Youth Homelessness Grants Project Director Meeting
12/17/22

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Agenda

- Icebreaker

- Updates

- WIC Presentation

- COHHIO - Data Overview

- Closing

What is WIC

- Official name: Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children

- WIC is a preventive nutrition program

- WIC provides:
  - ➢ Nutrition education and counseling
  - ➢ Breastfeeding education and support
  - ➢ Supplemental foods
  - ➢ Referral services

Who does WIC Serve

- Women

  ➢ Who are pregnant

  ➢ Who are breastfeeding an infant up to 12 months of age

  ➢ Who have an infant under 6 months of age

- Infants

  ➢ From birth to 12 months of age

- Children

  ➢ From 1 to 5 years of age

Eligibility

- Meet Income requirements
  - ➢ 185% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (Ex: A family of 4 grossing up to $49,025 annually is income-eligible)
  - ➢ Adjunctive eligibility

- Meet Residency requirements
  - ➢ Must live in the state in which they are applying for benefits

- Have a nutrition or medical risk
  - ➢ Determined by a health professional in the clinic

WIC Outcomes

- Adequate Prenatal Care
- Healthier Birth Outcomes
- Increased Immunization Rates
- Enriched Health Care
- Better Dental Health

- Decreased Infant Mortality Rates
- Increased Rate of Breastfeeding
- Reduced Smoking
- Better Food Choices
- Lower Risk of Child Abuse/Neglect

WIC Food Benefits

- Milk / Yogurt / Cheese
- Cereals - whole grain
- Eggs
- Juice
- Canned Fish
- Canned and dry beans, and peanut butter
- Fruits and vegetables

- Whole grains (e.g., wheat bread)
- Infant cereal
- Iron fortified formula
- Commercially prepared infant fruits/vegetables and meat

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Redemption of Benefits

- Benefits issued to the WIC Nutrition Card (WNC)

- Specific to participant's nutritional needs

- WNCs can be used at more than 1,100 authorized vendor locations

- Can only purchase items/quantities that have been issued to WNC

- Items contained in a State-approved UPC database

WIC and Adapted Practices

- There are 74 projects in Ohio with clinics in all 88 counties

- 182,176 participants for Ohio (FFY20 average)

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Breastfeeding Education and Support

- It is integrated into the education of all pregnant and postpartum WIC participants

- Support is provided by local staff:

  - International Board-Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC)

  - Certified Lactation Counselor (CLC) or similar

  - Breastfeeding Peer Helpers

Breast Pumps

WIC Resources

https://odh.ohio.gov/wic

https://wicworks.fns.usda.gov/

https://www.nwica.org/

24/7 Breastfeeding Hotline

Open 24 Hours and Holidays!

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Ohio Statewide 24 Hour Breastfeeding Helpline

Operated by Appalachian Breastfeeding Network funded by the Ohio Department of Health

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BREASTFEEDING NETWORK

888-588-3423

*All persons handling phone lines are certified as CLC, CLS, or IBCLC.

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Finding a Local WIC Office

- Call 1-844-601-0365

- Text keyword localwic + zip code to 67076

- Visit www.signupwic.com/local

Eligibility Screening Tool:
https://wic.fns.usda.gov/wps/pages/preScreen
Tool.xhtml

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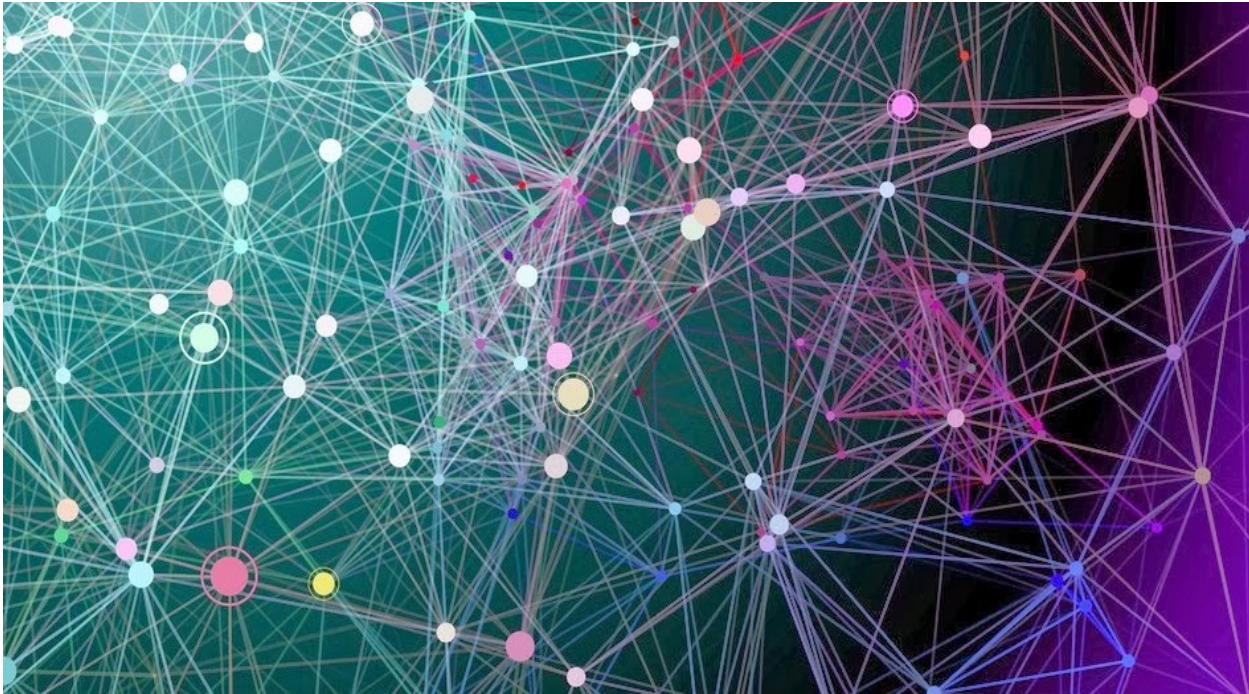
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Continuous Quality Improvement

Data-Driven Responses

Preventing and Ending Youth Homelessness, in Ohio

Lisa Brooks & Amanda Wilson

Data-Driven Response

Using facts, metrics and data to guide strategic decisions that align with shared goals and objectives.

Image source

Data-Driven Response: Importance

- Creating visibility & telling part of the story of youth homelessness

- Program sustainability
  - Consistent community response for youth

- Establishing baseline information & trends

- Intentional planning & informed decision making

- Tool to further develop, tweak, refine & build-out appropriate responses

Data-Driven Response: Inviting Lived Experience

Invite youth into the process where possible:

- Hire them =)
- Invite them to:
- Provide input & make decisions on:
  - How/what data is collected
  - Data sharing & data collaboration
  - Analysis and response
  - Creation of forms/apps/tools
  - Continuous quality improvement

Image source

Data-Driven Response: Quarter 1 Snap Shot

8 of **13** subgrantees have submitted APRs

5 project types have submitted data:

Homelessness Prevention (2)

Transitional Housing (2)

Rapid Re-Housing (2)

Supportive Services (6)

Street Outreach (1)

Transitional Living (1)

Preliminary Data

Data-Driven Response: Quarter 1 Snap Shot

Youth served in quarter 1 by project type:

Transitional Housing : 46

Rapid Re-Housing : 156

Supportive Services : 150+

100 children (primarily under age 5) have received services funded by ODH in quarter 1

Preliminary Data

Data-Driven Response: Quarter 1 Snap Shot

Living situations of youth prior to entry:

- Place not meant for habitation: 98 youth

- Temporarily with family: 108 youth

- Temporarily with friends: 56 youth

- Hotel/Motel: 4 youth

Preliminary Data

Data-Driven Response: Quarter 1 Snap Shot

Living situations of youth prior to entry :

- Emergency Shelter: 173 youth

- Transitional Housing: 23 youth

- Institutional: 9 youth

- Foster Care/Group Home: 5 youth

Preliminary Data

Data-Driven Response: Quarter 1 Snap Shot

Health Conditions reported at entry:

- Mental Health Disorder: 280

- Developmental Disability: 50

- Physical Disability: 16

Preliminary Data

Data-Driven Response: Quarter 1 Snap Shot

Health Conditions reported at entry:

- Chronic Health Conditions: 38

- Alcohol Use Disorder: 6

- Drug Use Disorder: 28

Preliminary Data

Data-Driven Response: Analyzing and Utilizing Data

What are we doing with the data?

- Analyzing and processing internally
- Sharing it with you
- Exploring provider, community and program trends
- Considering data-driven technical assistance and training for grantees
- Considering data-driven program standard development in partnership with subgrantees
- Exploring data quality and custom reporting opportunities
- Sustainability planning

Data-Driven Response: Housekeeping

- Important dates

Quarter	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Reporting Period	07/01/2021-09/30/2021	10/01/2021-12/31/2021	01/01/2022-03/31/2022	04/01/2022-06/30/2022
Data Report(s) Due Date	10/31/2021	01/31/2022	04/30/2022	07/31/2021

Upload 3 data reports in GMIS per project

Data-Driven Response: Housekeeping

- Required Reports & Formats

Annual Performance Report (APR)	Services Report	YHDP Supplemental Tool
pdf	csv	excel

All sub-grantees & contractors and are required to submit data quarterly

Data-Driven Response: Technical Assistance

Reach out to COHHIO for technical assistance & training when needed!

- Send an email to Lisa Brooks Lisabrooks@cohhio.org

- Send an email to Amanda Wilson Amandawilson@cohhio.org

- Request TA on the COHHIO website here: https://cohhio.org/programs/youth-initiative/tta/

Scroll to bottom "request form"

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