MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY HOMELESS ALLIANCE

Youth & Young Adults Subcommittee

December 8, 2023 | 10:00 - 11:30 am

Hybrid Mtg. - C@TP Resource Center - 2640 Portland Rd NE in Salem

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81574442978?pwd=a1dacnU3SFZ0QUZTUTMwQWpPRzhjUT09

AGENDA

1. **Introductions and Win Wall** — **Shanta Frisbee, Co-chair**

2. **Charter and Chair/Co-Chair (page 5)**
    a. **Recommended Charter Changes**
    b. **Action on Co-Chair**

3. **Last Meeting – Follow-up**
    a. **Minutes of 11/17/23 Meeting (pgs. 2-4)**
    b. **Voices of Youth Count follow-up**
        i. Final tally of surveys
        ii. Outreach Team contacts with youth
    c. **Youth-focused Coordinated Entry System follow-up**
        i. Self-Referral Form
        ii. January System Design Meeting
    d. **Host Homes follow-up**
        i. Statewide Host Homes Network
        ii. Safe Families

4. **2024 Focus**
    a. **CoC/Homeless Alliance Mission and How the YYA Subcommittee Fits In (pgs. 6-7)**
    b. **Priorities Survey (page 8)**
        i. What is most important to you?
        ii. Alignment with your work/efforts
        iii. Specific measures of success – what to accomplish in 90 days, 6 months, one year.

5. **Partner Spotlight (10 mins.): Sean Aker, Student Success Coordinator for Willamette ESD (page 9)**

6. **Announcements**

Youth & Young Adults Subcommittee – Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance (mwvhomelessalliance.org)

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YYA Subcommittee Co-chairs:

Shanta Frisbee, NWHS HOST Program Director, sfrisbee@nwhumanservices.org

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1. *Develop a Coordinated Entry System for youth that blends into the system for adults.*
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4. *Improve local youth data, starting with the Point in Time (PIT) Count in January 2020.*
5. *Advocate for the use of and funding for evidence-based practices addressing youth homelessness.*
6. *Amplify and develop voices of youth & young adults with lived experience by creating opportunities to engage and cultivate leadership.*

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November 17, 2023 Minutes

PARTICIPANTS

Calvin Smith, Church @ the Park
Elene Bunge, Church @ the Park
Lynn Marquez, Church @ the Park
Brian_____, Church @ the Park
Winter Shute, Church @ the Park
Carla Munns, Communities United
David Peak, Community Action, Arches, Youth CE
Christopher Lopez, Community Action, HOME Youth Services
Megan Perez, Community Action, HOME Youth Services
Kira Hand, Community Action, HOME Youth Services
Shanta Frisbee, HOST Program
Patrick McDermott, HOST Program
Alivia Morris, HOST Program
Amanda Foster, HOST Program
Kat Fox, PacificSource
Marianne Bradshaw, Polk County
Claire Vogelsaug, Safety Compass
Heather Pascoe, Willamette Health Council
Jenny Hale, Second Home Program, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
Jan Calvin, Homeless Alliance/CoC, Consultant

INTRODUCTIONS & WIN WALL

Shanta Frisbee opened the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves and shared their wins.

COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATION

Amanda motioned and Heather seconded approval of the 10/17/23 minutes; approved by consensus.

VOICES OF YOUTH COUNT

Recap:

Good survey tool, created with Backbone, YYA, and Safety Compass input.
19 surveys received. No surveys came in through the online option. Some additional hard copy forms were completed, but never made it to Lexi (Marianne will follow up on the ones she knows were done).
Had a focus kickoff week, then wanted the QR code to be used and collection to happen all month.
QR code had technical problems (flyer print was too light).
The plan for events and outreach didn't really happen.
Partners didn't get the information they needed to help.

For the Future:

Organize teams and assignments.
Have sign-ups / get commitments for people who will conduct the count.
Do pre-count training outside of the YYA meeting.
Create written instructions and a FAQ sheet.
Ensure incentives (e.g., hot pizza)

Follow-up:
Youth who said they want information will be contacted by Outreach Team members (Winter and Amanda will lead).
Amanda will update the Youth Outreach Team roster and send meeting information.

YOUTH-FOCUSED COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM

David Peak provided an update on implementation of youth-focused Coordinated Entry. He said that Community Action is hiring a second youth-focused assessor, and the first assessor has been doing phone assessments. He is working on setting up access sites in the community (YouthERA, HOST, HOME Drop In, Polk County Resource Center and other locations).

David shared a Google Doc referral form for providers:
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=xXnSGVA1gkKPqUVwjAXtUmO36Wt-JI9Bis7eKsNc_GRUQ0hJMk8xQkc0V1pKTFA4M1RDOVBIWVE4NiQlQCN0PWcu
Currently, this online referral form populates and Excel spreadsheet, then goes to the Youth CE Team, who reaches out within 2 business days.

The group expressed interest in a self-referral process for young people that didn't involve having to show up somewhere unfamiliar or make a phone call or send an email. Jan will send information and/or a request for input on what that form should look like.

SECOND HOME PROGRAM

Shanta welcomed Jenny Hale, director of the Second Home program for Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. Jenny said they currently have programs in Washington, Lincoln, and Clackamas counties, but no plans to extend to Marion and/or Polk. She noted that the Statewide Assessment showed that Host Homes rated very highly with youth.

The Second Home Program started in 2010 (Beaverton). It serves ages 16-21, or 15 and younger if pregnant or parenting.

One of the practical components includes two contracts. The first is a rental contract (actual lease), so rental history can be established, but no rental cost charged. The second contract is a house rules agreement. Youth get to interview and choose their Home Provider. And a Program Mediator facilitates the development of the house rules contract (addresses meals, communications, friends at the house, etc.).

Jenny noted that the Second Home Program is very relational, including with partners. There is an MOU with the McKinney Vento Liaisons and district leadership prior to starting any program. Their program works in partnerships, with the goal of what's best for the youth. Whenever they consider an expansion, they first look to see what's already happening in a particular region.

Have you worked with Safe Families? Explore with them what they offer locally or want to offer.
She also suggested people attend the statewide Host Home Network – meets monthly.

WEST COAST CONVENING

Patrick provided a quick recap of his experience at the conference, which is held twice a year.

This time it was held in Eugene and focused on “innovations.” Learned about local initiatives (e.g., Rapid Access Network), as well as what’s happening in Tacoma and in San Francisco. Also gleaned information on workforce, support for mental health, substance abuse.

NEXT MEETING:

December 8, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Hybrid – In person and on Zoom
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Meeting ID: 815 7444 2978 Passcode: 164243
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YYA Subcommittee Charter – Recommended Revisions re: Membership

1. MEMBERSHIP. The membership of the YYA Subcommittee is comprised of representatives of the region's youth and young adult services organizations, people with lived experience facing homelessness, youth-focused champions, and other stakeholders.

2. TERMS. YYA Subcommittee membership is open, without fixed terms. ~~shall have unfixed terms of membership.~~

3. CHAIR. The YYA Subcommittee shall designate a chair or co-chairs annually, responsible, at a minimum, for ~~facilitating meetings,~~ establishing meeting locations and times, preparing agendas, and facilitating meetings. ~~notifying the membership and CoC staff of meetings at least one week in advance, and providing minutes to CoC staff within one week following the meeting~~.

~~4. RESIGNATION. Resignations by YYA Subcommittee members shall be submitted in writing to the group's chair(s) and CoC staff.~~

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MISSION:

To develop an evidence-based system of services, including stable housing, designed to meet the unique and complex needs of adults, youth, children, and families in Marion and Polk counties who are at risk of or are experiencing homelessness.

1. Services
2. Unique Design Components
3. Geographic Reach
4. Populations

YYA Subcommittee CCP Items	
Basecamp	
Low-barrier YYA shelter beds	
Collaboration between schools/CBOs	
CCP Plan	
YYA Subcommittee Goals	
Youth CE System	
Youth Street Outreach	
Host Home Program	
Youth Data	
Evidence-based Practices	
YYA Leadership	

YYA Subcommittee CCP Items	Objectives
YYA Subcommittee Lead on CCP 1	
Review list of providers on Basecamp and identify additional providers to be added	*(done)*
YYA Subcommittee Lead on CCP 2	
Explore opportunities to expand the number of low-barrier YYA shelter beds	*Explore collaborations to co-locate YA services with adult shelters*
YYA Subcommittee Lead on CCP 3	
Identify specific actions to strengthen the collaboration between providers and McKinney-Vento liaisons to maximize support for minors	
YYA Subcommittee Lead on CCP 4	
Participate in updating the Coordinated Community Plan to End Youth Homelessness (CCP)	
YYA Subcommittee Goals	**Objectives**
YYA Subcommittee Goal 1	
Develop a Coordinated Entry System for youth that blends into the system for adults.	*[change goal, based on current developments]*
YYA Subcommittee Goal 2	
Expand street-level and other forms of community outreach to better engage youth experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness.	*Expand Street-level outreach to better engage YYAs*
	Expand other forms of community outreach to better engage YYAs
YYA Subcommittee Goal 3	
Establish a Host Home program that fits the needs in communities in the Marion-Polk region	*Share information about things to consider when deciding to open your home to a young person who is not a relative*
YYA Subcommittee Goal 4	
Improve local youth data, starting with the Point in Time (PIT) Count	*Improve local youth PIT Count data*
	Improve other local youth data
YYA Subcommittee Goal 5	
Advocate for the use of and funding for evidence-based practices addressing youth homelessness.	*Share best practice information among YYA providers*
	Study/share information from National Network for Youth
YYA Subcommittee Goal 6	
Amplify and develop voices of youth & young adults with lived experience by creating opportunities to engage and cultivate leadership	*Create opportunities for YYAs to engage and cultivate leadership*
	Promote opportunities for YYAs to engage and cultivate leadership

YYA Subcommittee 2024 Priorities Survey

Draft for Review 12/8/23

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To make progress on one (or more) of these goals, we need to prioritize, apply resources, and chart a course of action – starting with 2024. Your input is critical to this process.

1. Which goal is most important to you? (for our communities/region?) *[List w/buttons. Should this be a forced ranking?]*

2. To what degree does your work align with this goal? *[Scale of 1-5, with room for comments.]*

3. What would you like to have accomplished in the first 90 days of working on this goal? First 6 months? In one year? *[Space to answer about all 3 time periods.]*

4. Is there something missing that is equally or more important to you than the goal you selected? Please state what this is and explain why it is important. *[Text box.]*

5. What would you like to have accomplished in the first 90 days of working on the additional goal you stated? First 6 months? In one year? *[Space to answer about all 3 time periods.]*

Willamette ESD

Sean Aker, WESD Student Success Coordinator will provide information about the Willamette Education Services District. Here is a link to the WESD Story. The largest part of the ESD's budget (41%) is dedicated to Special Education Services, which might fall more in line with support districts to meet compliance. WESD offers a variety of services beyond SPED to address district needs with forward planning, just in time, or critical response in areas such as communications, legal, administrative, business services, and school improvement. Their Local Service Plan (primarily to serve our 21 districts, but open to all districts statewide) has more details.