



# Monthly Members Meeting

April 25th, 2023



Welcome!

# Agenda

**Welcome & Introductions**

**Community Workshop on Human Trafficking - Preview**, Tomas Lares

**COAST – Community Outreach and Support Team**, Deputy Caitlin Willis & Lt. Brad McDaniel

**System Ops – Myths about Coordinated Entry**, Jackie Ebert

**Conversations around the VISPDAT – What's Next?**, Jackie Ebert

**YHDP – Reflection and Next Steps**, Aja Hunter

**Announcements**

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# Community Workshop on Human Trafficking

Tomas Lares





# COAST Homeless Initiative

## Specialized Services Section

***Sheriff Dennis M. Lemma***



***SHERIFF***  
***SEMINOLE COUNTY***

**Lieutenant Brad McDaniel**  
**Deputy Sheriff Caitlin**  
**Willis**





*Community Outreach And Support Team*

### Our Mission Statement

“To continue to engage in the community and bridge the gap between our homeless population and our supportive network of partners.”



**SCSO SEMINOLE NEIGHBORHOOD  
POLICING**

Lieutenant Brad McDaniel  
Deputy Caitlin Willis  
Deputy Mike Aprile  
Community Outreach Admin Kenneth  
Bentley

**SCSO CORRECTIONS**

Captain Stacy Heath  
Lieutenant Shannon Seiple  
Homeless Re-entry Coordinator Tyler  
Kingsland  
Program Coordinator Inmate Programs  
Jennifer Hernandez

**SCSO PROBATION**

Manager Lisa Zucker  
Supervisor Allison Catalfamo  
Probation Officer Carl Noe

**COAST PARTNERS:**

Altamonte Springs Police Department, Sanford Police Department, The Sharing Center, Hope Helps, Harvest Time, Salt Outreach, Central Florida Catholic Charities, Homeless Services Network, Step-Up on Second, Aspire Health Partners, Recovery House, Rescue Outreach Mission, Walmart Health, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Outreach, Central Florida Home for Good, Meals on Wheels etc., Bueno Pharmacy, The Action Church, and Seminole County Government



# COAST Initiatives

- Continuing Building the Team
- Training of Front Line Deputies
- External Awareness
- Connect with Non-Profits
- Identify Additional Resources
- Outreach-Camp Visits (SCORE & Behavioral Health)
- Monthly Meetings

# THE STATS

From January 1 – December 31, 2022, 948 individuals were documented as homeless within Seminole County.

These individuals were documented during an encounter with either a Sheriff's Office Deputy or Municipal Police Officer.

In total, there were 2,613 documented contacts, with some of the aforementioned 948 individuals being contacted multiple times throughout the year.

Overall, the number of individuals documented as homeless increased by 109 (13% increase) compared to last year.

There were 10 homeless families contacted within Seminole County in 2022.

The number of contacts with homeless families have increased by 3 compared to last year (7).



# THE STATS

From March 1 – 31, 2023, **261 individuals** were documented as homeless within Seminole County. These individuals were documented during an encounter with either a Sheriff's Office Deputy or Municipal Police Officer. The number of individuals documented as homeless **increased by 63** (32% increase) from the previous month, and **decreased by 31** (11% decrease) compared to the same time last year.

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From March 1 – 31, 2023, **23 homeless individuals** were reported to have overdosed within the past month. The number of overdoses **decreased by 12** (34% decrease) from the same time period last year.



# COAST

Special Thank You to  
Kim Fogel with Central Florida  
Home for Good



Ms. Lovett, Demani, John





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# Questions or Suggestions

# MYTHS ABOUT COORDINATED ENTRY

Jackie Ebert





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# Conversations around the **VISPDAT** What's Next?

Jackie Ebert

# The VI-SPDAT

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Why are we talking about the VI-  
SPDAT?

# How do we (CoC 507) use the VI-SPDAT?

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- With length of time homeless, to prioritize participants for all supportive housing services
- Additionally, to assist w/ supportive housing eligibility determination (must meet threshold scores for each program)

# What is the VI-SPDAT

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- Vulnerability Index - Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool
- Created in 2013 to support communities in engaging people experiencing homelessness, identifying what the next steps might be for each household based on their unique situation, and to assist with identifying the 'most vulnerable' to be served first
- Meant to help determine if an individual has a high, moderate, or low acuity
- Self-reported survey
- Different versions
  - Individuals
  - Families
  - Youth



8. Does anybody force or trick you to do things that you do not want to do? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused
9. Do you ever do things that may be considered to be risky like exchange sex for money, run drugs for someone, have unprotected sex with someone you don't know, share a needle, or anything like that? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR RISK OF EXPLOITATION.

SCORE:

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## C. Socialization & Daily Functioning

10. Is there any person, past landlord, business, bookie, dealer, or government group like the IRS that thinks you owe them money? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused
11. Do you get any money from the government, a pension, an inheritance, working under the table, a regular job, or anything like that? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "YES" TO QUESTION 10 OR "NO" TO QUESTION 11, THEN SCORE 1 FOR MONEY MANAGEMENT.

SCORE:

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12. Do you have planned activities, other than just surviving, that make you feel happy and fulfilled? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "NO," THEN SCORE 1 FOR MEANINGFUL DAILY ACTIVITY.

SCORE:

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13. Are you currently able to take care of basic needs like bathing, changing clothes, using a restroom, getting food and clean water and other things like that? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "NO," THEN SCORE 1 FOR SELF-CARE.

SCORE:

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# How we got here

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- 2008: Congress funds RRH for Homeless Families Demonstration. For the first time, HUD requires some form of “centralized intake” and a standard assessment tool for CoCs to receive funds for the program
- 2012: Through the CoC Program Interim Rule, centralized intake systems became a regulatory requirement. HUD did not prescribe a particular tool or practice, only provided guidance on what systems should look like.
- 2013: OrgCode and Community Solutions release the first version of the VI-SPDAT. At the time, a number of surveys and vulnerability indices were put into use across the country
- Dec 2020: OrgCode announces that they were beginning process of discontinuing the VI-SPDAT  
*[https://endhomelessness.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/NextGenTools\\_VISPDATBrief\\_08-30-22.pdf](https://endhomelessness.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/NextGenTools_VISPDATBrief_08-30-22.pdf)*

# Critiques of the VI-SPDAT

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- Studies have identified unintended racial disparities in survey outcomes
- Questions are difficult to ask, and be asked
  - Questions are insensitive and can be retraumatizing
- Not community specific
  - Needs to be tailored to the unique concerns and demographics of the Central Florida

# What other communities are using other than the VI-SPDAT

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- Decision trees
- Creation of new prioritization tool
  - May have some overlapping questions w/ VI-SPDAT (e.g., Austin ECHO)
  - VI-SPDAT +
- Accounting for assessor(s)
- Incorporating and prioritizing lived experience

# Re-thinking use of the VI-SPDAT

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- Community kick-off meeting : May 16th 9:30 - 10:30 (virtual - there will be recording)
- If interested in attending please sign-up here: <https://forms.gle/JGYxkrWQvLZhBi5L8>



# Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program

Reflection and Next  
Steps

*Brighter Days for  
Brighter Futures*



Central Florida CoC-FL 507  
Coordinated Community Plan  
Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program

# Updates

- CoC FL-507 Submitted YHDP on April 24, 2023
- Projects to be funded
- Upcoming meetings regard RFA process within the first 2 weeks of May
  - Survey of intent will be released
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- Full Plan will be emailed to CoC

Youth Focused HMIS (HSN)	Youth Focused CE (HSN)
Host Home/Kinship Care	Centralized Diversion Fund
Youth Cross System Navigators	Drop-In Center/Outreach
Youth-focused Permanent Supportive Housing	Joint TH-RRH

# YAS Reflection

Juli and Jada



# Collaboration is Key



## Need:

- members with lived experience serving as advisors
- partners to unite under a clear vision and mission
- to share resources across organizations
- **more partnerships!!!!**



# Call to Action

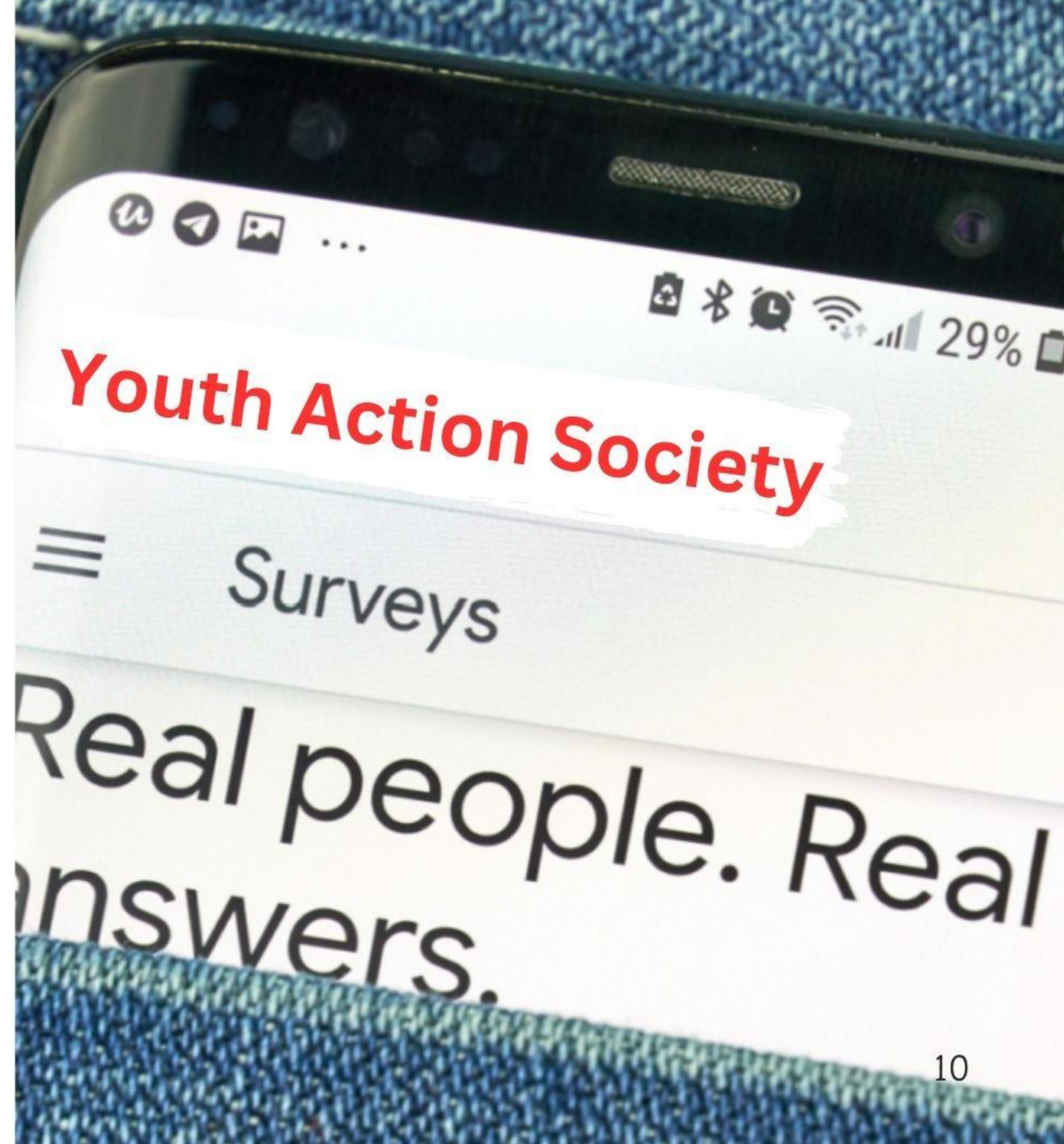
Partner with youth, young adults, and  
adults with lived experience!  
Surveys and Youth Advisory Boards





# How to create a survey...

- Surveys should be used to better understand the population.
- They should be specific to understand, meet and address the needs of youth and young adults.
- Survey results must be analyzed and discussed in participation with population surveyed.





# Youth Advisory Board

How to build?

1. **A body of dedicated youth with lived experience:** who understand their role, purpose, and have community goals within their line of sight.
2. **Facilitating the creation of governing documents:** by-laws, and group agreements to be referenced and reassessed as needed. The creation of standards as a group and honoring those standards creates a shared accountability.
3. **Equitable compensation:** No one works for free!





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# Youth Homelessness Workgroup Interest Form





# YOUTH ACTION SOCIETY

OF CENTRAL FLORIDA



# Announcements !



Hosted by Orange County Public Schools, the Central Florida Homeless Education Summit (CFHES) allows school staff from Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties to learn from local agencies and district staff about how to support students and families in need.

PRESENT



ATTEND



PROMOTE (EXPO HALL)



CENTRAL FLORIDA HOMELESS EDUCATION SUMMIT  
JUNE 2ND, 2023  
8:00AM-5:00PM  
WINDERMERE HIGH SCHOOL  
QUESTIONS: [HELPHOMELESS@OCPS.NET](mailto:HELPHOMELESS@OCPS.NET)



# FREE NUTRITION CLASSES



## SNAP-Ed Nutrition Education

Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida is now offering SNAP-Ed Nutrition Education classes at partner organizations that serve clients receiving SNAP benefits or those eligible for SNAP benefits. Nutrition education can help SNAP-eligible Florida residents to incorporate more nutritious foods into their diet, adopt an active lifestyle, prevent chronic disease, manage a healthy weight and improve their quality of life. Classes are available for various age groups, such as youth/teens, families with children, adults and seniors.

### Nutrition class information

- ◊ Classes are free
- ◊ Classes run approximately 20 minutes
- ◊ Schedule the classes when it's convenient for your organization
- ◊ Marketing materials provided
- ◊ Cooking demonstration supplies are provided
- ◊ Class curriculum is approved by Department of Children and Families (DCF)
- ◊ Educators can teach multiple classes at your facility
- ◊ Handouts are available in English, Spanish and Creole

### Available class topics

- ◊ Shopping and cooking healthy on budget
- ◊ How to read nutrition labels
- ◊ Reducing fat, sugar & sodium
- ◊ Diabetes, know the risks
- ◊ Gut health
- ◊ Choosing to eat whole foods
- ◊ Keep moving
- ◊ Healthy portion and serving sizes
- ◊ And more!

### For more information: Contact the SNAP-Ed Nutrition Educator for your county

**ORANGE & LAKE**  
Shavanna Burt-Miller  
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# SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK



**40 YEARS** Second Harvest FOOD BANK OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

## CULINARY TRAINING PROGRAM

The Second Harvest Culinary Training Program is a 16-week continuing education opportunity offering adults facing barriers to employment with the culinary and life skills training needed to pursue a full-time sustainable career in the food industry, and is free of charge to qualified applicants.

### ENROLL TODAY!

Applications are being accepted for the following sessions:

**Session Dates**  
May 8 – August 25, 2023  
July 31 – November 17, 2023  
October 23 – February 23, 2024  
*Start dates are subject to change.*

**Application Deadlines**  
May 1, 2023  
July 24, 2023  
October 16, 2023

**Class Schedule**  
Monday - Friday  
8:30 AM - 2:00 PM  
Onsite at Second Harvest Food Bank

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 18 years of age
- Authorized to work in the United States
- Have experienced financial instability (unemployment, low wage, government assistance, etc.) during the last 12 months
- Must not possess a criminal history involving arson, sexual battery or violent crimes. All other criminal activity records will be considered on a case-by-case basis
- Must agree to disclose and provide criminal history records
- Must agree to a background check and drug test
- Must be drug and alcohol-free for at least one year prior to the application and enrolled in a rehabilitation support program
- High School Diploma or G.E.D. preferred, or the ability to meet minimum aptitude requirements based on curriculum needs
- Demonstrate an enthusiasm for and willingness to commit to the Program and food service industry
- Must have the physical ability to perform required kitchen duties as assigned, including standing for long periods of time, lifting (which may include up to 50 lbs.), bending and, on occasion, working in rooms with cool temperatures (below 40°F)
- Must be able to attend classes Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., for 16 weeks
- Must be willing and able to work full-time upon completion of the Program

### HOW TO APPLY

**In Person:** 411 Mercy Drive, Orlando, FL 32805  
**Online:** Fill out the pre application form at [FeedHopeNow.org/CTPapp](https://FeedHopeNow.org/CTPapp)



For more information please contact: Keonna Yearwood, [KYearwood@FeedHopeNow.org](mailto:KYearwood@FeedHopeNow.org), (407) 514-1037, or Katrina McGee, [KMcGee@FeedHopeNow.org](mailto:KMcGee@FeedHopeNow.org), (407) 514-1071.





# 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@hsncfl.org](mailto:l.rashad.haynes@hsncfl.org)**



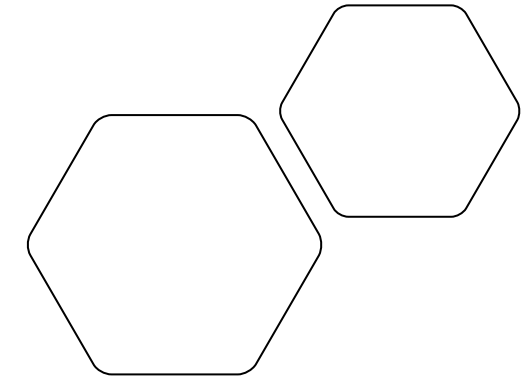




*Join Us!*

**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](mailto:aja.hunter@hsncfl.org)**





# 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](mailto:Christopher.Fowler@hsncfl.org)  
to arrange a pickup

# Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023  
9 to 10:30 am  
Location: Hybrid

