have a voice at the local CoC meetings, Winnebagoland CoC meeting as well as to the Balance of State.

Stakeholders

Boys and Girls Club of Fond du Lac
Consumer Credit Counseling Services
Day by Day Warming Shelter
Green Lake County Health and Human Services
City of Oshkosh Economic Development
Fond du Lac County Health Department
Fond du Lac County School District
Department of Workforce Development - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Youth
The Salvation Army of Fond du Lac
Community Service Integration Fond du Lac
Winnebago County Housing Authority
Legal Action
Father Carr's

Fond du Lac Area United Way
Oshkosh Public Library

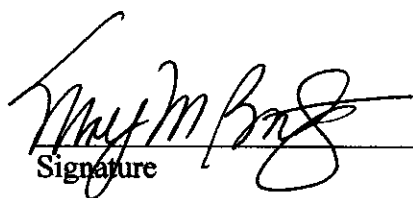
The WinnebagoLand coalition is still working on collecting additional signatures from stakeholders in the community. It was a challenge to obtain signatures on the Coordinated Community Plan due to voting and chain of command issues.

Local Homeless Coalition

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Molly Butz
Name (print)

Day by Day Warming Shelter, Executive Director
Organization/Title


Signature

April 19, 2022
Date

Local Homeless Coalition

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Linda Tack

Name (print)

Homeless Grant Coordinator
Organization/Title FDC School District

Linda Tack
Signature

April 21, 2022
Date

Local Homeless Coalition

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Catherine Wirkus
Name (print)

RAP Coordinator for Fond du Lac County Health Department
Organization/Title

Cath Wirkus
Signature

4/19/2022
Date

Local Homeless Coalition

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Tara Stevenson

Name (print)

LETC - WIOA Youth
Career Planner & Case
Manager

Organization/Title

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J. Scott Schnurer

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Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc.

Organization/Title



Signature

April 21, 2022

Date

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JEFF GILDERSON-DUWE, DIRECTOR

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Organization/Title

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Date

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Amy Loof

Name (print)

Solutions Center Director of Homeless Services

Organization/Title

Amy Loof

Signature

4-21-22

Date

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Kay Hinton
Name (print)

Winnebago County Housing Authority/Family Self Sufficiency Coordinator
Organization/Title

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| <u>Kay Hinton</u> | <u>4/19/2022</u> |
| Signature | Date |

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L. William Topel, PsyD
Name (print)

Winnebago County Department of Human Services
Organization/Title


Signature

04.19/22
Date