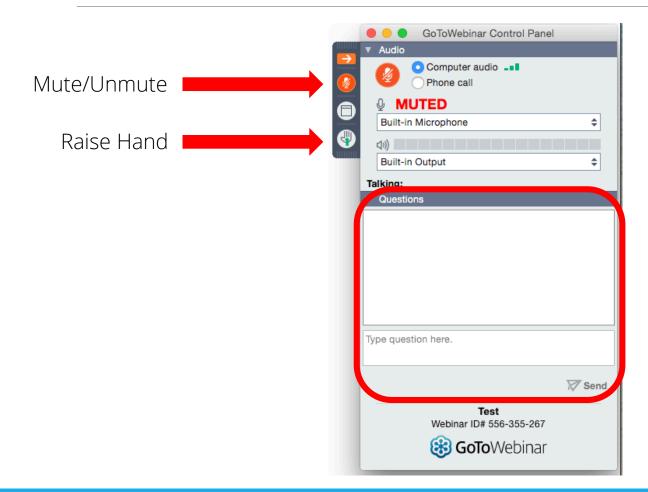


# National Initiatives Updates: Youth Homelessness



## **Our Panelists**



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# Updates on Youth Network



NEW! Funders Together Youth Network



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**FOR MEMBERS ♥** 

**EVENTS** ~

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A national network of funders supporting strategic, innovative, and effective solutions to homelessness

#### **Foundations for Youth Success Learnings**

From 2015-2016, Funders Together to End Homelessness ran a Community of Practice focused on funders' roles in ending youth and young adult homelessness. This community, Foundations for Youth Success (FYS), brought together philanthropic leaders -- large, national funders as well as those working at the local level -- to identify best practices in implementing effective solutions for our young people. Throughout this two-year initiative, members participated in regular virtual meetings and came together in person twice a year. These resources are a culmination of what this group learned and resources they found and developed along the way.



FYS Site Visits FYS Blogs

Funders Role in Ending Youth
Homelessness

#### **Quotes from Participants**

"Our community has learned a more collaborative approach, asked better questions and shared what we've seen working elsewhere."

# Youth Network 2017 Join now!\*

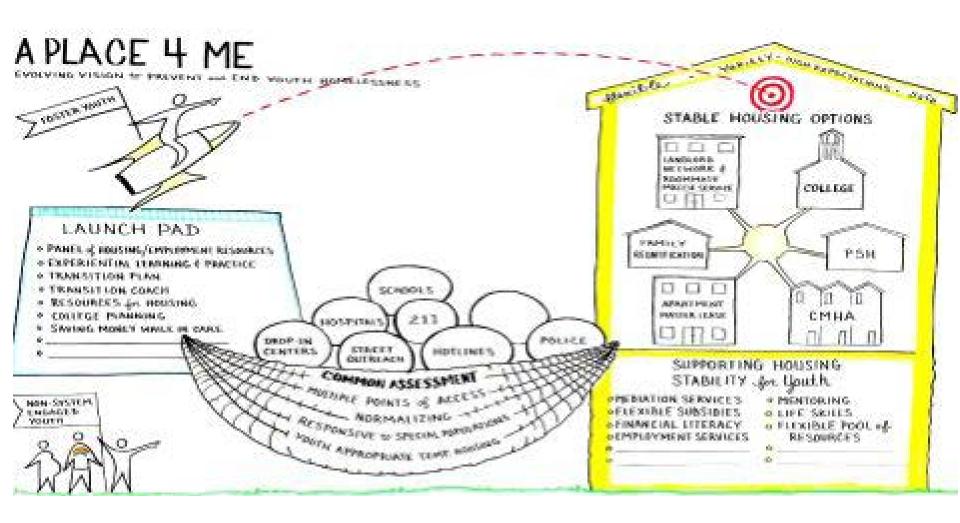
National Initiatives Webinar Today

Launch Youth Network Listserv May 2017

Youth Demonstration Projects Update End of Summer-TBD

Cleveland Site Visit September 25-27, 2017

\*To join the youth network you must be a member of Funders Together



Q&A

# Updates on National Initiatives

# A Way Home America: 100-Day Challenges

## **2017 Practice Updates**



- 10 additional 100-Day Challenges
- Encourage collaboration among efforts to create coordinated community responses
- Shared movement-building community "dashboard"
- Identify & spread conditions which cause forward progress

# 100-Day Challenges



- ICYMI: Austin, Cleveland & LA results overview <a href="here">here</a>
- Communities have met Youth Demo threshold criteria
- 2017 challenges a partnership with:



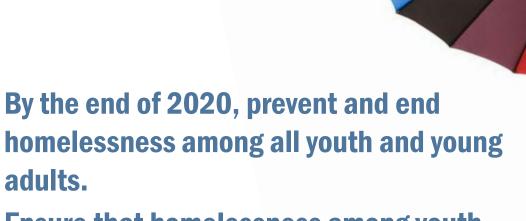






## **Encourage Collaboration**





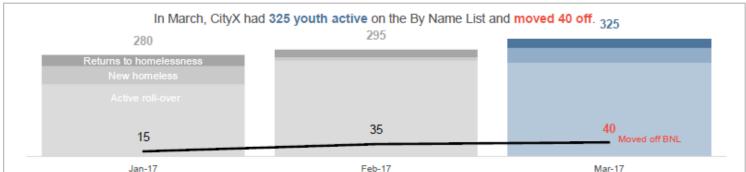
Ensure that homelessness among youth and young adults is rare, and if it occurs, ensure experiences of homelessness are brief and one-time.

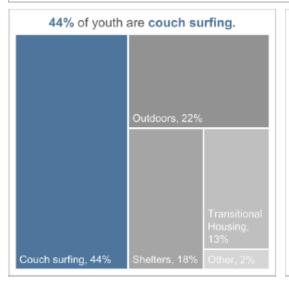
# **Community "Dashboard"**

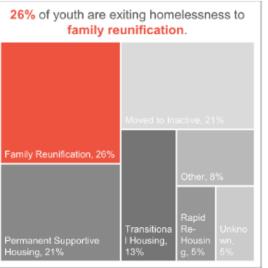


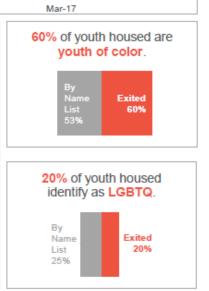
#### Ending Youth Homelessness: CityX | April 2017

In CityX, youth are added to the BNL when they complete a housing assessment. Any youth who identifies as needing housing may do a housing assessment, regardless of where they are currently staying.









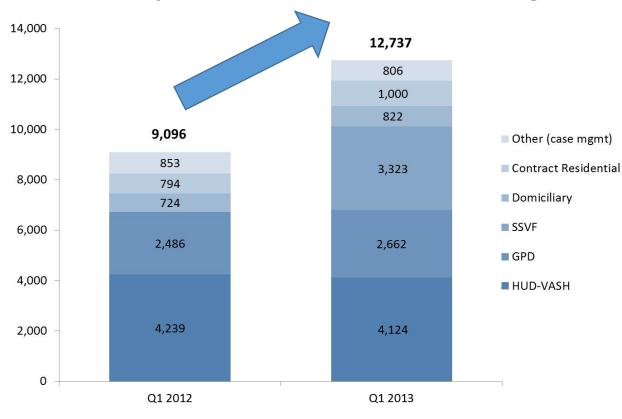


# **Identify & Spread**



#### **Quarterly Placement of Veterans into Permanent Housing**

System and program "drivers" that create significant forward momentum



#### HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project Update April 2017

AIMEE HENDRIGAN, VICE PRESIDENT, PROGRAMS



#### What HUD YHDP offers

- •\$33M for YHDP projects communities could apply for between \$1M and \$15M
  - Targeted 10 sites = 6 urban + 4 rural
- Opportunity to implement new and innovative project models
- Dedicated teams of technical assistance (TA) provides to advise planning and implementation of the coordinated community plan

# What YHDP requires

- •Collaborating with a broad array of partners including a youth advisory board and the local or state public child welfare agency
- Developing a coordinated community plan to prevent and end youth homelessness and submitting to HUD within six months
- Participating in a demonstration program evaluation to inform the federal effort to prevent and end youth homelessness
- •The selected communities will use funding for rapid re-housing, permanent supportive housing, and transitional housing, and to fund innovative programs, such as host homes. YHDP will also support youth-focused performance measurement and coordinated entry systems.

#### Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Selected Sites

СоС	Rural or Urban	Applicant Name	Funding Amount
AK-500: Anchorage	Rural	Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness	\$1.5 Million
CA-501: San Francisco	Urban	Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing	\$2.9 Million
CA-508: Watsonville/Santa Cruz City and County	Urban	County of Santa Cruz Planning Department	\$2.2 Million
CT-505: Connecticut BOS	Urban	Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services	\$6.6 Million
KY-500: Kentucky BOS	Rural	Kentucky Housing Corporation	\$1.9 Million
MI-512: Grand Traverse, Antrim, Leelanau Counties	Rural	Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency, INC	\$1.3 Million
OH-500: Cincinnati/Hamilton County	Urban	Strategies to End Homelessness, Inc	\$3.8 Million
OH-507: Ohio BOS	Rural	State of Ohio	\$2.2 Million
TX-503: Austin/Travis County	Urban	Ending Community Homelessness Coalition, Inc	\$5.2 Million
WA-500: Seattle/King County	Urban	King County Department of Community and Human Services	\$5.4 Million

# HUD's Next Steps for Communities

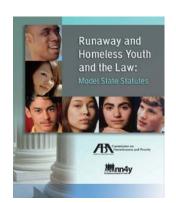
- Work with HUD technical assistance teams to develop and implement a coordinated community plan to prevent and end youth homelessness.
  - HUD-contracted TA teams include: Corporation for Supportive Housing, Abt Associates, Technical Assistance Collaborative, HomeBase, ICF International
- A first draft of the plan must be completed and submitted to HUD within 6 months of the announcement of community selection **July 13, 2017**.
- *Up to 30% of the funds allocated* to your community may be requested in project planning and implementation grants before HUD approves a final draft of the plan.
- Requests for planning and implementation funding will be made on a rolling basis and must be accounted for in the plan.
- Include the youth advisory board and public child welfare agencies in planning and implementation.
- Engage all of the partners included in YHDP application Collaboration Chart and as many of the other local stakeholders listed in the YHDP Notice of Funding Availability as possible.
- Participate in the HUD program evaluation for the duration of the YHDP.
- Try new approaches, models, and methodologies, and work with HUD to share their experiences with these innovations with the rest of the country.

# American Bar Association Homelessness Work

# National/state law & policy efforts

#### **Common Nat'l/State Areas**

- Access to Justice
- Identification
- Criminalization
- Public System Responsibility
- Employment
- Education













# **Voices of Youth Count**

### VoYC: A public-private partnership

Voices of Youth Count is an innovative, national policy research initiative designed to link evidence and action to end youth homelessness.













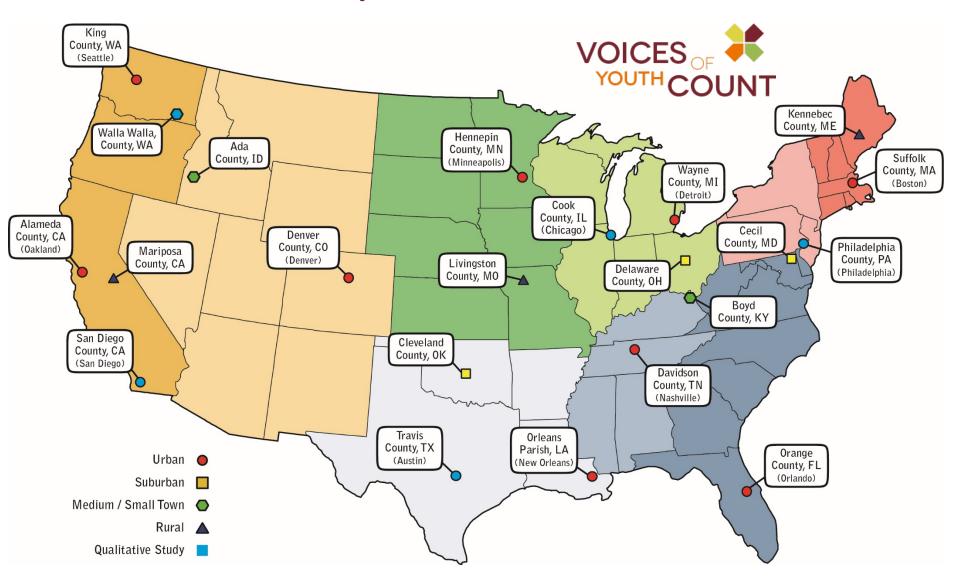








### VoYC: 22 partner communities

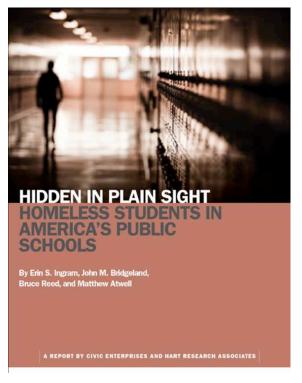


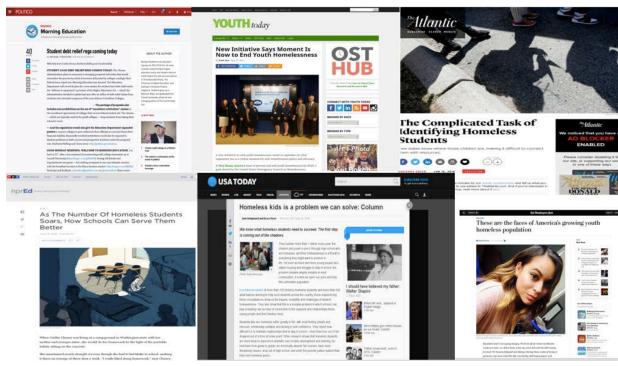
#### Comprehensive data for comprehensive solutions



# National Campaign to Address Student Homelessness

#### Schools' Role in Addressing Homelessness





# Family Unification Program/ Family Self Sufficiency Demonstration

#### **FUP FSS Demonstration Project**

#### **Family Unification Program (FUP)**

Purpose: provides housing vouchers to families and former foster care youth

FUP is HUD's only housing program explicitly targeted to youth aging out of foster care.

#### Eligible Youth:

- Ages 18 24
- homeless or at risk of homelessness
- Up to 36 months duration

FUP for youth is administered in partnership with Child Welfare Agencies

#### Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program

Purpose: helps HUD assisted families increase income and become independent

FSS creates an individual training and services plan.

- Provides a variety of services:
  - Job training, employment counseling, financial literacy, child care, transportation, etc.
  - 5 Year contract for participation
- Interest bearing escrow account

#### **FUP FSS Demonstration Project**

**Purpose:** Explore if linking youth FUP voucher with FSS will better enable youth to achieve self sufficiency

What is different?

- Extends the length of youth FUP vouchers to 5 years, same length as FSS contract
- Youth 18-24; youth with existing voucher can covert it to FUP FSS
- Youth can be given preference for inclusion in FSS
- Youth must sign FSS Contract to extend voucher length to 5 years
- Referrals come from child welfare, and may also come from continuums of care and the local juvenile justice systems

#### **FUP FSS Demonstration Project**

#### 50 communities are participating

- Must have both FUP and FSS programs in place
- Does not provide new vouchers

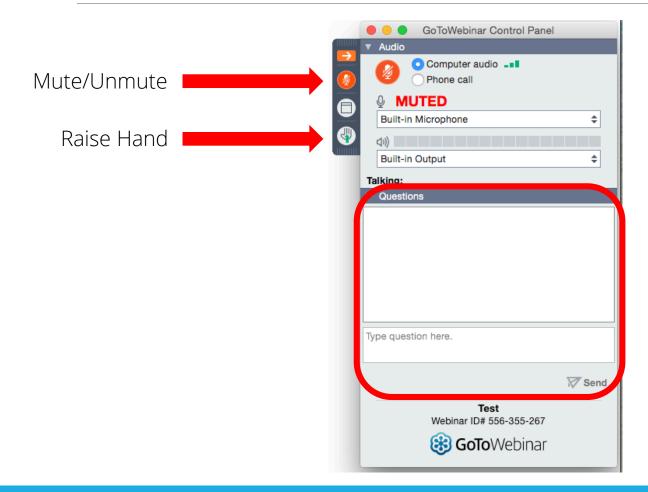
#### **Learning Community**

 CSH is providing initial TA through a grant from Annie E. Casey, Butler and Melville

#### How best to serve a youth population

- How to adapt the FSS program: readiness, requirements and related services
- How to create a coordinated referral system
- How to find housing: find units, engage landlords and prepare youth as renters
- Supports for youth: Chafee services and beyond

Q&A



## Thank You!



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