MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY HOMELESS ALLIANCE

Youth & Young Adults Subcommittee

December 13, 2024 | 10:00 - 11:30 am

Hybrid Mtg. - **Polk Community Resource Center (behind Roths)**

1407 Monmouth Independence Hwy, Monmouth, OR 97361

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The purpose of the Youth and Young Adults (YYA) Subcommittee is to end homelessness for youth in Marion and Polk counties, using the following collective 2024 goals:

- *Primary Goals*
  - *Amplify and develop voices of YYA with lived experience.*
  - *Expand street-level and other forms of Outreach.*
  - *Advocate for the use of, and funding for, evidence-based practices.*
- *Supporting Goals*
  - *Develop a Coordinated Entry System for youth that blends into the system for adults.*
  - *Improve local youth data, starting with the Point in Time (PIT) Count in January 2020.*
  - *Establish a Host Home program that fits the needs in communities in the Marion-Polk region.*

AGENDA

1. **Introductions and Win Wall (10 minutes)** **Christopher Lopez, Co-chair**
2. **Consent Calendar (5 minutes)**
   a. Approve Agenda
   b. Approve meeting minutes: 9/13/2024; 10/11/2024
3. **PIT Count Presentation (30 minutes) – Marianne**
   a. Surveyor sign-up and training (attached flyer)
4. **Voices of Youth Count (15 minutes) - Christopher**
   a. Survey results
5. **YYA Subcommittee Co-Chair Elections Preparation (10 minutes) - Christopher**
   a. Nominations open starting today;
   b. Vote to occur at January YYA Meeting
6. **Announcements (5 minutes)**
7. **Adjourn**

(Future agenda items- outreach workgroup presentation, coordinated entry update, data improvement, youth barrier reduction)

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Youth & Young Adults Subcommittee

September 13th, 2024 Minutes

PARTICIPANTS

Christopher Lopez, Community Action, HOME Youth Services
Jacob Oyer, Church at The Park
JD Sinner, Church at the Park
Megan Perez, Community Action, HOME Youth Services, David's House
Cassie Stafford, Mental Health Coordinatar with Willamette
Kat Fox, Pacific Source Community Solutions
Rachel McKee, Community Actions, Arches
Jay Greenfield, Punx with Purpose
Claire Vogelsang, Safety Compass
Kira, Youth Navigator for HOME Youth Services
Jared Valet, Community Services Program Coordinator
Kandy Keith, MWVCAA Program Coordinator

INTRODUCTIONS & WIN WALL

Rachel McKee, had lunch with Patrick about making connections
Claire Vogelsang, combining with statewide child abuse
Jay Greenfield, collaboration with C@P, NWHS, and MWVCAA for Punx in the Park event tomorrow, 09/14
Cassie Stafford, rolling out a parent teacher project, how to help teachers connect with families in a deeper way.
Kat Fox, working on coprehensive health care plan in the Marion and Polk county region and launching next week to help with drug and alcohol
Kira, Punx in the Park event
Megan Perez, Service Provider Meetings growing and Officer Salazer branched off and started a meeting for youth services
Jared Valett, getting workbooks and utilizing money well
Kandy Keith, getting to know everyone and putting faces to names
JD Sinner, got a participant to Georgia and has a place, job, and is now close to her husband
Jacob Oyer, seeing particpants grow independently and particpants getting glasses
Christopher Lopez, rental assistance for youth is going to house five new clients on the 15th of this month

CONSENT CALENDAR

Christopher Lopez started consent calendar to approve the meeting, Jay Greenfield motioned to approve, and Jacob Oyer seconded

PRESENTER

No presenter this meeting

TOPIC 1: Voices of Youth Count

Voices of Youth Count is now out in the field

There are two different versions of the Voices of Youth Count: Provider Only and Participant Specific
There is a paper version, a link via computor and a QR code

Try to use the digital version as much as you can instead of using the paper version

If the QR code is not working reach out to Jacob Oyer at jacob.oyer@church-at-the-park.org

We want everyone to get their own data and then go through the data after the Voices of Youth Count is done on 10/15

Extending the Voices of Youth Count to 10/15 and getting out to the school districts

Cassie Stafford is going to send out the Voices of Youth Count survey to the Mid-Willamette School District

We are going to use the data from the VoY to get a better count of how many youth and young adults are experiencing homelessness and to get a better idea of where youth and young adults in the counties outside of Marion and Polk. The data will go to the Homeless Alliance and it will go back to each provider involved in the VoY. After the VoY reported data goes to the Homeless Alliance and then it will go public.

Reaching out to the Integration Teams and giving them the Voices of Youth Count

Punx in the Park is having every youth at the event fill out the VoY survey and there will be about 600 youth and young adults there

We will go through the cleaning of the data to make sure that we don't have duplicate entries

Making sure that the unrespresented locationss are represented for future VoY surveys

JD Sinner and Jacob Oyer have flexibility to go to different locations to reach youth and young adults to do the VoY survey

TOPIC 2: Light the Night - Candlelight Vigil for Youth HOME Month

HOAP is the main agency putting on the Candlelight Vigil

For youth and young adults in human trafficking and survivors of human trafficking

Location: Salem Capitol

Date and Time: TBD

TOPIC 3: Fall Events

Punx in the Park - September 14th, 2024. Youth check in booth and each youth will be required to fill out the VoY survey to get a wristband. Clothing donation from Hot Topic. Resource center from 11AM-3PM. Concert from 3PM-6PM. Giving out 500 backpacks

Pride in the Park - September 21st, 2024 at Riverfront Park

Church at the Park - Pizza Fridays at Transit every other week starting on September 20th, 2024 from 3:30PM - 4:30PM. We are going to potentially do Pizza Fridays every week. Potentially doing Pizza Friday at Punx with Purposes new building. Connect with Michael Mendrin at Odd Moes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The PIT Count meeting happened this morning and Christopher Lopez is going to talk to the Homeless Alliance about scheduling conflict with PIT count meeting and YYA meeting

Tours of the Resource Center and/or David's House offered.

Meeting adjourned @ 11:09AM

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October 11, 2024 Minutes

PARTICIPANTS

Christopher Lopez - Community Action, HOME Youth Services
Patrick McDermott - Northwest Human Services HOST Program
Jacob Oyer - Church at The Park
Tony Frazier – Salvation Army/KROC Center
Megan Perez – Community Action, HOME Youth Services
Claire Vogelsang – Safety Compass
Mel Keller – ODHS YEHP
Kandy Keith – YYA CE Program Coordinator
Marianne Bradshaw – Consultant
Kira – Community Action, HOME Youth Services
Jocelyn – Community Action, HOME Youth Services
Bri & Ann – Young Adult site, Church at the Park
Kat Fox – Pacific Source

INTRODUCTIONS & WIN WALL

Patrick – Youth from HOST secured employment this week
Mel – Being present at the meeting is a win to represent YEHP
Claire – Hired a labor trafficking director @ Safety Compass
Bri – A youth couple she's working with acquired an apartment
Kat – PS is partnering with Church at the Park for a film project called "No Place to Grow Old"; Screening of the film on Nov. 12th and 13th
Tony – Assisted in keeping a youth enrolled in high school and moved over to EDGE online learning
Megan – Receiving and providing suicide prevention training
Jacob – Two clients able to secure shelter in Portland; a new client from outreach showed up for services today
Marianne – Completed a project with WHC and PacSource regarding youth and young adult health and wellness
Christopher – Improving access and expanding a new youth CE program

CONSENT CALENDAR

Christopher Lopez started consent calendar to approve the meeting, Megan motioned to approve, and Kat seconded

Pulling agenda calendar from the consent calendar. An amendment to move guest presenter to Item 3 and the PIT Count Item to Item 6; motioned by Christopher, seconded by Marianne.

PRESENTER – Tony Frazier, KROC Center

Coming into Salem several years ago with a passion and focus on supporting youth in the area, with employment, education, and housing. Currently working with the KROC Center in program development for youth.
KROC Center currently has internal workforce development programing for youth. Currently YDD funded; youth participants able to receive meal cards and regular KROC membership as incentive and engagement tool for youth in programs.
GED program started in 2023; seeing a need for students unwilling or unable to complete school in traditional setting, created partnership with Chemeketa CC to incentivize and create GED program at KROC. Chemeketa delivers instruction, but classes can be taken at KROC Center.
Youth workforce development program walks youth through all aspects of their business and places an emphasis on building the soft skills necessary to be successful in a work environment.

I-Build – construction skills training program; first began this past summer for youth out from school during the summer. Includes employment skill building and 'Wisemind' socio-emotional learning program. Launched in July and ran for 8 weeks; students built twelve 8x16 shed units that were donated to Church at the Park. 24 high school youth took the summer course – 100% attendance the entire term!
Tony put a focus during the summer on bringing in persons to view the program as a means of continuing funding following the summer term, and on bringing in presenters in the professional field. Additional funding secured, and I-Build funded for another year! Funder interested in expanding program curriculum to out-of-school youth.

Big dream – CTE program for 16-24 out-of-school youth.

Next orientation for I-Build on Wednesday, Oct 16th. Cohort begins Monday Oct 21st. 10 week program

Information session available Monday, Oct 14th at HOST Resource Center at 11am.

TOPIC 1 – YYA Subcommittee Feedback and Discussion

Jacob leading off the discussion, having an opportunity to reflect and give feedback on "what do you want to see from YYA meeting". Options for anonymous survey, or round table discussion.
Megan – Likes having presenters as it helps generate purpose to the meetings; learning about other programs and other resources. Even without a guest presenter, information about other participating programs, especially information about how to access, is valuable information.
Jocelyn – YYA meetings are important for information that benefits youth back in each of our own programs.
Mel – Youth services are often an 'afterthought' when providing homeless services, so these meetings help move them to the forefront.
Patrick – Ensuring that we always circle back to the 6 goals of the YYA Subcommittee

Christopher – Asking for feedback more often, Keep/Start/Stop reflection with each agenda going forward; purpose is to provide broader input to the meeting and increase the flow of ideas.
Kat – I would love to continue to see events upcoming, I like the updates from each agency, win wall, and then I would love to see more data! I am happy to bring data as I am able to as well.
Suggested Idea – '2024 Year in Review' of data to share with the group at the end of the year.

TOPIC 2 – Voices of Youth Count

On review of current VOY data, only have ~30 responses to VOY survey.
Recommendation to extend through end of October.
Megan – Concerns about the window of time being too large, understanding of purpose behind survey.
Christopher – Reviewed conversation from previous YYA meeting about duration of survey window; counterpoint about volume of data. Brought up concern of missed opportunity at Punx in the Park to collect youth data.
Conversation about fidelity of data and specificity available in VoY survey vs general outreach survey.
Feedback on survey + data to be reviewed at later YYA meeting.

Vote to extend or close survey – 7 in favor of extension; 2 in favor of close – Survey to be extended through end of October, effective 11:59PM on 10/31

TOPIC 3 – PIT Count Presentation

PIT count to be conducted in 2025. Marianne hired by CoC to review and create methodology. CoC has identified priority populations for this year. YYA historically underrepresented in PIT count; Marianne pushing initiative to highlight YYA as a priority population for this PIT count. Subcommittee generally approves 'Yes' to be moved to the forefront of the initiative. January 22nd PIT Count start date, to last for 7 days afterwards. Look for opportunities to host events to generate responses.

Question to group – To highlight YYA as a priority population, and agreement to support the initiative within individual agencies. Recommendation to have a tighter, more focused YYA consultant group outside of the Subcommittee that supports the PIT Count.

Vote called to support YYA as a priority subpopulation in PIT Count – Unanimous approval
Vote called to form workgroup of YYA subcommittee in support of the PIT Count – Unanimous approval

Volunteers interested in workgroup for PIT Count to stay after and connect with Marianne.

TOPIC 4 – Light the Night, Candlelight Vigil for Youth HOPE Month

a. November 12th – Proclamation at City Council Meeting, 6:00-8:00pm
b. November 14th – Light the Night vigil @ Capitol 6:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MWVCAA Harvest Party – October 30th information available on MWVCAA website. $40 entrance.

NWHS Trunk or Treat – October 26th 3-5PM at West Salem Clinic
MWVCAA & Punx Trunk or Treat – Information TBA

Meeting adjourned @ 11:38pm

Surveying for the Marion-Polk County Point-in-Time Count

January 23-29, 2025

Getting Started

How to Register as a Surveyor and Download the Mobile App

Step 1: Register As a Surveyor

Visit marion-polk.pointintime.info or scan the QR Code to the right with your mobile device.
After registration, you will receive a confirmation email and directions to set a password to your account.

Surveyor Registration Portal

Step 2: Download the App

Scan the QR Code to the right, visit the direct link, or search for *Counting Us* in your device's App Store.

Google Play:
https://bit.ly/Counting_Us_Google

Apple Store:
https://bit.ly/Counting_Us_Apple

Step 3: Attend Training on Zoom

All volunteers who will conduct PIT Count surveys need to attend a one-hour training session on zoom. The training will include information about how to engage vulnerable populations and how to complete surveys via the mobile app. There are three training sessions to choose from:

- 12/16 (Monday) at noon
- 1/8 (Wednesday) at 5:30pm
- 1/21 (Tuesday) at noon

If you have any questions, please use "PIT Count" in the subject line and email them to: staff@mwvhomelessalliance.org.

Thank you for your help in ensuring that every individual experiencing homelessness counts!

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