



YOUTH HOMELESSNESS SUBCOMMITTEE of the Carroll County Continuum of Care



NOTES – November 9, 2022 – Virtual

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- View our website [HERE](#).
- Attendees: Gabby Zelaya, Corey Hardinger, Katie Speert, Angel Hill, Tiffany Masimore, Jessica Cunningham, Lorrie Yinger, Sam Zuniga, Jim Kunz, Patricia Ryan, DaVida Anderson, Kathi Green, Dona Foster, Courtney Wunderlich, Dominique Evans
- Youth/Youth Action Board attendees: Zion Boykins, Sarah Leizear, Campbell Walsh

SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- **PLATFORM: Establish a committee or platform for efforts surrounding youth homelessness.**
 - Membership updates
 - New Partners/Members: Lorrie Yinger (HSP Inc), Jim Kunz (McDaniel College), and members of the Youth Action Board
 - Agency Positives & Highlights
 - Together We Own It (TWOI)
 - First Youth & Family Roundtable - This was held September 15 with about 20 attendees. Elected state/local officials and local government representatives were invited. TWOI, Carroll County Youth Service Bureau, Head Start/Early Head Start, and Springboard Community Services gave presentations on issues children and families experience such as homelessness and barriers to accessing resources. These presenters also shared how elected officials could support our children and families. This sparked a dialogue which has continued since the Roundtable. TWOI is planning to host a similar event each year.
 - TWOI staff met with Family Shelter participants to identify gaps and support opportunities. Families discussed challenges in accessing resources, and TWOI completed intakes on the spot.
 - Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) - During a recent national convention related to McKinney-Vento Act, it was shared that the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding spenddown due date will likely be extended to Sept. 2024 (previously it was Sept. 2023). CCPS is waiting for official notice of this extension from the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE).
 - McDaniel College - Some Social Work students at McDaniel are considering applying for a \$3,000 grant through the college for a community project related to youth homelessness. This project can occur anytime between now and next Fall, but the grant application deadline is December 2nd. If you have any ideas for these students' projects, please contact Jim Kunz: jkunz@mcdaniel.edu
 - Agency Challenges & Calls for Help
 - TWOI - Carroll County needs more housing units. There have been a lot of evictions and families/individuals moving out.
- **RESOURCE & GAP MAPPING: Identify services, partnerships, and areas for improvement related to youth homelessness. Identify remaining gaps.**
 - View the [Housing Services informational sheet here](#).

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- Together We Own It is working on a resource/gap map and may have more to share at our next meeting.
- **DATA: Analyze and synthesize data related to local youth homelessness; use this data to secure funding for additional programs and services.**
 - Review of common definitions (Youth REACH, HUD, and McKinney-Vento) - see end of Agenda
 - Homeless Management Information System ([HMIS](#))/Community ServicePoint ([CSP](#)) Data
From July 1, 2022 to October 31, 2022, 152 unique individuals up to age 24 were served. This data includes any youth who received a service from a provider within HMIS during 7/1/22-10/1/22 (not just new youth/new services during that period).

<u>Detail</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>%</u>		<u>Detail</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>%</u>
AGE	152	100%		RACE	152	100%
0-17 YO	101	66.44%		White	105	69.08%
18-21 YO	26	17.11%		Black, African/African Amer.	46	30.26%
22-24B YO	25	16.45%		Data Not Collected	1	0.66%
GENDER	152	100%		SERVICE (may be duplicated)		
Female	80	52.63%		Coordinated Intake	88	
Male	71	46.71%		Family Shelter	40	
Transgender	1	0.66%		Night-by-Night Shelter	24	
ETHNICITY	152	100%		Rapid Re-Housing	13	
Not Hispanic/Latino	145	95.39%		Youth Rapid Re-Housing	13	
Hispanic/Latino	6	3.95%		Perm. Supportive Housing	11	
Data Not Collected	1	0.66%		HSP Street Outreach	10	
				PATH Street Outreach	5	

- 2022 Youth REACH MD, Youth Count Data
 - Local data from the 2022 [Youth REACH MD](#) Youth Count was shared with the group (see the [Carroll County Youth REACH Briefing Packet](#) for details). *Please Note: The 2022 data is still being reviewed by the Institute for Innovation and Implementation and is subject to change until the final 2022 Youth REACH MD Youth Count report is published.*
- Other agency trends in young clients experiencing homelessness

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- CCPS: In October there were 84 total homeless youth in CCPS. Last month there were 83 (a net increase of 1). CCPS currently has 3 students in the Family Shelter. The number of homeless students is double the number of homeless students in 2022; however, these rates are similar to those observed pre-COVID.
 - This data is collected cumulatively, meaning that once a student is identified as homeless, they are counted as homeless for that entire year (unless they leave CCPS for another public school system or to be homeschooled).

- **YOUTH ENGAGEMENT: Intentionally engage youth in our work and in partnership with them create a Youth Action Board/Network.**
 - A group of youth has been meeting every week in November to kickoff a Youth Action Board!
 - Structure: 3 Executive Team members (President, Vice President, and Secretary) paid a liveable wage for their time worked. There are about 10 youth currently engaged in the YAB, some as young as 11 years old.
 - Projects: They have come up with guidelines and expectations, are looking at creating By-Laws, and brainstorming ideas and projects to begin working on (community events, attending trainings and conferences).
 - Youth interested in participating in the YAB must be under age 25 (youth under 12 need parental consent to participate) and live or work or attend school in Carroll County. Contact Together We Own It (410-878-3104) for more information, or direct interested youth to submit [this application](#).

- **BEST PRACTICES: Ensure best practices are used in agencies' individual work and in the Subcommittee's collective work.**
 - National Network for Youth's [2023 National Summit on Youth Homelessness](#)
 - March 2-3 at the Hyatt on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC and virtually
 - Youth aged 21 or younger can attend for free
 - Early Bird Non-Members In-person = \$500.00
 - Early Bird Team Pricing Non-Member Up to 4 people = \$1,500.00
 - Virtual Office Pass = \$300.00
 - Virtual - Early Bird Non-Members = \$150.00
 - Attendees of this conference and members of the YHS plan to meet to debrief after this conference.

PARKING LOT/FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

- Rename the Subcommittee
- Annual Summits for Continuum, youth, etc.

NEXT MEETING

- December 14, 2022
- Review of resource map progress

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Adjournment

<p>Youth REACH MD “unaccompanied homeless youth” definition (source)</p>	<p>A person who is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 24 years of age or younger, 2. Not in the physical custody or care of a parent or legal guardian, and 3. Lacks a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence.
<p>McKinney-Vento “homeless children and youth” definition (source)</p> <p><i>Note: this is not the entire definition.</i></p>	<p>Individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence...; and includes —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals; • children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings...; • children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and • migratory children...who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (1) through (3).
<p>HUD Category 3/ “Homeless Under Other Federal Statutes” definition (source)</p>	<p>Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under Categories 1,2 and 4, but who meet all of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are defined as homeless under the other listed federal statutes; 2. Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing during the 60 days prior to the homeless assistance application; 3. Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during in the preceding 60 days; and 4. Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time due to special needs or barriers <p><i>Note: HUD has not authorized any CoC to serve the homeless under Category 3. HUD determines and approves the use of CoC Program funds to serve this population based on each CoC’s Consolidated Application. See 24 CFR 578.89. Individuals and families that qualify as homeless under Category 3 may be served by the ESG program if they meet required eligibility criteria for certain ESG components.</i></p>
<p>HUD Category 1/ “Literally Homeless” definition (source)</p>	<p>An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; or • Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs); or • Is exiting an institution where they resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an

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	<p>emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution. <i>Note: An individual or family only needs to meet one of the three subcategories to qualify as Homeless Category 1: Literally Homeless.</i></p>
<p>HUD Category 2/ “Imminent Risk of Homelessness” definition (source)</p>	<p>An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance; 2. No subsequent residence has been identified; and 3. The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing. <p><i>Note: Includes individuals and families who are within 14 days of losing their housing, including housing they own, rent, are sharing with others, or are living in without paying rent.</i></p>
<p>HUD Category 4/ “Fleeing/ Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence” definition (source)</p>	<p>Any individual or family who:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence; 2. Has no other residence; and 3. Lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing <p><i>Note: For the purposes of this binder, “Domestic Violence” includes dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or family member that either takes place in, or him or her afraid to return to, their primary nighttime residence (including human trafficking).</i></p>

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