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BE

THAT

Sacramento Can End

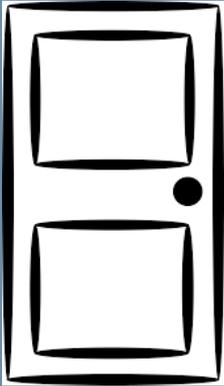
YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

CITY

COMPLY OR LEAD



Comply



**U.S. Interagency Council to End Homelessness:
Opening Doors:
2020 End Youth Homelessness**



HUD: Expand definitions
Fund innovations
End criminalization



Experienced
Providers



Community
Partnerships



Engaged
Youth

LEAD THE WAY



Demonstration
Projects

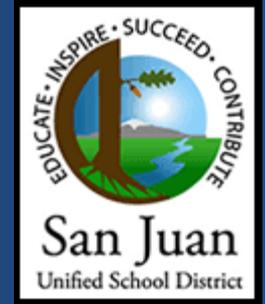


Population
Size



Growing
City

 **Lutheran Social Services** OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA



HOMELESS YOUTH

AN INDIVIDUAL BETWEEN THE AGES OF 12 AND 24, INCLUSIVE
LIVING ON THEIR OWN AND LACKING A STABLE ADDRESS.





Nearly 30%
of all homeless
youth
in the US
live in California

2015 POINT IN TIME COUNT

SACRAMENTO

313 YOUTH (18-24) IN SHELTERS OR UNSHELTERED

15% OF THE TOTAL HOMELESS POPULATION

65 PARENTING YOUTH

2014

13,008

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY
STUDENTS EXPERIENCED
HOMELESSNESS**

Unsheltered

**DOUBLED UP
TRIPLED UP**

Living in a Shelter

As of today:

Sacramento Community Queue

141 Youth

20% of families

headed by parent under 25

400

youth that would access shelters, transitional housing, or permanent supportive housing

IF SPACE EXISTED

Agency	Shelter	Transitional		Permanent Supportive		Rapid Rehousing
		FFY	Homeless	FFY	Homeless	
Lutheran Social Services		12		24	15	12 FFY
Wind	6 minor 6 TAY		10 pending		12	18 pending
Tubman House			8 families			12 pending
Volunteers of America		68				
Estimated Shortfall	6 minor 25 TAY	100	300		50	Included in transitional (RRH for youth is 2 years)

Shelter: 90 Day Stay

Transitional: 18 to 24 Months

Permanent Supportive: Long terms/Disability Required

Rapid Rehousing: 2 year for youth/
4-6 month for adults

FFY: Former Foster Youth

163: CURRENT STOCK

116 RESERVED FOR FORMER FOSTER YOUTH

PENDING:

30-60 RAPID REHOUSING BEDS

10 TRANSITIONAL BEDS

Housing Blend

- 71% Former Foster Youth
- 31% Require Disability
- 12% Shelter
- 5% Transitional

THE YOUTH NEED TIME.
THE SYSTEM DOESN'T GIVE IT.



**CHRONICALLY
HOMELESS**



**STREETS AND
SHELTERS**



DISABILITIES

We are offering youth a system that promotes dependency
and an identity centered on disability or homelessness.

Survey of Youth: What Do You Need?

Safe and stable place to live

Safe place to sleep at night with showers and laundry

Medical, dental, and mental health care

Job and career training

Transportation

Survey of Youth: What are barriers?

Fear of referral to police, parents, or foster care

Lack of transportation

Services not youth friendly

Parental consent / paperwork requirements

Overall lack of services



Transition age youth are adults in progress



YOUTH NEED TIME TO DEVELOP

JOB HISTORY RENTAL HISTORY CREDIT HISTORY



Youth believe that education is a pathway out.
But instability creates educational gaps .



Homeless Youth
are 3 times as likely
to be parenting

30% OF UNACCOMPANIED
FEMALE YOUTH
EXPERIENCE PREGNANCY

Youth experience high levels of victimization while couch surfing and living outdoors, including sexual exploitation and labor trafficking.

Homeless youth experience rape and assault rates 3 times higher than the general population.

Intervention Works



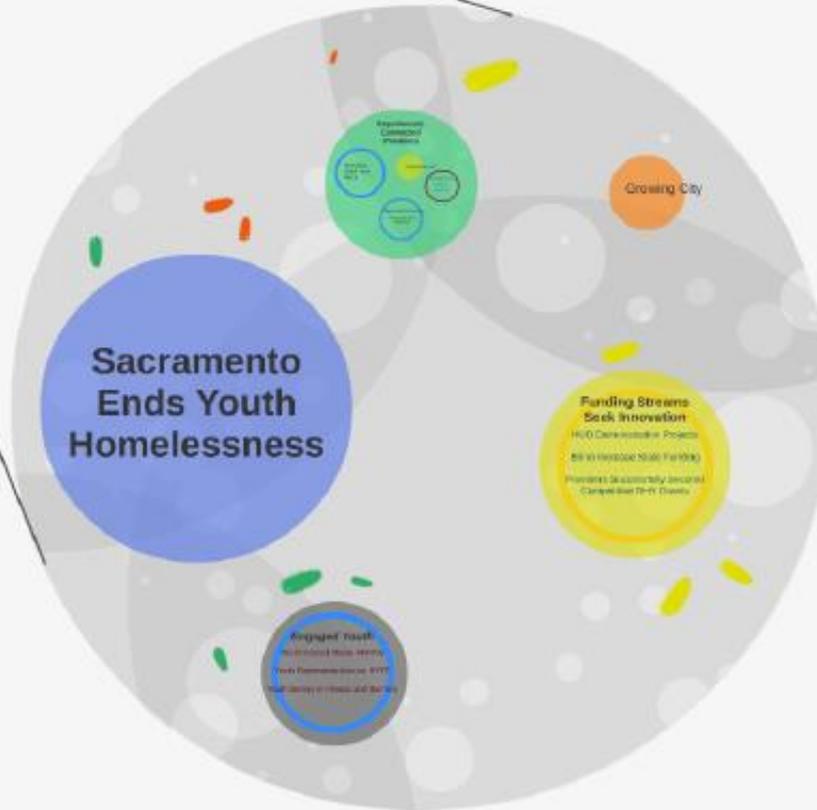


ENDING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

STEMS THE TIDE OF CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

TIMELY INTERVENTION SPARES YOUTH TRAUMA

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Experienced, Connected Providers

Homeless
Youth Task
Force

Population to Scale

Continuum of Care

Active on all
committees

Strategic Plan

Agencies Partnering

Step Up Sacramento
The Doorway

Engaged Youth

Youth Council Meets Monthly

Youth Representatives on HYTF

Youth Survey on Needs and Barriers

Funding Streams Seek Innovation

HUD Demonstration Projects

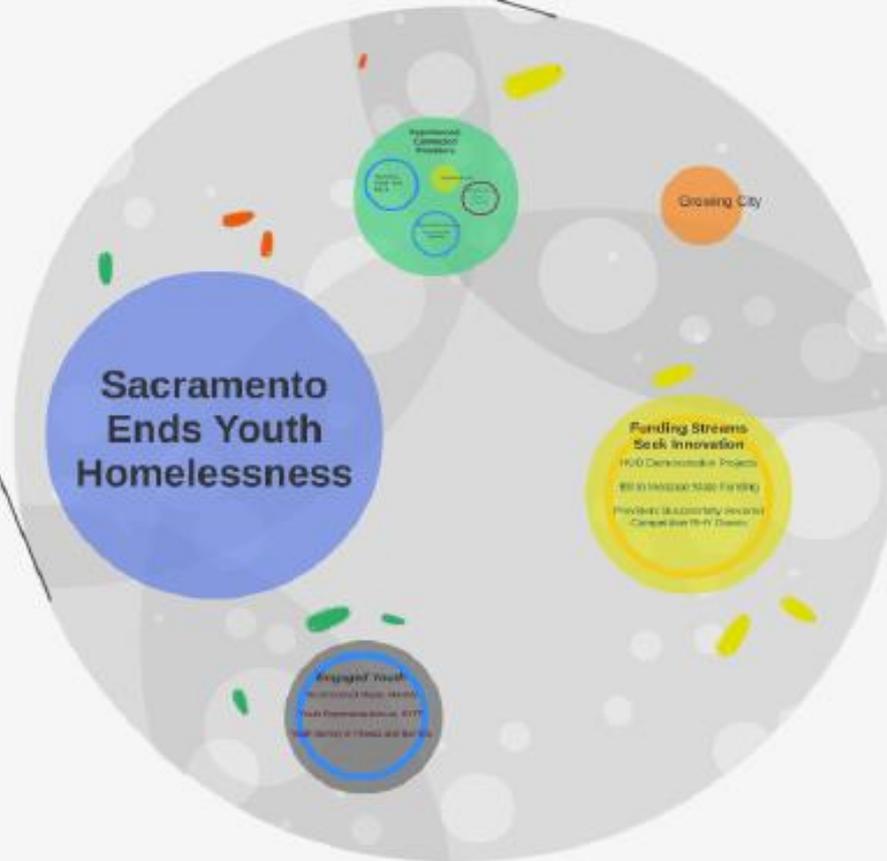
Bill to Increase State Funding

Providers Successfully Secured
Competitive RHY Grants

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Growing City

Let's Be THAT City



RECOMMENDATIONS

Recognize that the needs of homeless youth are **distinct** and **separate** from other populations in the homeless community and must be taken into account in all planning efforts.

Consider the Sacramento Homeless Youth Task Force a resource on youth homelessness in our community, and consult with the task force on city decision-making that could impact youth providers and youth experiencing homelessness.

In any funding for homeless services ensure a percentage is set aside to serve youth, with funding directed toward youth-serving agencies.

At a minimum, this percentage should be 15%, reflecting the percentage of youth within the general homeless population.

However, given the long term outcomes of early intervention, **investing in ending youth homelessness is a key to ending chronic homelessness.**

Increase capacity of shelter
beds for youth 18 to 24 to
18 beds in 2016.

Increase capacity of shelter beds for unaccompanied minors to **12 beds** by the end of 2016.

Provide local funding for
youth triage center to
provide prevention and triage
services.

Ensure that the **VI-SPDAT** for transition age youth is in use immediately in ranking youth for priority for housing. Integration of this tool, nationally recognized as the proper intake tool when scoring priority for youth, has been delayed in our community.

Create an additional
24 transitional beds
for TAY with intensive supportive
services to prepare them for
affordable housing.

Give youth time. Avoid dependency.

Increase **affordable housing**, specifically for youth. Examine possibilities of public-private partnerships to create innovative affordable housing (similar to the new LGBT senior housing)

End the criminalization

of homelessness by repealing the laws that make it illegal to sleep outside so that homeless youth can view the police as resources to escape victimization and stabilize housing.

Stay engaged with HUD as **HUD redefines services for youth** and encouraging communities to expand their lens when it comes to youth homelessness.

HUD has recommended greater nuance in defining couch bouncing and domestic violence as forms of homelessness.

HUD has also recommended that Rapid Rehousing be redesigned when applied for youth so that a two year transition is allowed.

In listening sessions, HUD has collected feedback as they prepare to fund demonstrations projects that target youth experiencing homelessness. **Let's be the project.**

400 IS MUCH MORE THAN A NUMBER.

T H E R E A R E F U T U R E S T O B E H A D .

