



Monthly Members Meeting

February 28th, 2023



Welcome!

Agenda

Welcome & Introductions

The “Unwinding” of the Medicaid Continuous Coverage Requirement, Christina Russo of Community Legal Services of Mid Florida

Keys to Independence Program, Elias Quintana, Jasmine Colon, & Lisa Pauda of Embrace Families

YHDP Update, Aja Hunter

Understanding Youth Data, Aja Hunter & Agustin “Tino” Paz

Introduction of Youth Peer Specialists, Aja Hunter, Anthony Roberts, Jada Blocker, Juli Meyer

Announcements



**The “Unwinding” of the
Medicaid Continuous Coverage
Requirement**

February 28, 2023

Overview

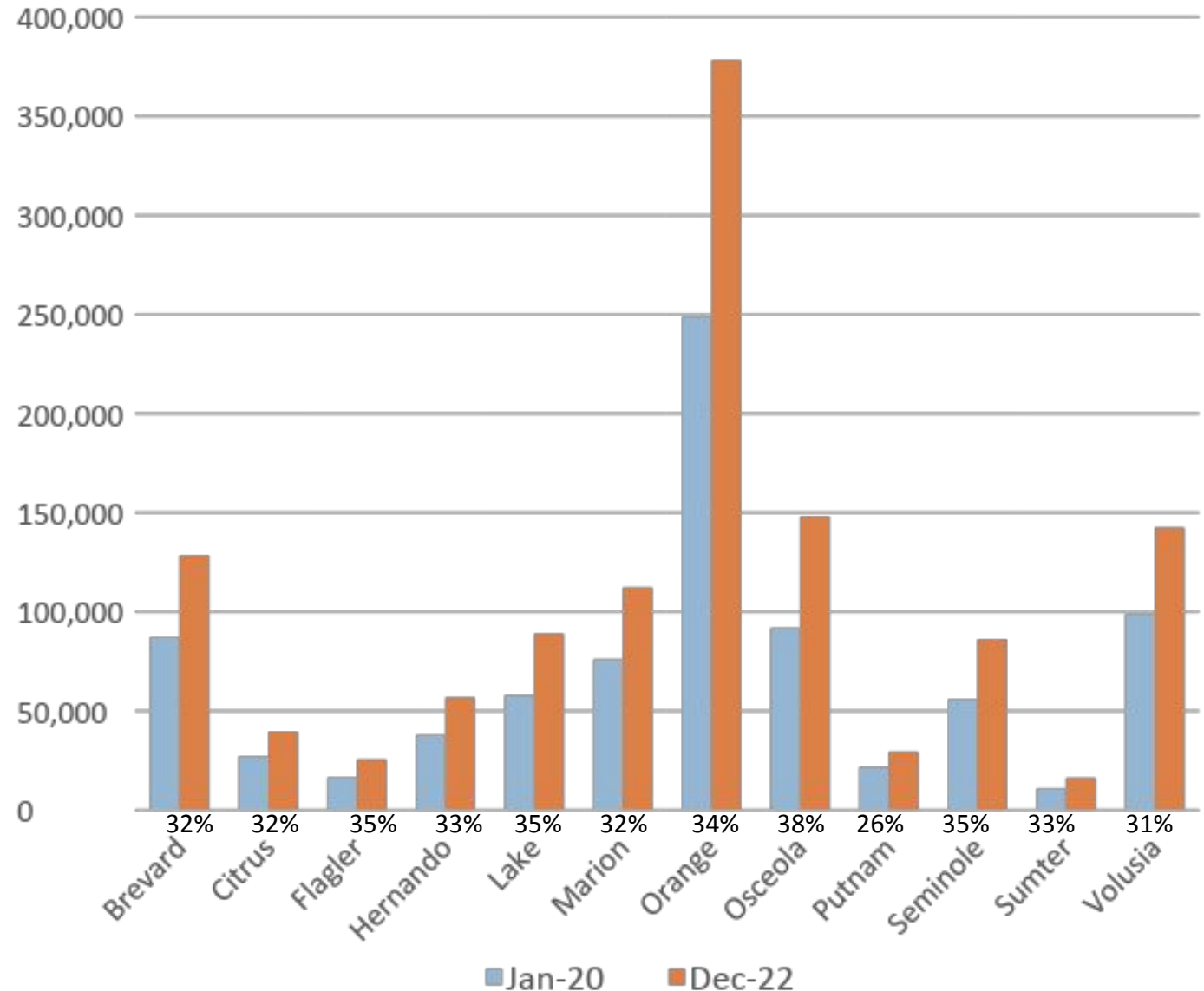
- Medicaid Continuous Coverage Requirement
- What is “Unwinding”?
- Florida’s Redetermination Plan
- Recipients most likely impacted
- What we can do to prepare

Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)

- March 2020
- States got increased federal Medicaid funds if
 - No new eligibility or enrollment requirements/restrictions
 - No increase in premiums
 - No cost-sharing for treatment/testing for COVID-19
 - **No disenrollment during emergency declaration**
- Public Health Emergency (PHE)
 - First declared January 2020
 - Will end May 11, 2023

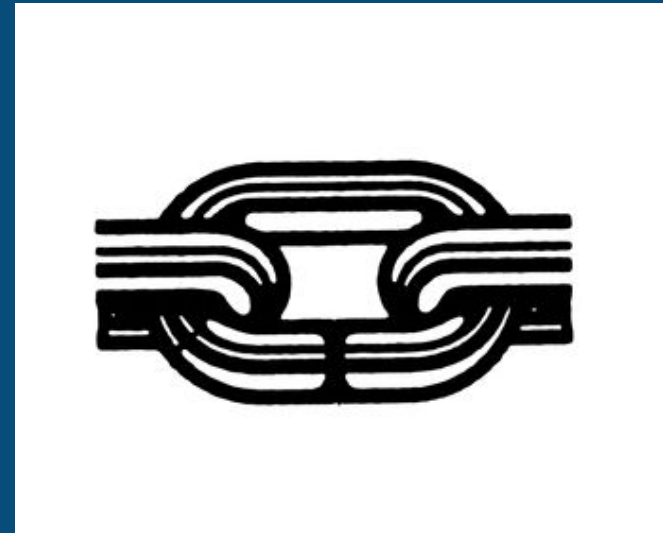
Medicaid Enrollment

- Recipients not disenrolled when income increased, changed eligibility group
- Continuous coverage stopped “churn” – when a recipient is disenrolled and then reenrolled a short time later
 - No renewal to miss
 - No agency errors
- More than 5.6 million Floridians currently with Medicaid



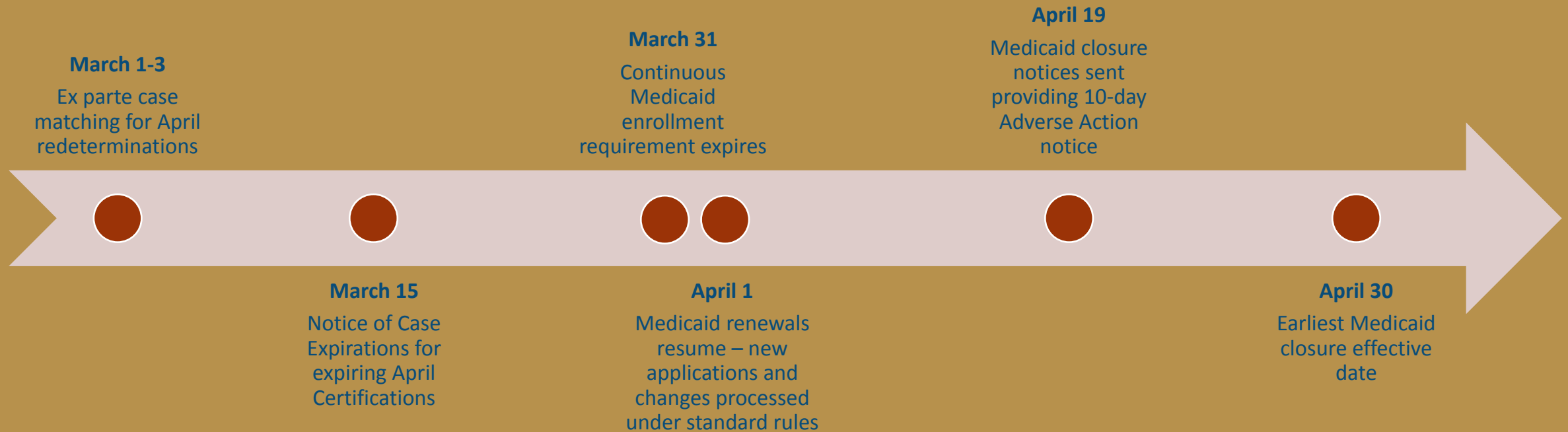
If the PHE is in effect, then why is continuous coverage “unwinding?”

- The Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) of December 2022
 - Amended FFCRA to unlink the requirement of continuous coverage from the end of the PHE
- What does this mean?
 - PHE still in effect
 - Continuous coverage requirement ending March 31, 2023
 - Medicaid Redetermination Plans



Florida's Redetermination Plan

- Begin reviewing eligibility for all Medicaid recipients in March 2023
- 12-months to complete – by April 2024
- Terminations will begin April 30, 2023
- Ex parte review > If eligibility can't be determined with current info, notice 45 days prior to renewal date
- New applications under standard rules



Florida's Timeline

Florida's Redetermination Plan

- Have been processing redeterminations - cases are flagged
 - More than 900,000 not eligible as of December 2022
 - 850,000 cases have not responded to requests for information
- Priority groups
 - Those identified as not eligible in most recent review and who haven't used Medicaid benefits in at least 12 months
 - Those previously identified as ineligible
 - SSI recipients who are determined ineligible by SSA
- Delaying review for vulnerable groups
 - Recipients under 21 diagnosed with medically complex condition
 - SSI-related institutional care and hospice care

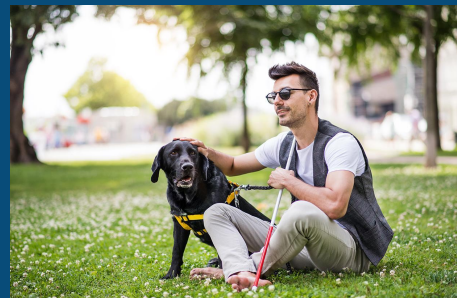
Who is most likely to lose Medicaid?

- Households with more income
- Parents/caretaker relatives whose youngest child has turned 18
- Women who received Medicaid when pregnant
- Children who moved to new age group
- Those who met their Share of Cost during coverage requirement

Those who miss notices or deadlines

Medicaid Eligibility Groups

- Family-Related
 - Parents/Caretaker relatives
 - Pregnant women
 - Children up to age 18
 - Children aged 19-21
 - Former foster youth up to 26
- SSI-Related
 - Age 65+
 - Blind
 - Disabled
- Technical Requirements: SSN, immigration status, child support cooperation, etc.



Medicaid Income Limits

Determine eligibility group

Income limit differs by group

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Base Amount} \\ & + \text{Standard Disregard} \\ & + \text{MAGI Disregard} \\ \hline & \text{Income Limit} \end{aligned}$$

No Standard disregard for children 6-18

Family Related Medicaid Income Limits												
Family	100%	Adults		Pregnant Women		Infants		Children			MNIL	MAGI Disregard (5% of 100% FPL)
Size	FPL	Parents, Caretakers, Children 19 & 20	Standard Disregard	Including PEPW		< 1		1 through 5		6 through 18 *See Note Below		
				185% FPL	Standard Disregard	200% FPL	Standard Disregard	133% FPL	Standard Disregard	133% FPL	** See Note Below	*** See Note Below
1	1,133	180	109	2,096	68	2,265	68	1,507	79	1,507	289	57
2	1,526	241	146	2,823	92	3,052	92	2,030	107	2,030	387	76
3	1,920	303	183	3,551	115	3,839	115	2,553	134	2,553	486	96
4	2,313	364	221	4,279	139	4,625	139	3,076	162	3,076	585	116
5	2,706	426	258	5,006	162	5,412	162	3,599	189	3,599	684	135
6	3,100	487	296	5,734	186	6,199	186	4,122	217	4,122	783	155
7	3,493	549	333	6,462	210	6,985	210	4,646	245	4,646	882	175
8	3,886	610	371	7,189	233	7,772	233	5,169	272	5,169	981	194
9	4,280	671	408	7,917	257	8,559	257	5,692	300	5,692	1079	214
10	4,673	733	446	8,645	280	9,345	280	6,215	327	6,215	1179	234
11	5,066	795	484	9,372	304	10,132	304	6,738	355	6,738	1279	253
12	5,460	857	522	10,100	328	10,919	328	7,261	382	7,261	1379	273
13	5,853	919	560	10,828	351	11,705	351	7,784	410	7,784	1479	293
14	6,246	981	598	11,555	375	12,492	375	8,307	437	8,307	1579	312
15	6,640	1,043	636	12,283	398	13,279	398	8,831	465	8,831	1,679	332
16	7,033	1,105	674	13,011	422	14,065	422	9,354	492	9,354	1,779	352
17	7,426	1,167	712	13,738	446	14,852	446	9,877	520	9,877	1,879	371
18	7,820	1,229	750	14,466	469	15,639	469	10,400	547	10,400	1,979	391
19	8,213	1,291	788	15,194	493	16,425	493	10,923	575	10,923	2,079	411
20	8,606	1,353	826	15,921	516	17,212	516	11,446	602	11,446	2,179	430
21	9,000	1,415	864	16,649	540	17,999	540	11,969	630	11,969	2,279	450
22	9,393	1,477	902	17,377	564	18,785	564	12,493	658	12,493	2,379	470
23	9,786	1,539	940	18,104	587	19,572	587	13,016	685	13,016	2,479	489
24	10,180	1,601	978	18,832	611	20,359	611	13,539	713	13,539	2,579	509
Additional Person	+ 394	+ 62		+ 728		+ 787		+ 524		+ 524	+ 100	
Effective Date	April 2022	April 1992		April 2022	April 2022	April 2022	April 2022	April 2022	April 2022	April 2022	January 2014	April 2022

What to Watch for

DCF's failure to place in new coverage group

- Turned 65
- Blind/disabled
- Medically Needy Program
 - Share of Cost = Monthly Income – MNIL (see A-7)
- Medicaid Family Planning Waiver Program
 - Women age 14-55 losing Medicaid because of eligibility
 - Income less than 191% FPL

Due Process Issues

- Improper notices – failure to inform of reason for termination or appeal rights
- Attempts at informal resolution to dissuade exercising appeal rights

Appeal deadlines

- 90 days
- 10 days to keep benefits through appeal

Other Coverage Options

- Florida KidCare – low-cost insurance for kids
- Medically Needy Program
- Medicare
- Federally Subsidized Health Programs (Marketplace)
- Commercial Coverage
- Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Free and Charitable Clinics

What to do now:

- Update address and other information
 - [ACCESS Florida Account](#) (application, notices, respond to requests)
 - DCF's Virtual Assistant
 - Provide phone number to receive text reminder when redetermination due
- Check redetermination date starting March 1
- Keep an eye out for **YELLOW STRIPED** notice
 - Respond to requests
- If no longer eligible
 - [Apply for SSA if disabled](#)
 - [Contact a Federally Certified Navigator](#)
 - Find an [FQHC](#) or [FCC](#)
 - [FL Discount Drug Card Program FloridaRXCard.com](#)

What not to do:



- Panic
- Ignore notices
- File a new application before redetermination date
- Call the call center for things you can do online

Resources

- DCF's Policy Manual
 - A-7 Family-Related Medicaid Income Chart
- DCF's Redetermination page
 - Redetermination Plan
- Family Medicaid Fact Sheet
- Make an in-person appointment
- DCF How-to Videos
 - Create and Manage the Online Account
 - Apply for, Renew, or Change Benefits
 - Upload and View Documents, Notices, and Cards
 - Paperless: E-mail Notifications and Online Notices



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K2I

Keys to Independence



What is Keys to Independence (K2I)?

Managed by Embrace Families, a non-profit agency, based in Central Florida, that places a high priority on independent living initiatives that lead to a successful transition into adulthood.

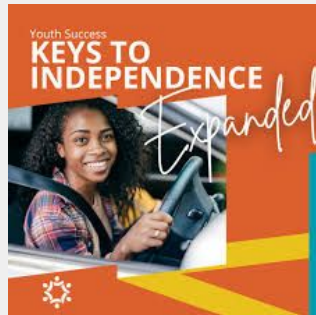
Why we started the program

- Promote normalcy for teens and young adults
- Remove barriers in obtaining a driver's license
- Encourage independence and support learning of valuable life skills



K2I Program Expansion

- House Bill 1577 was enacted into law April 2022 and became effective July 1, 2022.
- The state-wide expansion of the K2I Program now includes an eligible Certified Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (UHY) who is a citizen of the U.S. or legal resident of Florida; and youth experiencing homelessness
- K2I is funded by the Department of Children & Families.



K2I Eligibility Requirements

- Certified Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (UHY) per s. 743.067, F.S.
 - An individual who is 16 of age or older;
 - Not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian, including a youth who has run away from home, who has been forced to leave his or her home, or whose parents have left the area and left the youth behind
- Meets the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Definition of Homeless Children and Youth (s. 725(1)(A))

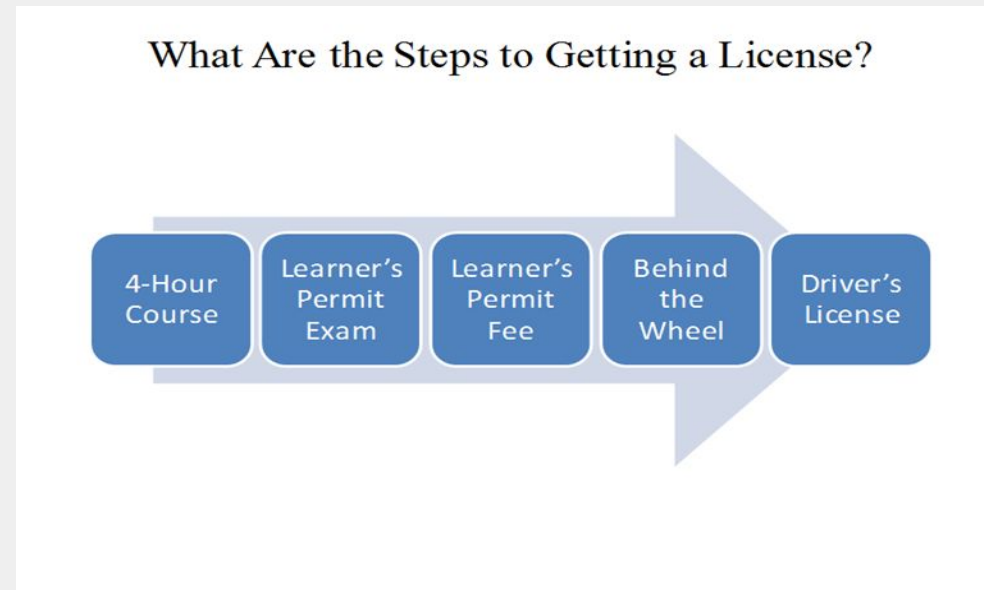
Who can verify a youth?

- A School District Homeless Liaison
- Director or designee of an emergency shelter funded by US Dept of Housing and Urban Development
- Director or designee of a runaway or homeless center or transitional living program funded by US Dept of Health and Human Services
- A Continuum of Care Lead Agency or its designee

K2I Services & Support

K2I Provides the following services:

- Prepaid Testing Codes (for the online 4-Hour Course & Permit Exam)
- Behind the Wheel Driving Lessons with certified driving schools
- Partner with driving schools that offer pick-up/drop-off service & Road Test
- Reimbursement of certain DHSMV Fees (exam & license fees)
- *For qualifying youth* Assistance with auto insurance



Money, Money, Money, Moneeey!

AKA: Incentives!

Reach milestones and earn money while working towards you driver's license!

- \$50 gift card for completing the 4-Hour Course
- \$50 gift card for earning a permit
- \$50 gift card for earning a driver's license

Simply send a copy of 4-hour drug and alcohol course certificate, permit, and driver's license to the Keys Team

GRAND TOTAL: \$150 Just for earning your driver's license



How to Verify and Apply?

Easily submit an application, here:

<https://keystoindependencefl.com/apply/>

The application will also require a submission of the McKinney-Vento verification letter.

If the youth is not verified through McKinney-Vento, you can easily complete and submit a verification letter via DocuSign, here:

[DocuSign](#)

K2I Verification Letter



Re: Date of Birth:
Name (First, Middle Initial, Last) of Youth (MM/DD/YYYY)
Please type or print clearly.

Current Mailing Address of Youth (if none, please list name, mailing address, and telephone number of current contact):

(Name) (Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code) (Telephone)

Per Section 743.067, Florida Statutes, I am authorized to certify that this youth is an unaccompanied homeless youth based on the circumstance(s) identified below (check all that are appropriate):

- The above-named youth meets the definition of an unaccompanied homeless youth per section 743.067(1), Florida Statutes, as "an individual who is 16 years of age or older and is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian, including a youth who has run away from home, who has been forced to leave his or her home, or whose parents have left the area and left the youth behind."
- The above-named youth meets the definition of homeless children and youths in s. 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (MVA)*, 42 U.S.C. §11434(a), and is eligible for services pursuant to the MVA, 42 U.S.C. §11431-11435 because the youth lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence including:
 - sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;
 - is living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
 - is living in emergency or transitional shelter or was abandoned at a hospital;
 - has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
 - is living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations or similar settings;
 - is a migratory child who qualifies as homeless because the child is living in circumstances described above.

*A youth who meets the definition of homeless child and youth in s. 725 of the MVA may be eligible for federal assistance provided through the Act.

I am providing this form of certification as the (please check one):

- School district's liaison for homeless children and youths
- The director of an emergency shelter program funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, or the director's designee
- The director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, or the director's designee A continuum of care lead agency, or its designee
- I, as authorized above, also hereby certify that the above-named youth was identified as an unaccompanied homeless youth on

(MM/DD/YYYY)

Printed Name of Certifying Individual Signature Date Signed



We have come a long way in Florida.

Actively enrolled today: 3,100

Youth served during life of the program: 8,300 and climbing

Learner's permits earned for the life of program: over 2,200

Driver's licenses earned for the life of program: over 1,200

Our goal is to make this same impact with our UHY and youth experiencing homelessness!

<https://www.fox35orlando.com/news/paying-it-forward-keys-to-independence-helping-foster-kids-drive>

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Questions?

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YHDP & HMIS

How Youth & Young Adults are Identified in HMIS

YHDP Update

- Awarded \$8.4 million to prevent and end youth and young adult homelessness
- Granted 6 months of planning- Coordinated Community Plan due to HUD April 24,2023
 - Established a Community Planning Team
 - Statement of Need, Vision, Mission and Goals
- March Planning Focus
 - Evaluate our Youth Service System Map
 - Identify new projects to Fund
- May- Local RFP Process
- June/July- Agencies are selected for all projects

Key Points to Keep in Mind Regarding HMIS Numbers

- Understanding the “Relationship to Head of Household” for counting Households
- Understanding how **Project Types** evaluate Homelessness differently:
 - Emergency Shelters (ES), Transitional Housing (TH) & Street Outreach (SO) - All enrollments count participants’ as Homeless
 - Coordinated Entry (CE), Supportive Services Only (SSO) & Other (OT) - Use “Prior Living Situation” to determine Homeless status
 - Rapid Re-housing (RRH) & Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) - Use the “Housing Move-In Date” to determine Homeless status

Understanding the YHDP Data Pull from HMIS

- Uses enrollments from the last completed FY: 10/01/2021 to 09/30/2022
- Includes enrollments from all Project Types
- Uses enrollments where the participants' Relationship to Head of Household = "Self" and their Age is between 15 to 24

Statement of Need: Central Florida Commission on Homelessness

Served 916 YYA HH between the ages of 15-24.

Population	Data Source(s) 10/1/21-9/30/22	Estimates of # of Youth
<i>At-risk unaccompanied youth* 18-24</i>	HMIS HP, CE, SSO & OT Enrollments	363
<i>Unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness* 18-24</i>	HMIS ES, TH, PSH, RRH, CE, SSO & OT	630
<i>At-risk pregnant or parenting youth 18-24*</i>	HMIS HP, CE, SSO & OT Enrollments	34
<i>Parenting Youth experiencing</i>	HUD: Stella P ES, TH, PSH, RRH	100

All Youth & Young Adult Enrollments by Project Type

Project Type	Count of Enrollments	Unique Participants Within Project Type
Emergency Shelter (ES)	349	288
Transitional Housing (TH)	40	40
Street Outreach (SO)	235	200
Coordinated Entry (CE) *	340	279
Services Only (SSO) *	363	328
Other (OT) *	113	84
Rapid Re-housing (RRH) **	168	107

Unique Homeless Participants Across All Project Types = 630

Project Type	Unique Participants Within Project Type	Unique Homeless Participants (18-24)
Emergency Shelter (ES)	288	286
Transitional Housing (TH)	40	40
Street Outreach (SO)	200	196
Coordinated Entry (CE) *	279	157
Services Only (SSO) *	328	117
Other (OT) *	84	43
Rapid Re-housing (RRH) **	107	68

Unique At-Risk Participants Across All Project Types = 363

Project Type	Unique Participants Within Project Type	Unique At-Risk Participants (18-24)
Emergency Shelter (ES)	288	N/A
Transitional Housing (TH)	40	N/A
Street Outreach (SO)	200	N/A
Coordinated Entry (CE) *	279	122
Services Only (SSO) *	328	198
Other (OT) *	84	34
Rapid Re-housing (RRH) **	107	N/A

Youth & Young Adults - Race Demographics (FY: 10/01/2021 to 09/30/2022)

Race Description	Count of Participants
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	5
Asian or Asian American	8
Black, African American, or African	509
Multi-Racial	31
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	6
White	339
Client doesn't know	2
Client refused	4

Youth & Young Adults - Gender (FY: 10/01/2021 to 09/30/2022)

Gender Description	Count of Participants
Female	533
Male	372
Multiple Genders, Transgender & Other	20
Data not collected	2

Race by Gender Matrix (FY: 10/01/2021 to 09/30/2022)

Race	Gender				
	Female	Male	Multiple Genders, Transgender & Other	Data not collected	Grand Total
Black, African American, or African	326	175	8		509
White	166	162	9	2	339
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	2	3			5
Asian or Asian American	4	4			8
Multi-Racial	17	13	1		31
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	3	3			6
Data not collected	13	12	2		27
Client doesn't know	2				2
Grand Total	533	372	20	2	927

Youth Action Society Update

- Peer Specialist Position
- YAS Membership/ Recruitment
- YHDP COllaboration Feedback

Call to Action

- **Stay Engaged**

- Join the Youth Homelessness Work Group
- Attend YHDP Youth Provider Meeting *March 2nd 9am -12:30pm*
- Contact Youth Project Manager- Aja Hunter aja.hunter@hsncfl.org

- **YAS Recruitment**

- **HMIS Participation & Data Quality/Completion**

- Support website: www.hmiscfl.org
- Support request: hmis@hsncfl.org



Announcements!



Join Us!

- ✓ PROMOTE DIGNITY
- ✓ CHALLENGE STIGMA
- ✓ CHANGE THE CONVERSATION ABOUT HOMELESSNESS

Lived Experience Advisory & Advocacy Council

Within Central Florida Commission on Homelessness, there are committees comprised of our peers who have come together with the purpose of collaborating to enhance our system of care for persons within our community experiencing homelessness.

**Complete this 5-min
Interest Form right
on your phone!**



**For Q&A, email Rashad at:
l.rashad.haynes@hscnfl.org**





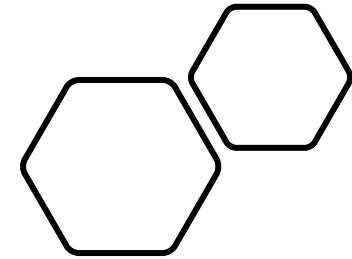
Join Us!

We believe in empowering the youth of today to help shape the safe spaces youth seek while experiencing homelessness. Join the Youth Action Society (YAS) and make the change.

Contact Aja Hunter to Join:
aja.hunter@hsncfl.org



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SERVICES
NETWORK
of Central Florida





Need PPE?

Let HSN meet your PPE needs!

- Reusable and Disposable Masks
- Hand Sanitizer
- Gloves
- Need any? Let us know!

Contact

Christopher.Fowler@hsncfl.org to
arrange a pickup

Next

Tuesday, March 28th,
2023

Meeting.

9 to 10:30 am

Location: Online

