

CoC Youth Work Group

Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 1pm at HSN

- Introductions: Kelsey W, Erica A, Brian, Camille L, Gabby R, Cheryl D, Leonard B, Angela D, Kristy L-P, Dawn H, Rebecca L, Jason L, Kieara G, Katrese H, Patti K, Mohanchand R, Christine C.
- Updates from YAS: More to come in the Presentation
 - OCPS: potentially adding young students to YAS
- Updates from Group:
 - Kelsey W is now program manager for Covenant House
 - Moe is teaching workforce development courses at Valencia
 - Valencia embedding Property maintenance at UAP
 - Career source and Embrace Families: partnership to place youth aging out of foster care into apprenticeships
 - Public Allies is now recruiting: Rebecca will send out flyer
- Needs Assessment
 - Provider survey
 - What do they bring to table
 - Strengths and weaknesses
 - Where they are, where they want to me
 - Goals and aspirations of these agencies
 - How do these agencies meet the domains in the Youth Outcomes?
 - Survey or workshop format?
 - Subcommittee was created to research this assessment.
 - Members: Kelsey W, Leonard B, Moe R, Todd C, Alexia G
 - Youth Survey
 - iCount Miami for reference
 - Survey that sees what youth see as solutions
 - Look back at coordinated community plan of communities that are currently awarded YHDP to see what questions they include in the CCP
- Point Source Youth Conference
 - Sexual minority Youth and youth experiencing homelessness experiencing high rates of violence, victimization, poor mental health, suicide and substance abuse
 - Youth Voice and ways to validate youth as experts of their lives was a common theme throughout the conference
 - What is your “why”?
 - How well you do validate youth voice?
- Future Meeting/Invites
 - Tuesday 8/13/2019 at 1pm

CoC FL-507 Youth Workgroup

AGENDA
July 9, 2019

- I. Introductions
- II. Updates – Youth Action Society of Central Florida
- III. Workgroup Member Updates
- IV. Discussion – Needs Assessment/Survey
 - Provider
 - Youth
- V. Presentation - Point Source Youth Symposium
- VI. Future Meetings/Invites
 - Continue to identify potential collaborators/stakeholders, and reach out to include

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 1 PM

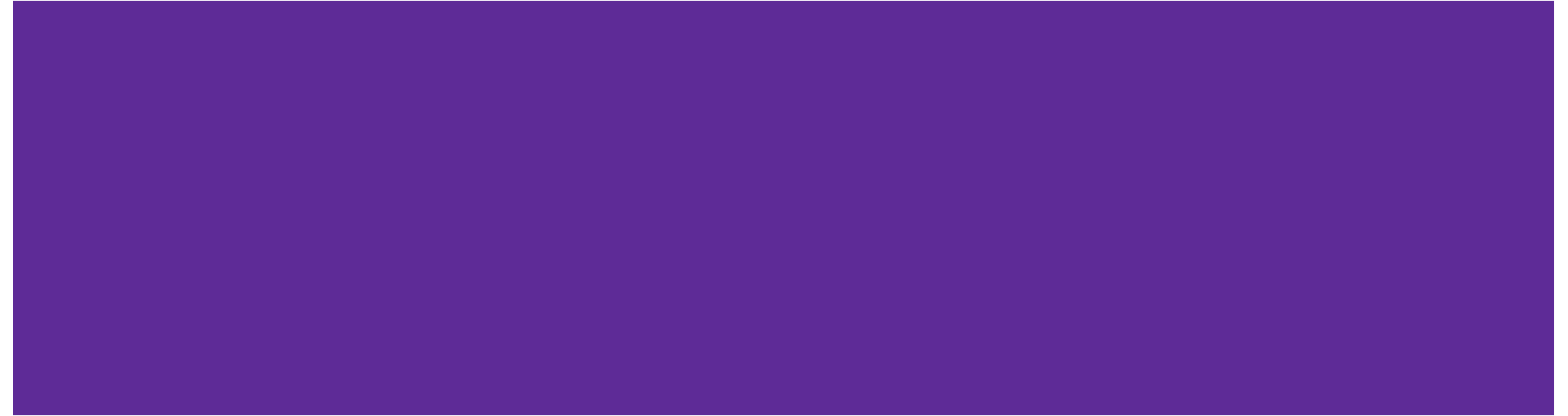
Possible Homeless Intervention Topics for Strategy Research*:

1. Prevention
 - a. Family Resiliency
 - b. Supporting Foster Care Transitions
 - c. School-based ✓ *Cynthia Sawyer, Orange County Public Schools (2/12/19)*
 - d. Supporting Juvenile Justice, Adult Correctional Transitions
2. Identification and Early Intervention
 - a. Mobile Outreach
 - b. Drop-in Centers ✓ *Kristy Lukaszewski, CFL Commission on Homelessness (10/9/18)*
 - c. Family Preservation ✓ *Tina Morgan, DCF (11/13/18)*
3. Emergency & Crisis Response
 - a. Youth Shelters ✓ *Anne Lee, Covenant House Florida (12/11/18)*
 - b. Other Emergency Services
 - c. Host Homes ✓ *Gabriell Rush, Youth Action Society of Central Florida (8/10/18)*
 - d. Transitional Housing ✓ *Cheryl Distler, Faine House (12/11/18)*
 - e. Rapid Re-housing ✓ *Heather Wilkie, Zebra Coalition (11/13/18)*
 - f. Non-time-limited Supportive Housing

*From *Ending Youth Homelessness Guidebook Series: Promising Program Models*

Point Source Youth

3rd National Symposium to End Youth Homelessness



National Trends

<https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/yrbs/pdf/trendsreport.pdf>

<https://nccd.cdc.gov/Youthonline/App/Results.aspx?LID=FL>



Common Themes throughout Symposium

- The importance of youth voice during every phase of project design and project implementation
 - Youth should be at the table during planning and development meetings, not just asking for their feedback.
- Fairly compensating youth shows them the value of their expertise
 - Cash, not gift cards
 - Paid per hour
 - Tax information given at the end of the year
 - “Funders Collaborative” was hosted by youth to raise money

Do you believe that homeless youth already know the solutions to their homelessness?

<https://vimeo.com/320805173>

Homeless youth are the closest to the problem, so they are also the closest to the solutions

- Youth that will be enrolled in the programs that we design have been hurt by the system.
 - These failed systems may have led to their homelessness
- We are a system, do not perpetuate the system
 - We may be stifling the very young people that we hope to empower by not validating their voice and giving them the platform to create the solutions to youth homelessness
- By *authentically* addressing youth homelessness, we *prevent* homelessness.

What is your “Why”?



We should be here to find ways to make youth voice central in the planning of the solutions to end youth homelessness.

