Ohio McKinney-Vento Community of Practice

Identifying and Meeting the Unique Needs of Students Experiencing Homelessness in Rural Ohio

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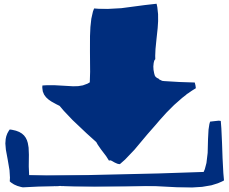

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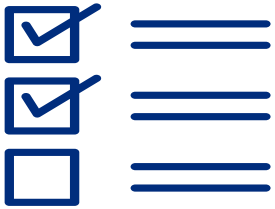

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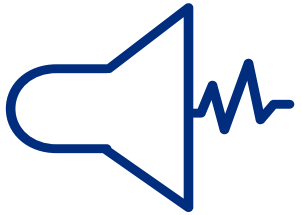

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Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- National Overview of Rural Student Homelessness (NCHE)
- Data-Driven Facts of Rural Student Homelessness (Chapin Hall)
- Local Spotlights Panel
- Reminders & Resources
- Closing

Objectives

Attendees will:

- Understand the components of COHHIO Course to HOME
- Understand the national scope of rural homelessness
- Learn best practices for meeting the needs of students experiencing homelessness in rural Ohio
- Learn resources to support students experiencing homelessness in rural Ohio
- Connect with rural peers

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Welcome!

Please say hello in the chat box and share

- Your name & pronouns
- Name of your District
- Name one small thing you appreciate about your rural community

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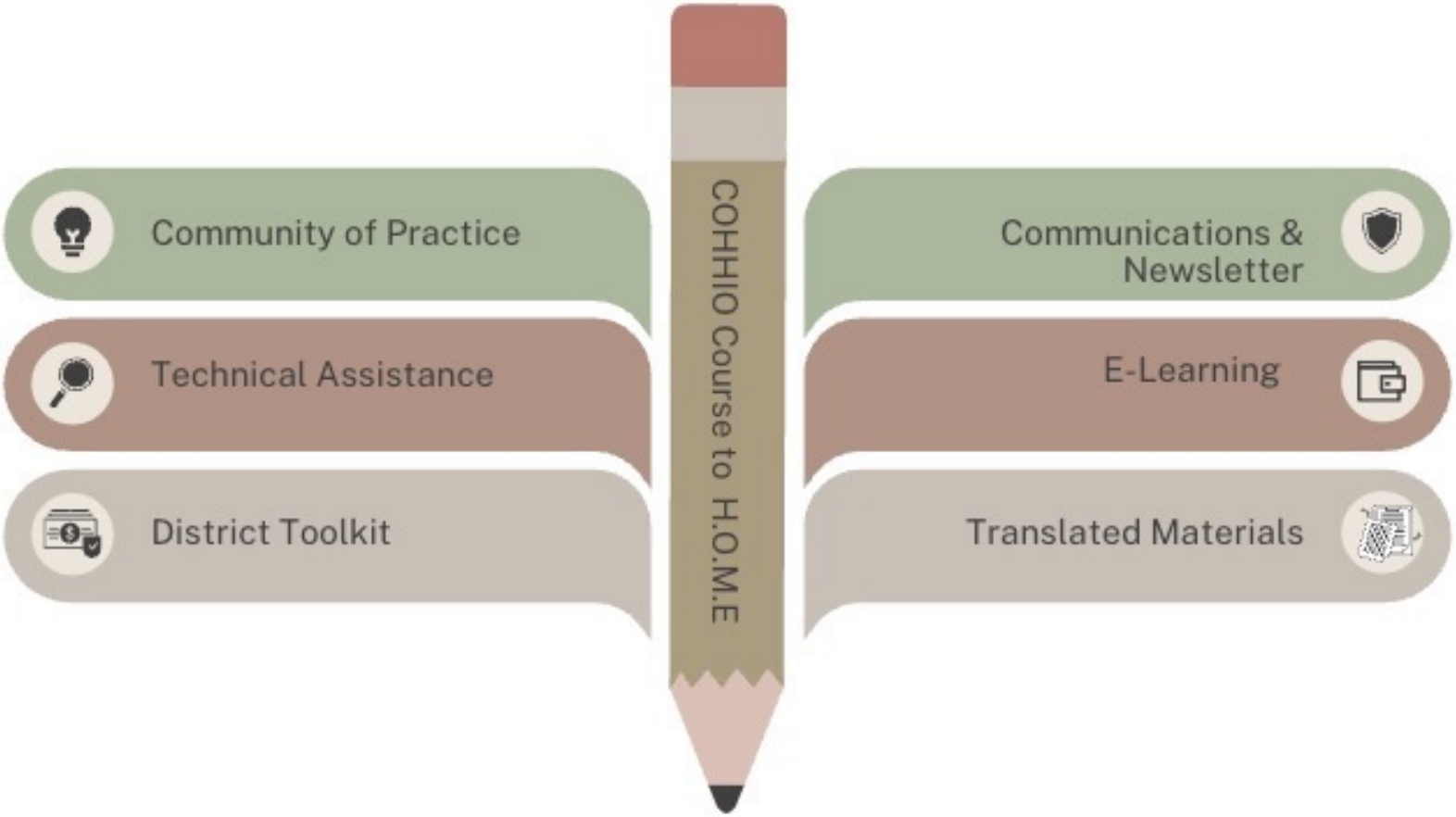


Housing. Opportunities. Meaningful. Engagement

Community of Practice Principles

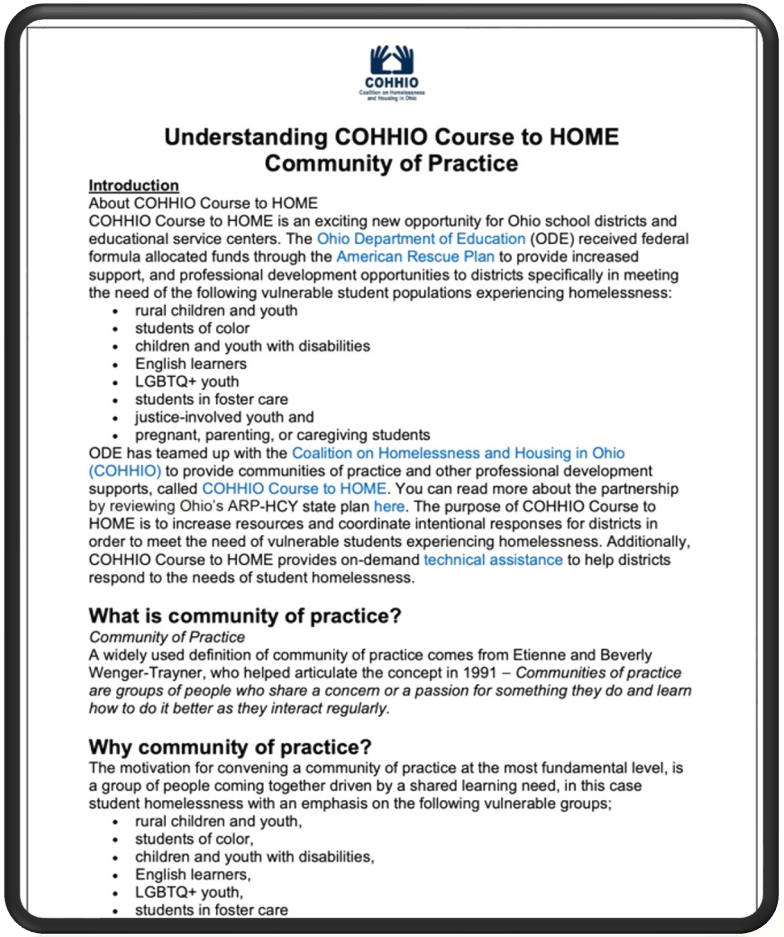
1. We recognize that all communities and districts are unique but have some shared challenges and can learn from each other's experiences
2. We embed student and family leadership in decision-making, designing and implementing strategies
3. We ensure strategies and approaches improve equity, including racial & LGBTQ+ equity
4. We are solution-oriented and creative in our planning and problem solving
5. We promote peer support and shared learning opportunities
6. We explore, develop and integrate best practices at the core of our approaches

COHHIO is here to facilitate the conversation and share knowledge learned from working with communities, not to own the space

Community of Practice Agreements

- Listen for understanding
- Check in and check out
- Expect and accept non-resolution
- Practice “both/and” thinking
- Be aware of intent and impact
- Make space, take space
- Safe Terms:
  - “ELMO”
  - “Ouch”

For more information review the Guide to Community of Practice



COHHIO

Understanding COHHIO Course to HOME Community of Practice

Introduction

About COHHIO Course to HOME

COHHIO Course to HOME is an exciting new opportunity for Ohio school districts and educational service centers. The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) received federal formula allocated funds through the American Rescue Plan to provide increased support, and professional development opportunities to districts specifically in meeting the need of the following vulnerable student populations experiencing homelessness:

- rural children and youth
- students of color
- children and youth with disabilities
- English learners
- LGBTQ+ youth
- students in foster care
- justice-involved youth and
- pregnant, parenting, or caregiving students

ODE has teamed up with the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO) to provide communities of practice and other professional development supports, called COHHIO Course to HOME. You can read more about the partnership by reviewing Ohio’s ARP-HCY state plan here. The purpose of COHHIO Course to HOME is to increase resources and coordinate intentional responses for districts in order to meet the need of vulnerable students experiencing homelessness. Additionally, COHHIO Course to HOME provides on-demand technical assistance to help districts respond to the needs of student homelessness.

What is community of practice?

Community of Practice

A widely used definition of community of practice comes from Etienne and Beverly Wenger-Trayner, who helped articulate the concept in 1991 – *Communities of practice are groups of people who share a concern or a passion for something they do and learn how to do it better as they interact regularly.*

Why community of practice?

The motivation for convening a community of practice at the most fundamental level, is a group of people coming together driven by a shared learning need, in this case student homelessness with an emphasis on the following vulnerable groups;

- rural children and youth,
- students of color,
- children and youth with disabilities,
- English learners,
- LGBTQ+ youth,
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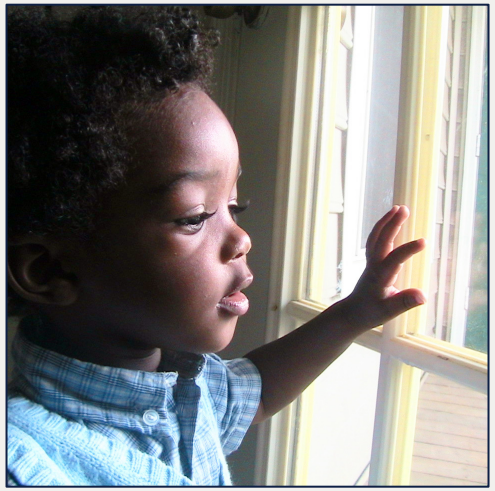

Homeless Education in Rural Areas

Ohio McKinney-Vento Community of Practice

About NCHE

NCHE operates the U.S. Department of Education's technical assistance center for the federal Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Program.

- Website: http://nche.ed.gov
- Helpline: 800-308-2145 or homeless@serve.org
- Products: https://nche.ed.gov/resources/
- Webinars: https://nche.ed.gov/group-training/
- Listserv: https://nche.ed.gov/resources/ (click *Listserv* tab)
- Twitter: @NCHEducation | Facebook: facebook.com/NCHEducation

The Myth of Urban Youth Homelessness

Urban and Rural Realities

- Rates of poverty have historically been higher in rural than urban areas.
- According to the 2019 American Community Survey, this discrepancy persists.

Poverty Rates	
Non-Metro Counties	15.4%
Metro Counties	11.9%

- Youth homelessness affects rural and urban areas alike.
- Rates of youth experiencing homelessness were similar in rural and non-rural areas.

Youth 13-17 Experiencing Homelessness	
Household Prevalence in Rural Counties	4.4%
Household Prevalence in Urban Counties	4.2%

VOICES OF YOUTH COUNT

"The lack of evidence of what works in supporting young people in rural contexts limits our ability to identify effective programs or practices to serve them."

Relationships and Rigor

- Identification
  - Examine your local data to help evaluate the need for outreach and/or improved identification in your community.
    - 2.5% of the overall student population
  - Build relationships with community agencies such as domestic violence shelters
- Services
  - Focus on student outcomes
  - “Nothing about us without us”

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Research on Rural Youth Homelessness: Challenges and Strategies

Presentation to the Ohio McKinney-Vento Community of Practice

Dr. Matt Morton

May 18, 2020

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Chapin Hall's Voices of Youth Count study revealed a broad & hidden challenge of youth homelessness in America

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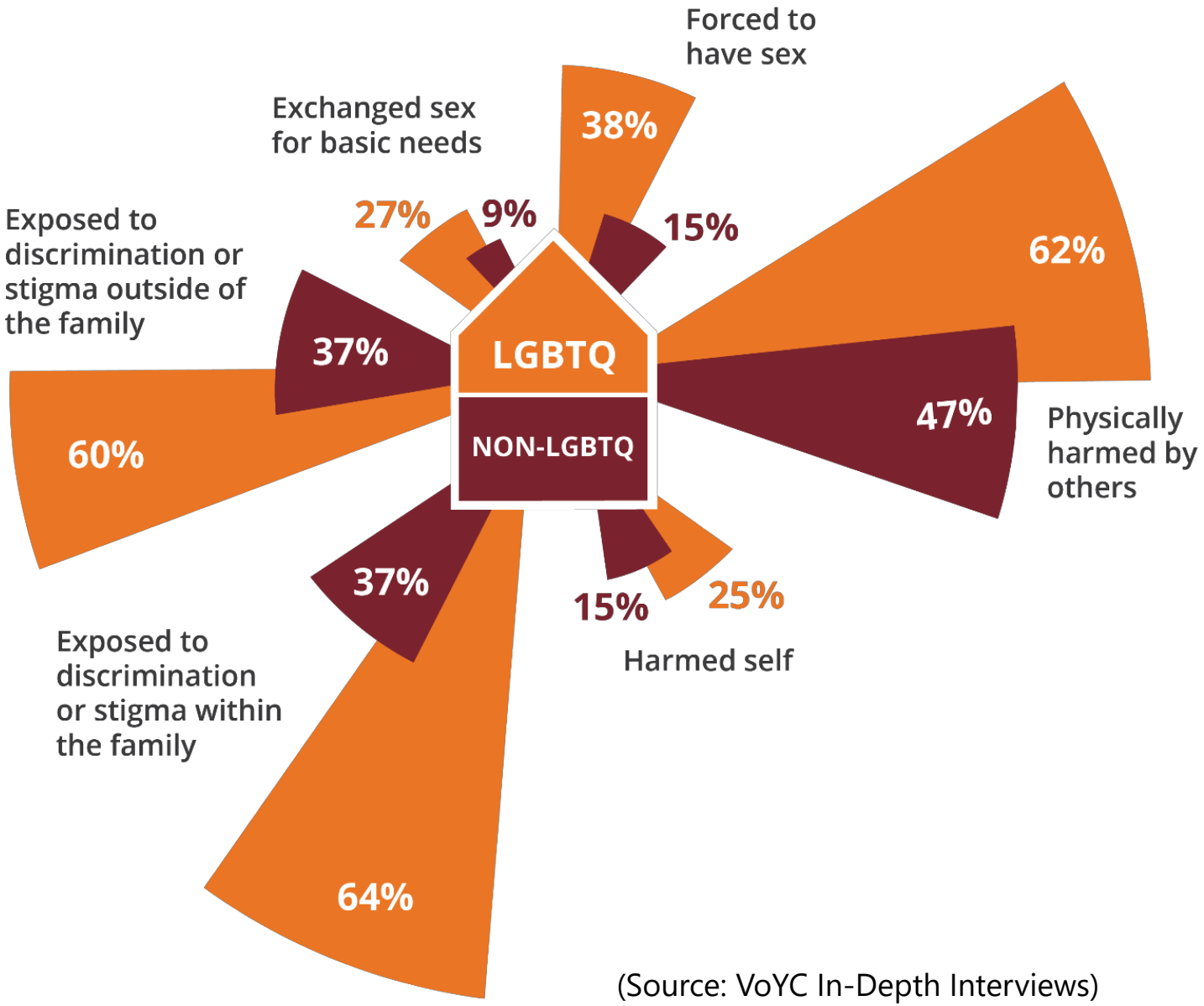
Survey data underscore invisible homelessness in schools

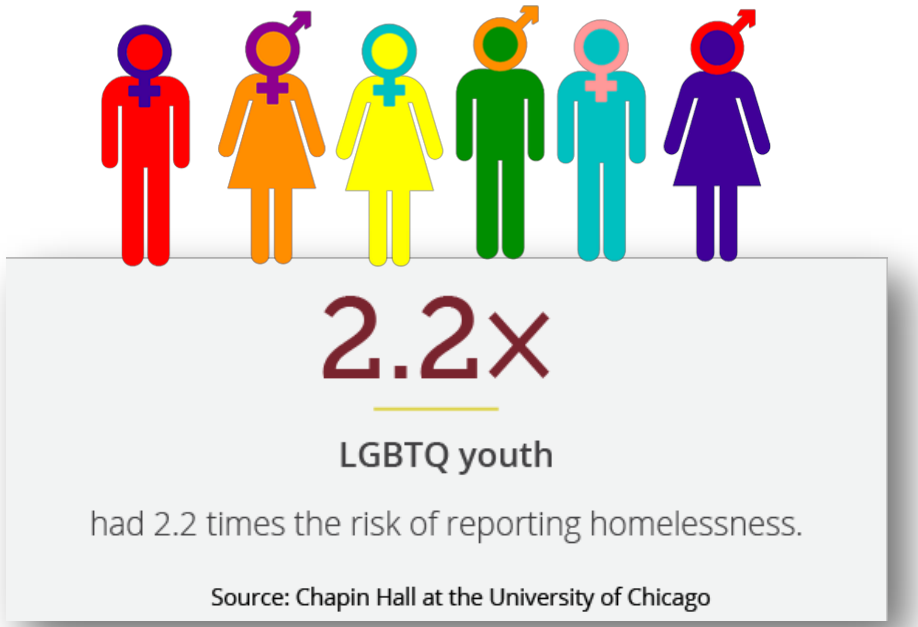
- **5.2%** of high school students reported homelessness in SY 2018-19 in surveys

- That's over twice the rate of students reported by schools as experiencing homelessness (2.3%)

Data: SchoolHouse Connection's analysis of 2019 YRBS data from 27 states (AK, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, HI, ID, IL, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MI, MT, NH, NM, NC, ND, PA, RI, SC, SD, VT, VA, WI)

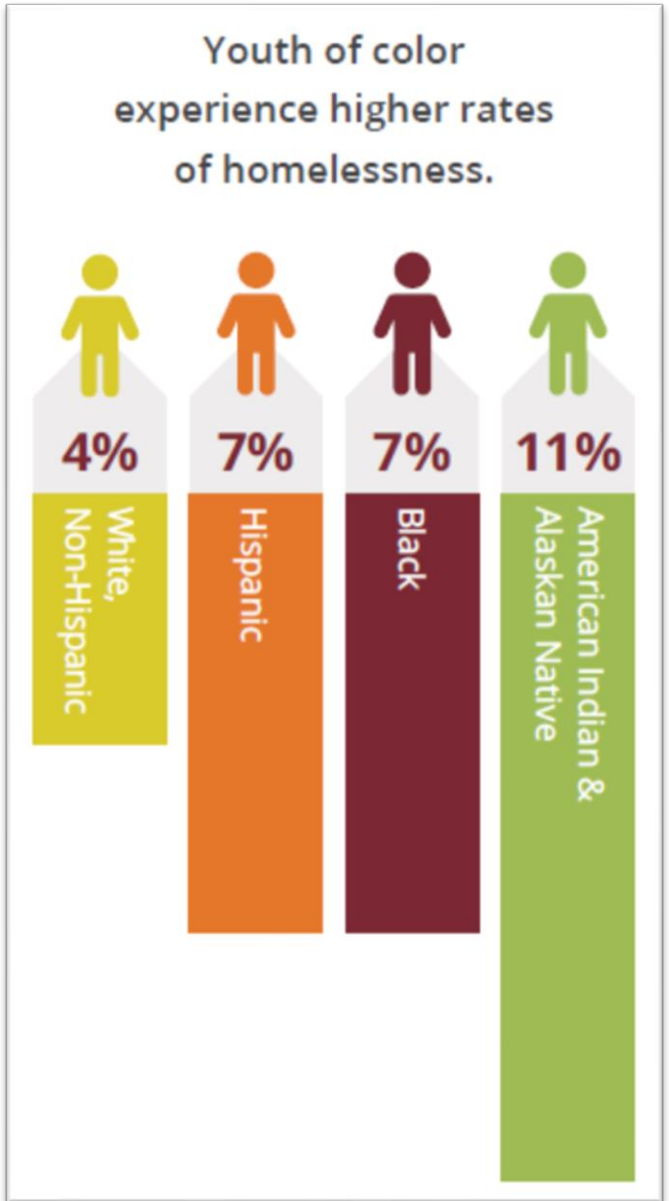
LGBTQ youth come into systems with more adversities



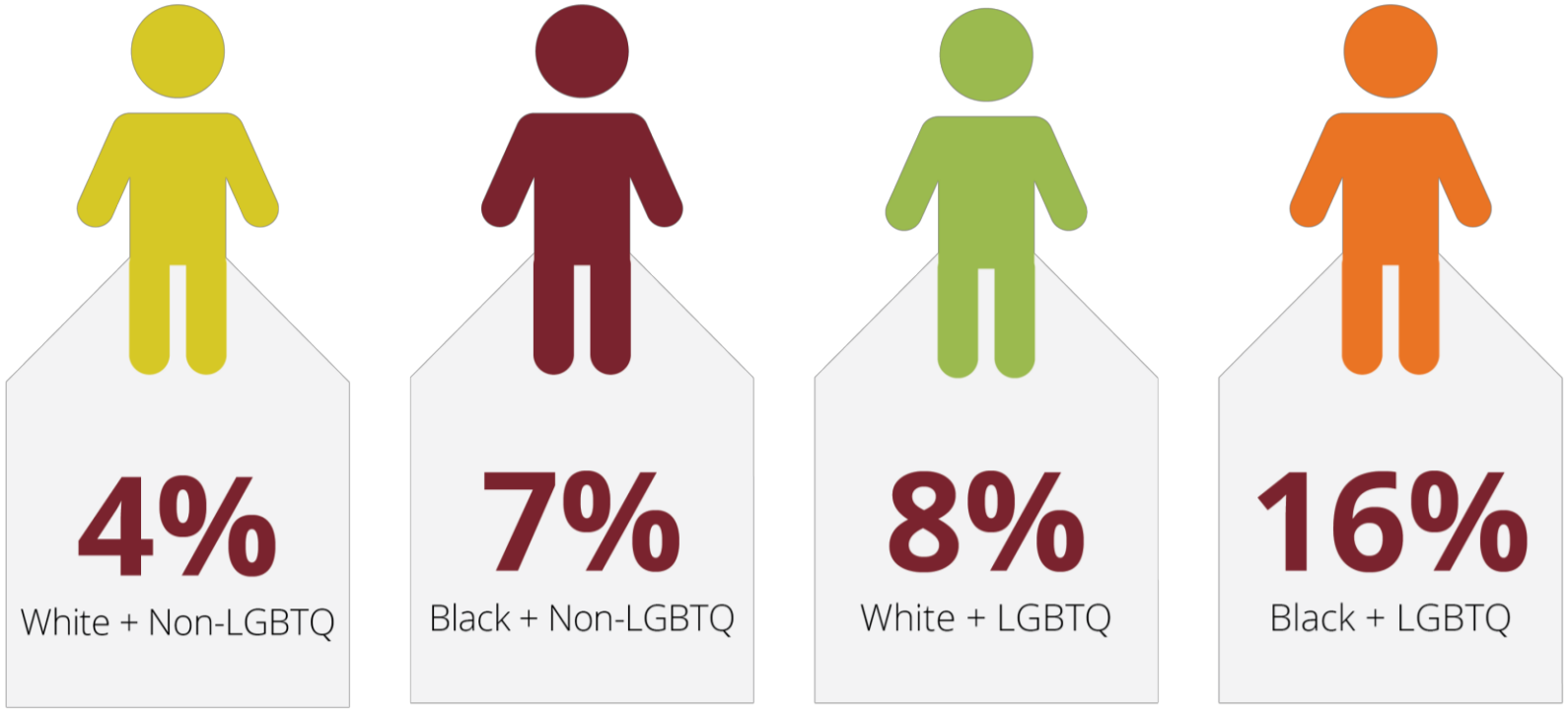


(Source: VoYC In-Depth Interviews)

Race & intersectionality



Explicit homelessness over the last 12 months, self-reported by young adults, ages 18-25. These estimates do not include reports of couch surfing only.



(Source: VoYC National Survey)

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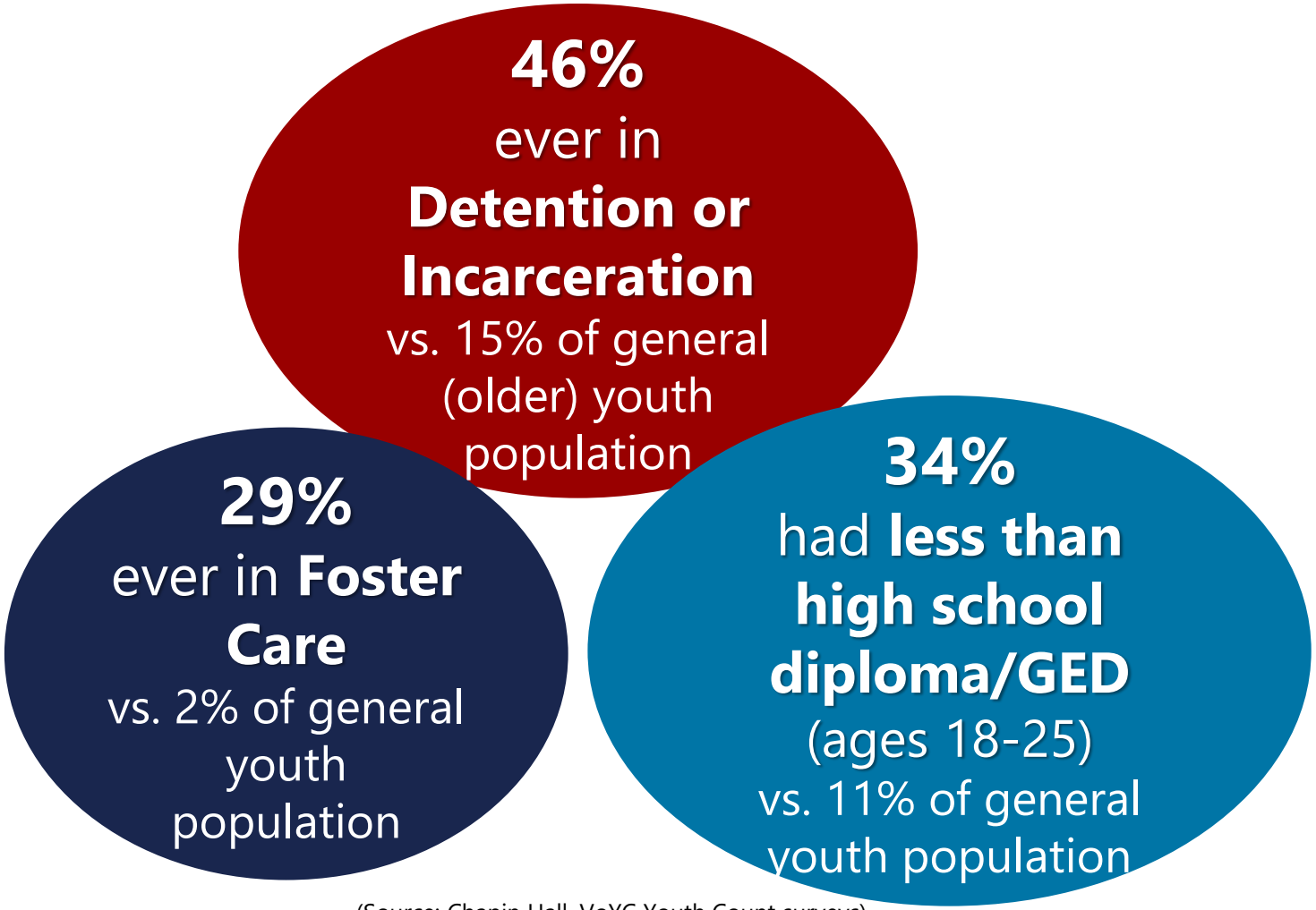
Missed opportunities across public systems

Among youth experiencing homelessness on a given night:



(Source: Chapin Hall, VoYC Youth Count surveys)

In Washington State, the largest number of youth facing homelessness after a public system:

19%
from **residential behavioral health** became homeless within 12 months

(Source: WA DSHS, 2020)

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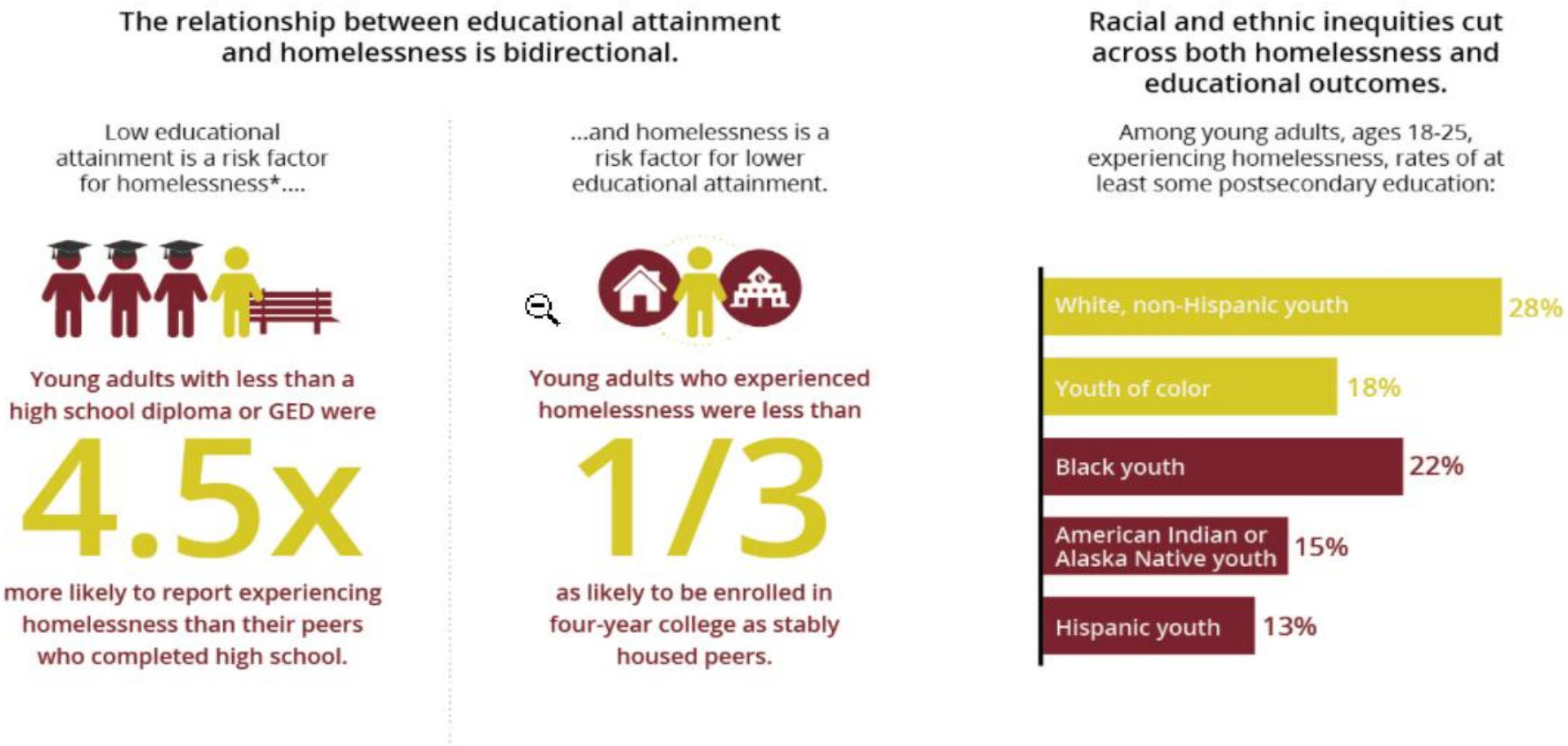
Risk factors for homelessness overlap with risk factors for school dropout



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(Source: VoYC Education brief)

Rural youth homelessness: equally prevalent but more hidden

Rates of youth experiencing homelessness were similar in rural and nonrural areas.

Youth 13-17	Young Adults 18-25
4.2% Household prevalence in urban counties.	**9.6%** Population prevalence in urban counties.
4.4% Household prevalence in rural counties.	**9.2%** Population prevalence in rural counties.

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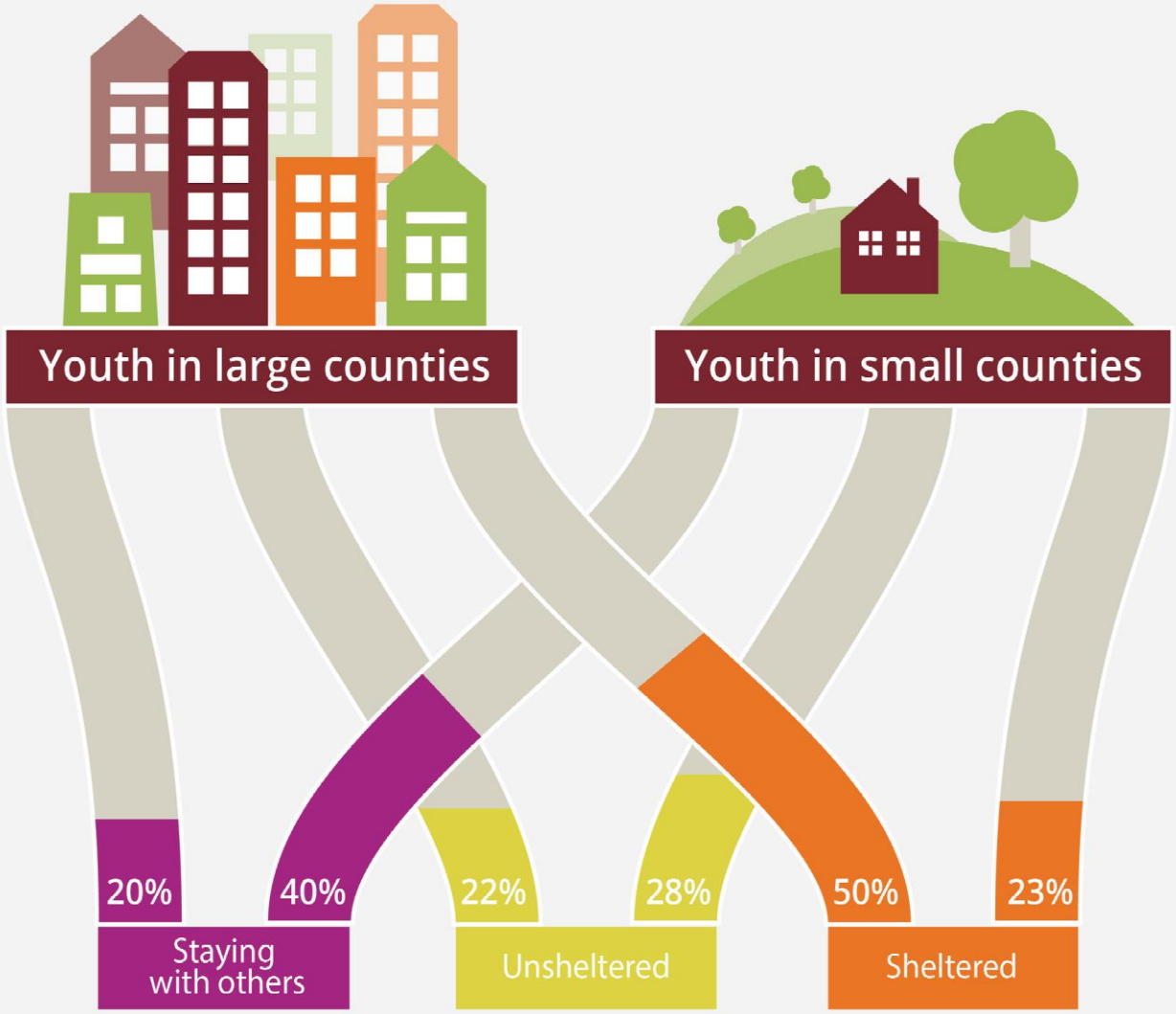
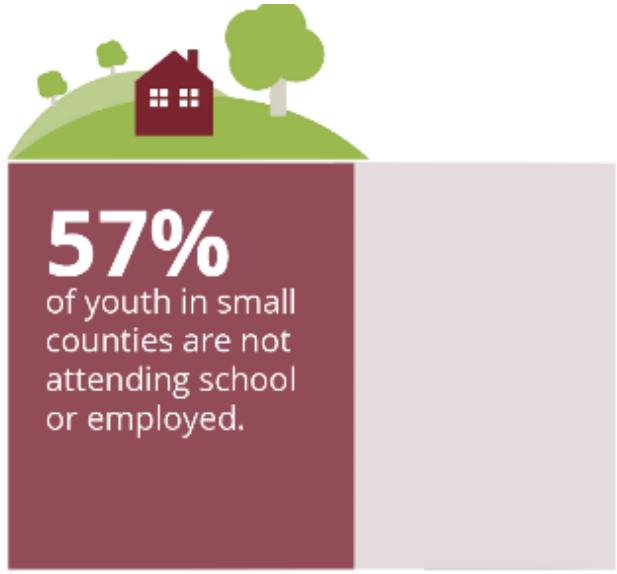
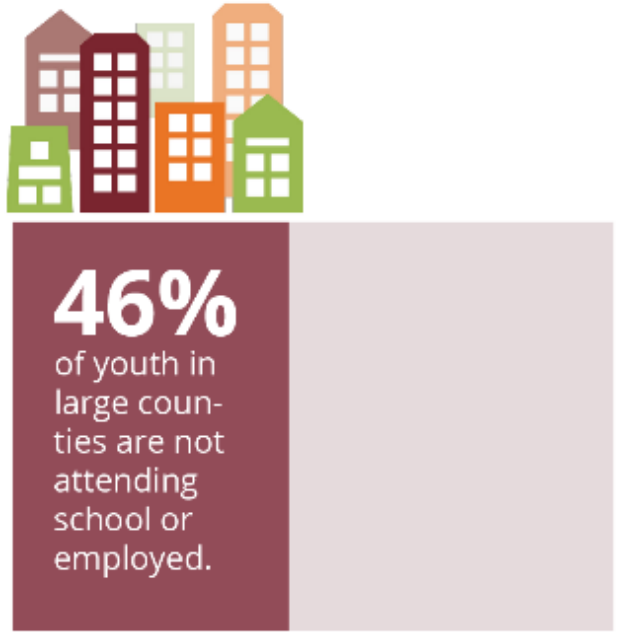
Where youth experiencing homelessness stayed on the night of the youth count.



Source: VoYC Brief Youth Survey

Rural youth experiencing homelessness are more likely to be out of school and work than youth in larger urban counties





Youth = Ages 16-24
Source: VoYC Brief Youth Survey

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VOICES OF YOUTH COUNT

Missed Opportunities: Youth Homelessness in Rural America

October 2018

The fifth in a series of Research-to-Impact briefs by Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago on understanding and addressing youth homelessness.

In Voices of Youth Count's first Research-to-Impact brief, researchers estimated tha nearly 4.2 million youth and young adults in America experienced some form o homelessness during a 12-month period. *Missed Opportunities: Youth Homelessnes in Rural America* highlights research related to the specific experiences of youn people who reside in the vast areas of the country that have fewer people and mor widely dispersed services. The findings show that rural youth homelessness is just a prevalent as homelessness in urban areas. However, in rural areas, youth experience of homelessness are more likely to be hidden, and these youth face unique challenge accessing education, jobs, services, and support.

voicesofyouthcount.org

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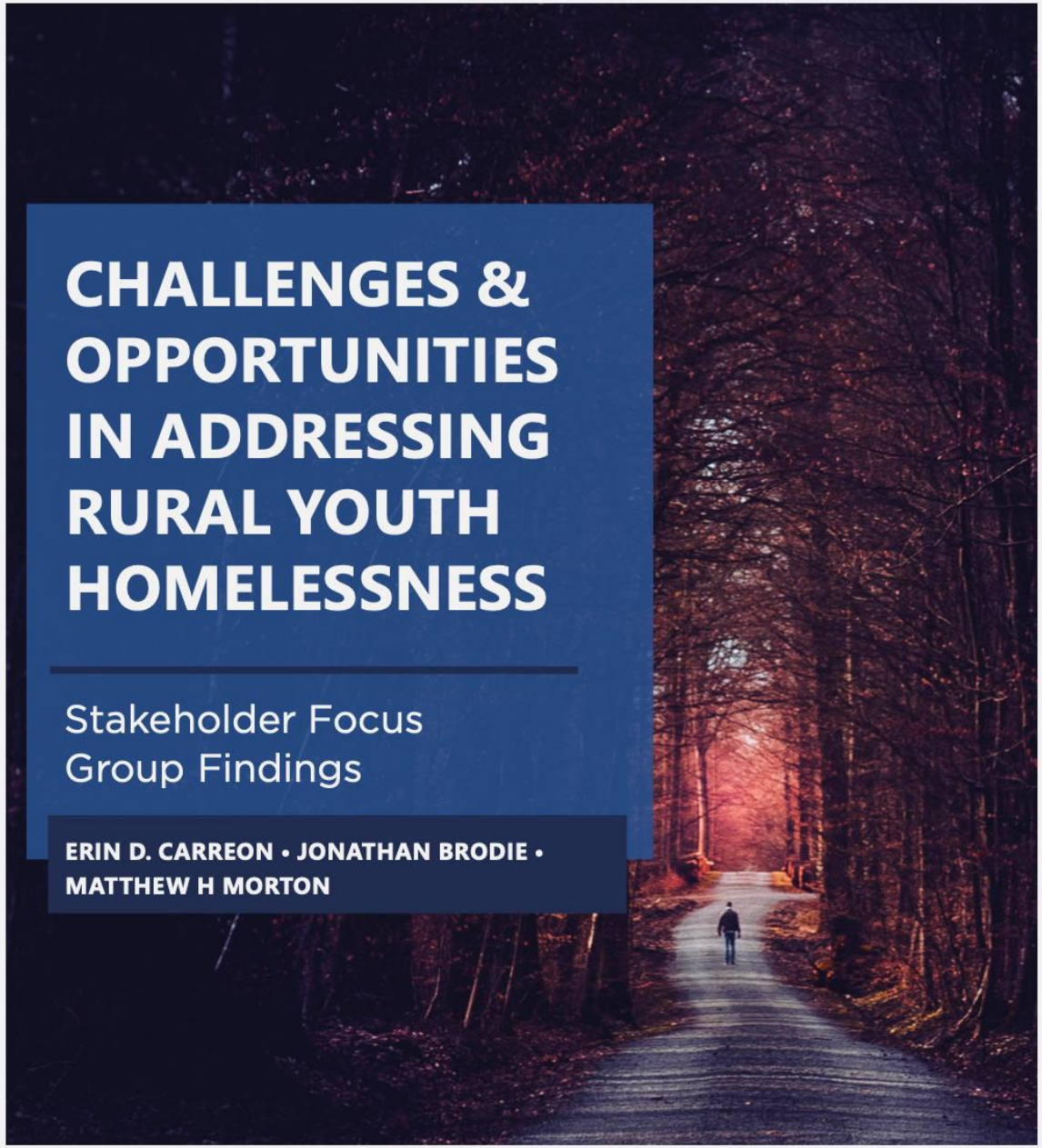


CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES IN ADDRESSING RURAL YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

Stakeholder Focus Group Findings

ERIN D. CARREON • JONATHAN BRODIE • MATTHEW H MORTON

Produced for: National Network for Youth

October 2020

Challenges Identifying Youth

Undercounting

- Rural areas underestimate the number of youth experiencing homelessness due to lack of community awareness

Liaisons

- Youth were not aware their schools had federally required school-based homelessness liaisons

There's a lot of youth that I know, they didn't quite understand what it meant to be homeless, and in fact it took me a while to realize that I actually was qualified as homelessness…

I didn't even know that we had a homeless liaison.

-- Young Adult Stakeholder

Services & Supports

"We have kids using social media and other very unsafe avenues to find housing, because we can't help them."

-Regional Stakeholder

Equity & Inclusion

Racism

- Youth reported experiencing racism from rural public systems.

Tribal Nations & Marginalized Communities

- Lack funding to develop strategies

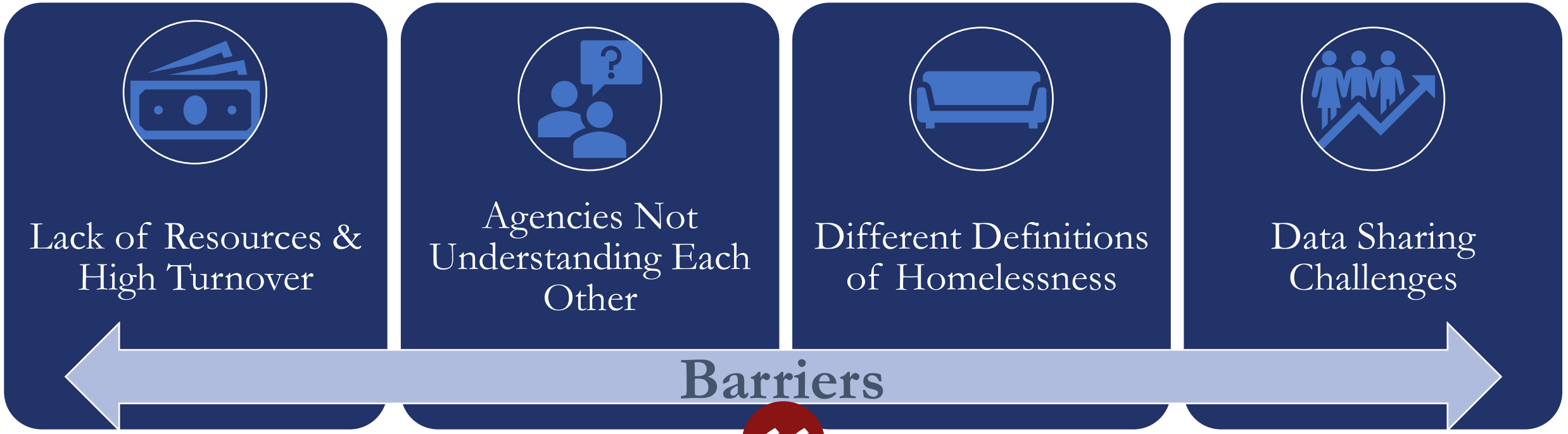
LGBTQ+

- Rural areas lack affirming services and supports for LGBTQ+ youth.

A lot of these services are being dealt by churches and a lot of youth don't feel comfortable with churches.

-- Young Adult Stakeholder

Cross- Systems Collaboration



Over the last year, just by learning about each other, I understand so much more of the pressures that Children's Services is going through, Juvenile Courts are going through. Just by these resources allowing that dialogue, it's breaking down that "us and them" kind of deal.

– Regional Stakeholder

Barriers to Youth Collaboration

"We have to have the money to reimburse and compensate the young people in an intentional way."

--Regional Stakeholder

The Role of Schools

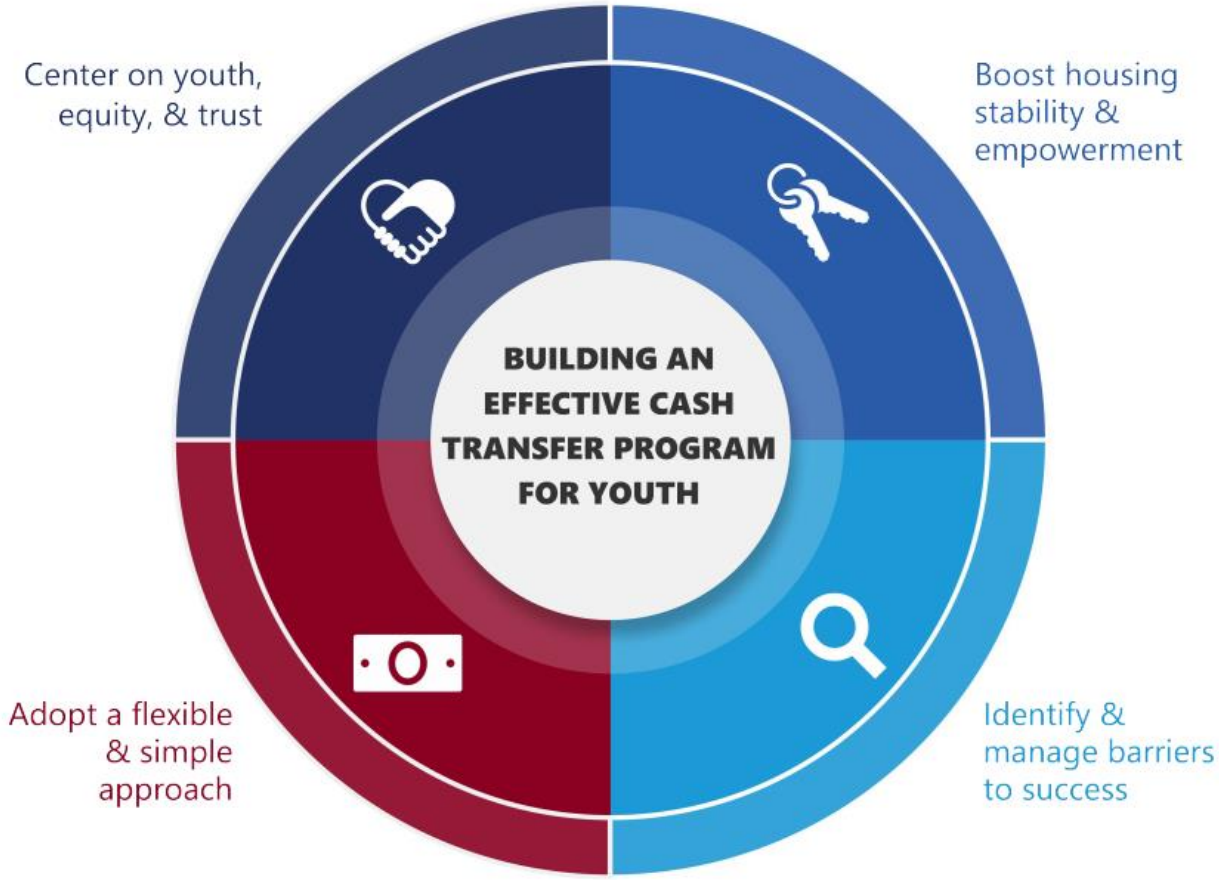
In rural areas, school systems have to play a stronger role in the absence of services.

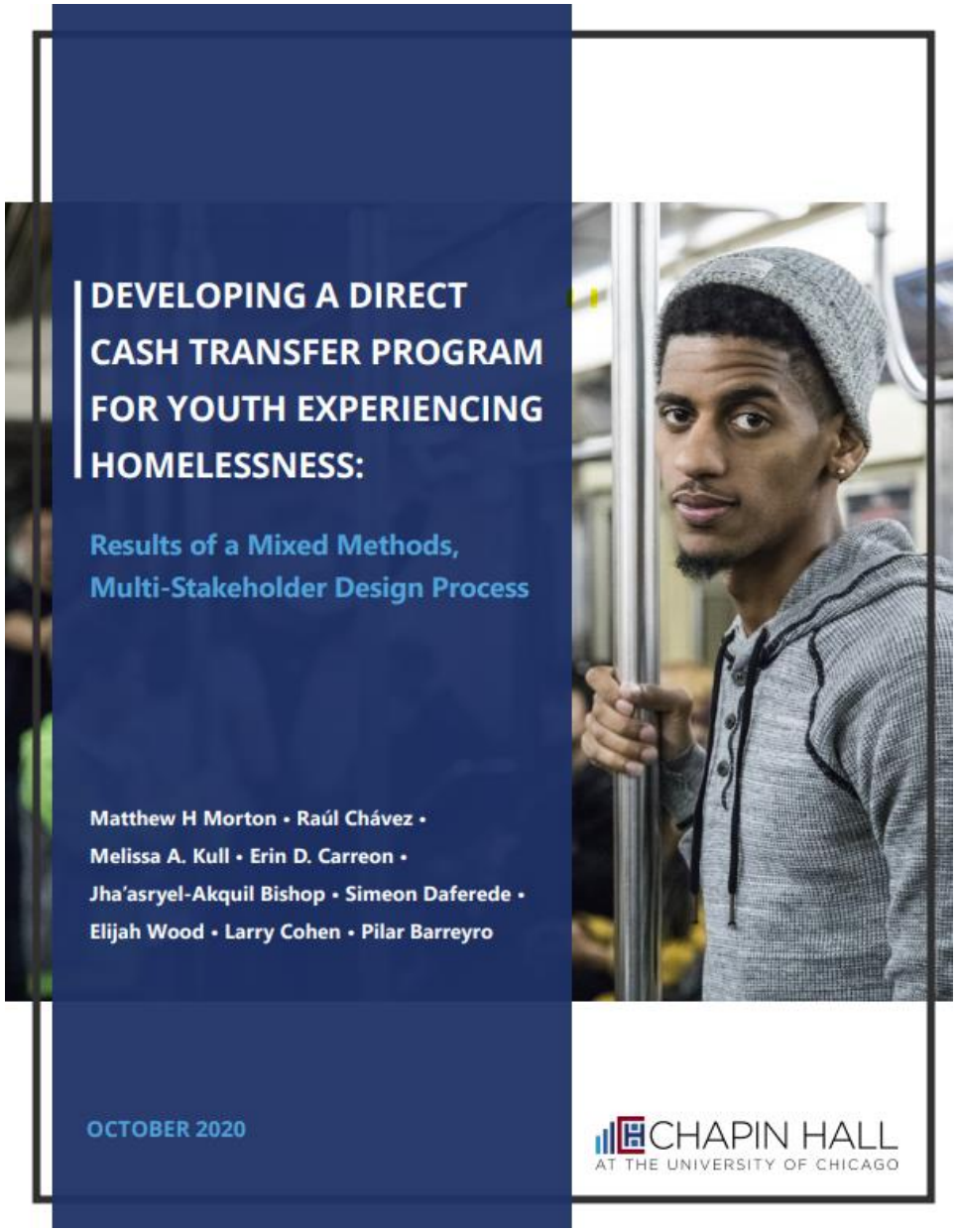
To prevent and address youth homelessness, rural schools need more capacity to:

- identify youth and raise awareness
- dismantle systemic racism
- support LGBTQ+ affirming services and supports

Youth-Driven Solutions

A collaborative process shaped the project

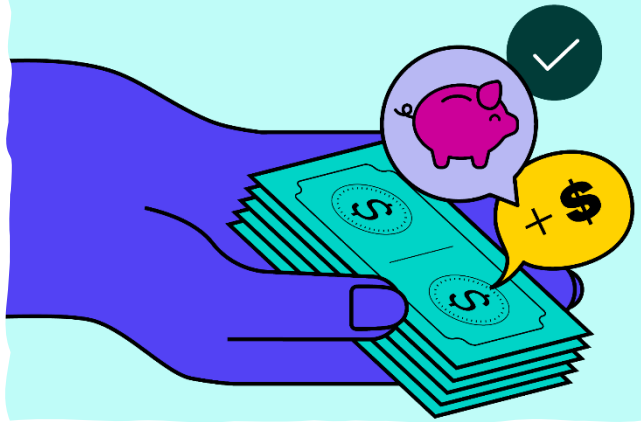




The Trust Youth Initiative: A "Cash Plus" Housing Solution

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE,
BY YOUNG PEOPLE:

Direct Cash Transfers



Cash

- **$29,400 paid unconditionally over 24 months**
  - ➢ $550 paid twice per month for 24 months
  - ➢ One-time $3,000
- **UpTogether Platform**: multiple payout options (Venmo, PayPal, direct deposit, prepaid card)

Plus

- **Support team:** Coach (social worker), peer support, program manager
- **Delivering:** Strengths-based coaching, benefits counseling, housing navigation, financial coaching, connections to care, education & career support
- **Evidence-based/informed** wherever possible
- **Flexible:** Virtual & in-person

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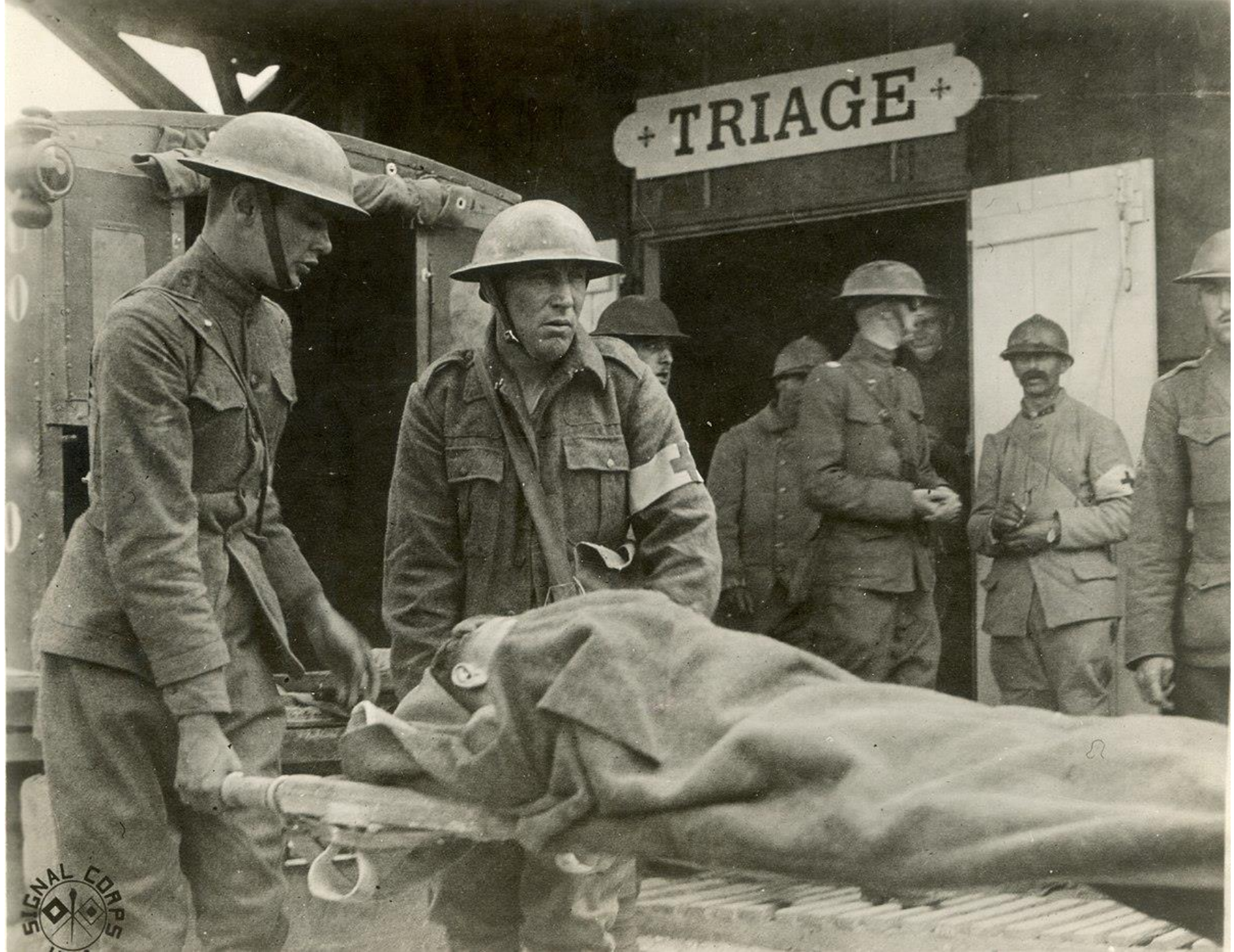
Moving Upstream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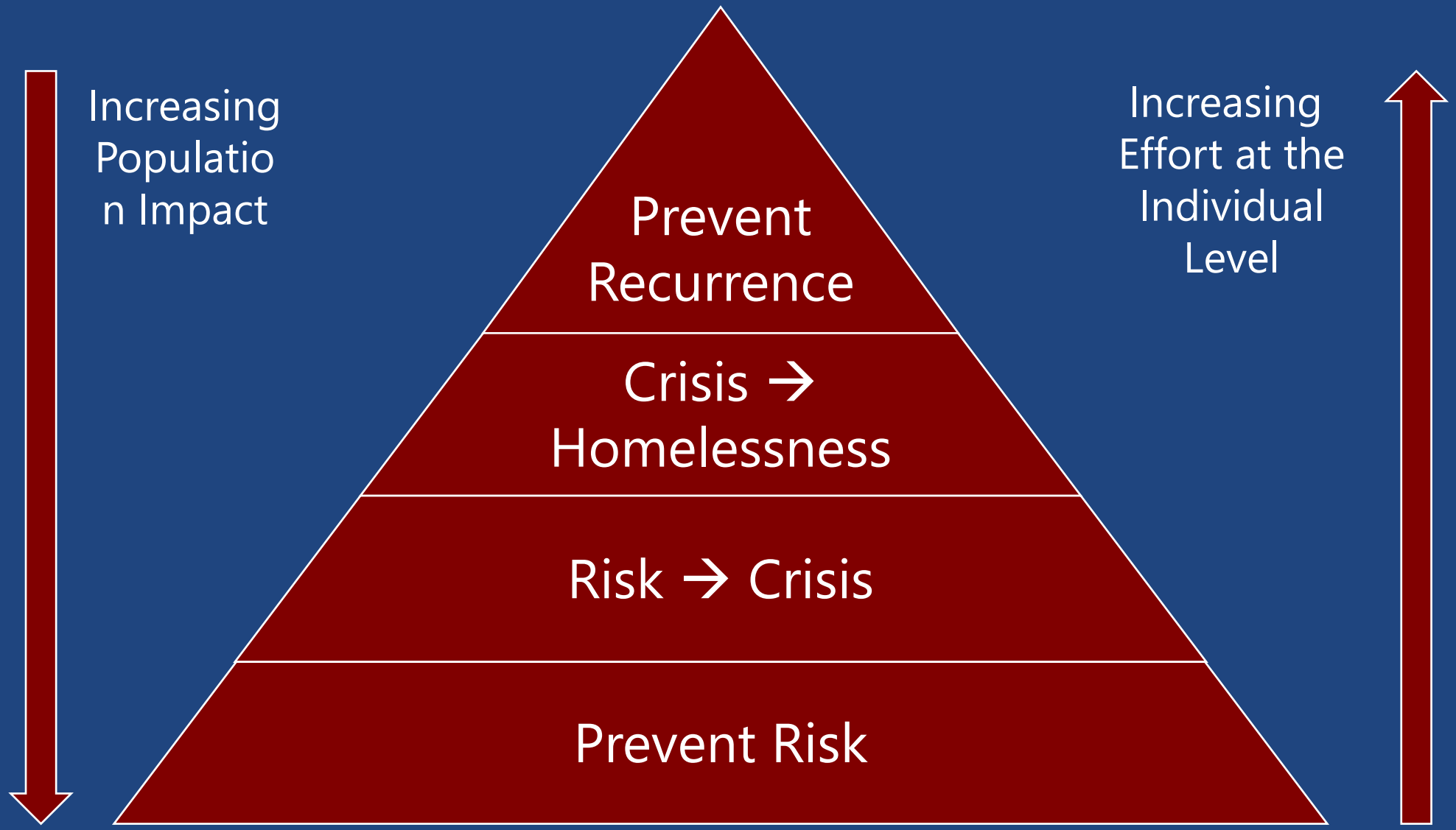
SIGNAL CORPS

From Reactive to Proactive

Define the problem • Identify causes, risk & protective factors • Develop & test interventions
Scale-up evidence-based solutions • Monitor implementation

(Source: Chapin Hall, 2019)

Perspective on Prevention



Adapted by Chapin Hall (2019) from Frieden (2010), in *Am. J. of Pub. Health*

Show what’s possible

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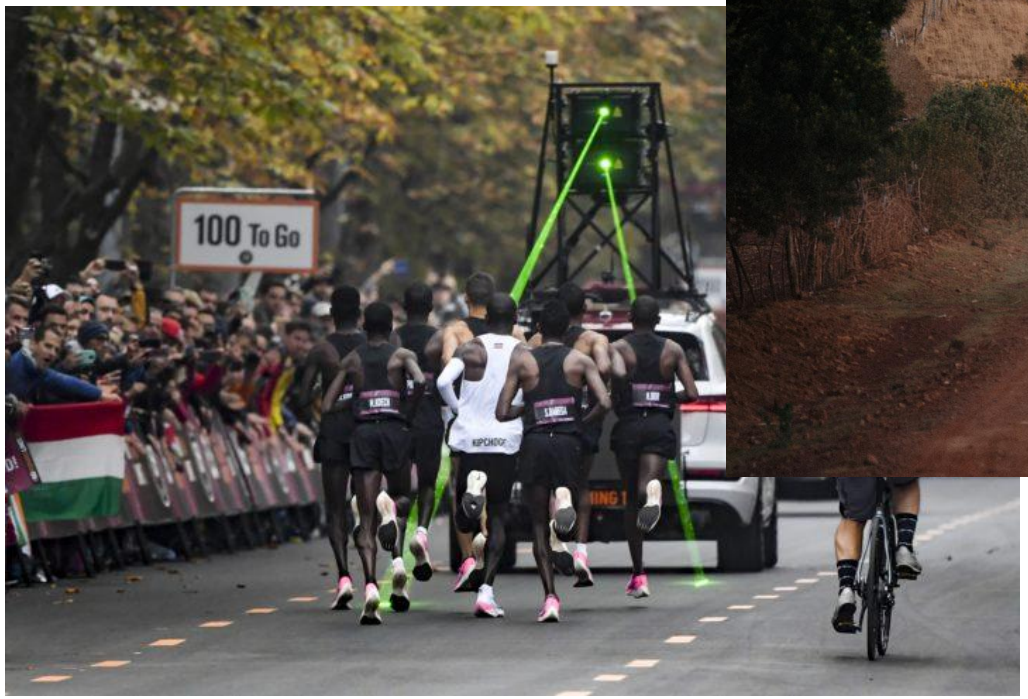
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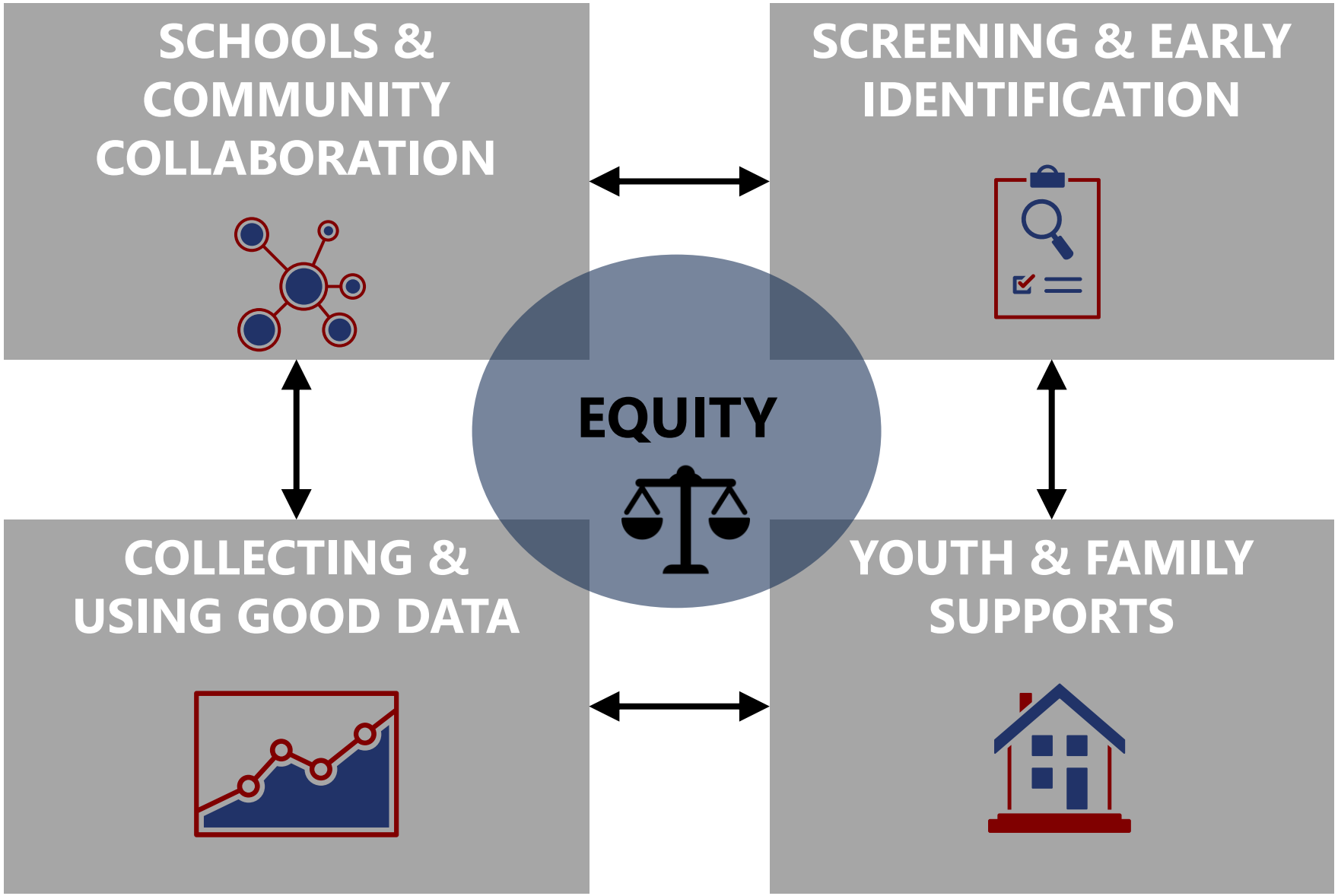
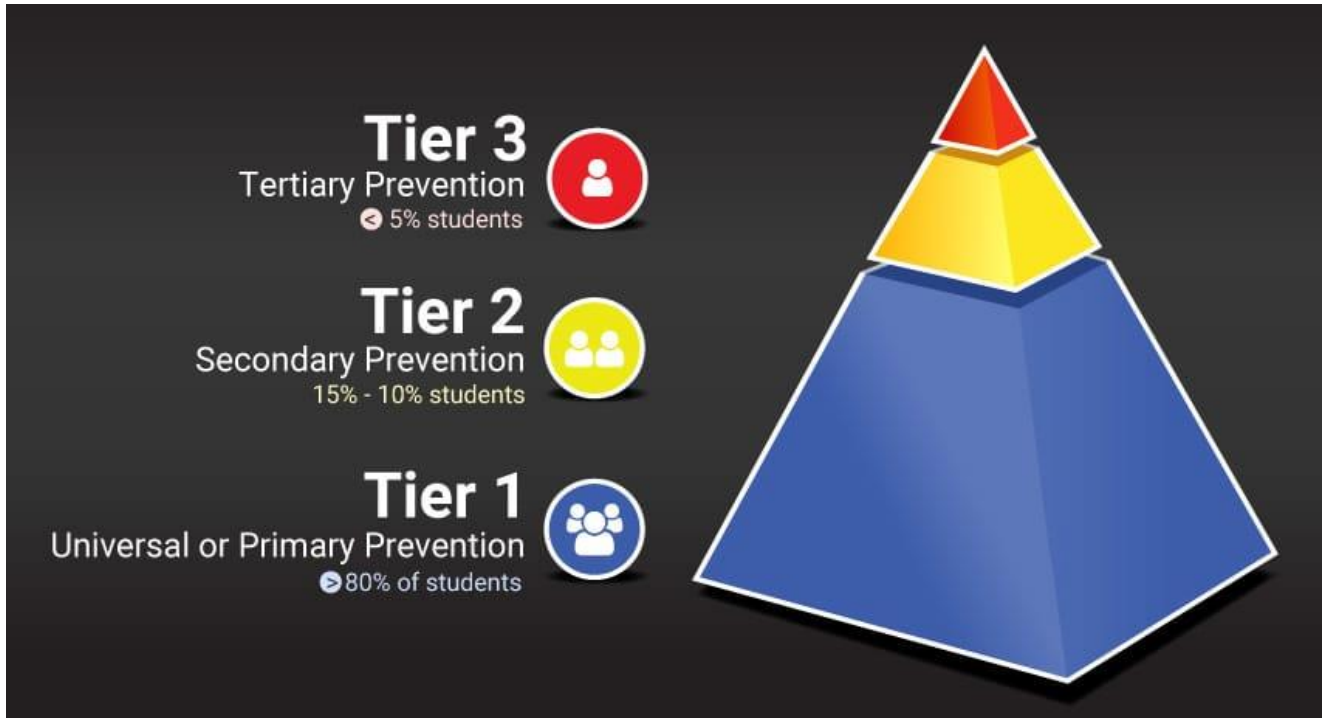
Systems change: The Upstream Project

Pilots in Hopkins, MN; Redwood City, CA; and Orlando, FL



MTSS and systems change



- Proactive, schoolwide/universal, holistic, systematic CQI approach
- Emphasis on buy-in, data-driven practices, accountability
- Five years to reach full implementation with integrity

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Panelists

Panelist	Role	Public Entity	Location
Amy Vanderhoff	McKinney-Vento Liaison	Marion City Schools	Marion county
Heath Ring	Executive Director	Heart of Ohio Homeless Shelter	Putnam, Hancock, Hardin, Wyandot, Marion, and Crawford counties
Amy Eldridge & Randall Hunt	Housing Coordinator & Deputy Director – Housing Director	Lancaster Fairfield Community Action-Agency	Fairfield, Licking, Coshocton, Holmes, Knox, and Muskingum counties
Kenney Lee	LFCAA Youth Action Board Member	Ohio student	Newark
Sandra Plantz	McKinney-Vento Liaison	Gallia Local Schools	Gallia county

Discussion

- Reflections from community of practice today in the context of your community?
- What are some of the hidden challenges of rural homelessness?

Discussion

- What practices have you found most effective for collaboration in rural settings?
  - What identification strategies have you found effective in your work?
  - What steps can service providers take to address transportation barriers in their communities?
- How have you seen your district or others successfully address the needs of students experiencing homelessness in rural Ohio?

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Course to HOME

Important Reminders!

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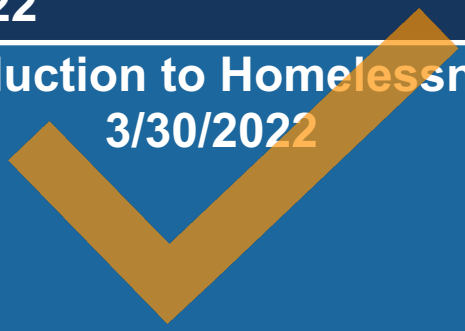
3/30/2022

Introduction to Homelessness
3/30/2022



Quarter Two
5/18/2022

Identifying and Meeting the Unique Needs of Students Experiencing Homelessness in Rural Ohio

Quarter Three
9/14/2022

Identifying and Meeting the Needs of Students Experiencing Homelessness; A Focus On Unaccompanied Youth and English Learners-New Comers

Quarter Four
11/02/2022

Identifying and Meeting the Needs of Students Experiencing Homelessness; A Focus On: Students in Foster Care and Justice-Involved youth

Plan for Upcoming Sessions

Quarter One
3/15/2023

Identifying and Meeting the Needs of Students Experiencing Homelessness; *A Focus On: Pregnant, Parenting, or Caregiving Students*

Quarter Two
5/17/2023

Identifying and Meeting the Needs Students Experiencing Homelessness; *A Focus On: Children and Youth with Disabilities*

Quarter Three
8/9/2023

Identifying and Meeting the Needs of Students Experiencing Homelessness; *A Focus On: BIPOC and LGBTQ+ youth*

Quarter Four
11/15/2023

Supporting the Health and Well-being of Students At-Risk of or Experiencing Homelessness

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McKinney Vento Community of Practice — Click Here & Learn More

MARCH '22

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30 McKinnney-Vento Community of Practice Session 1 (1p) - *Introduction of Homelessness*

14 McKinnney-Vento Community of Practice Session 3 (1p) - *Newcomers and Unaccompanied Youth*

SEPTEMBER '22

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18 McKinnney-Vento Community of Practice Session 2 (1p) – *Rural Homelessness*

2 McKinnney-Vento Community of Practice Session 4 (1p) - *Foster Youth and Juvenile Justice Involved Youth*

NOVEMBER '22

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Preview the schedule here

Request Technical Assistance

Defining Technical Assistance

- The process of providing guidance, tools, resources, and consultation to assist districts achieve goals

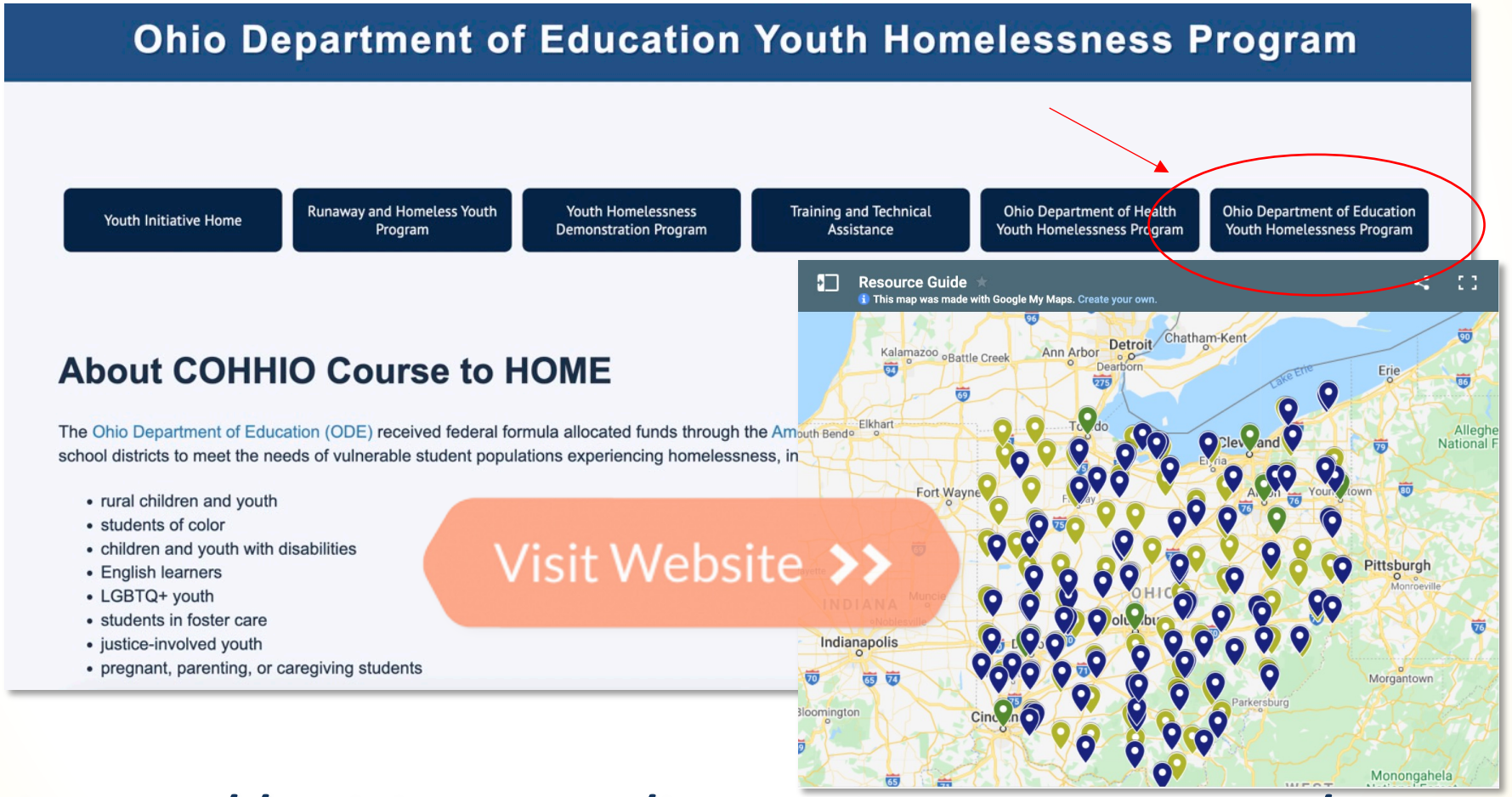
Accessing Technical Assistance

- Email us at homelesseducation@cohhio.org
- Call us at 614-280-1984 ext.143
- Access resources at www.cohhio.org/youth

More Information

- Review the Guide to Technical Assistance

Visit the Website



https://cohhio.org/homelesseducation/

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Spotlight Your District

We invite you to share about your district to be considered for spotlight.

Districts can be spotlighted in community of practice and/or the COHHIO Course to HOME newsletter.

If you're interested in spotlighting your district let us know here: https://forms.gle/JPL8548ighpR1kps7

Questions

Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- National Overview of Rural Student Homelessness (NCHE)
- Data-Driven Facts of Rural Student Homelessness (Chapin Hall)
- Local Spotlights Panel
- Reminders & Resources
- Closing

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Resources

Ohio Department of Education – Rural Education

NCHE : Transportation For Homeless Children And Youth: Strategies For Rural School Districts

Chapin Hall : Rural Communities Need Funding and Support to Address Rural Youth Homelessness

Chapin Hall : Missed Opportunities : Youth Homelessness in Rural America

Chapin Hall : Challenges & Opportunities: In Addressing Rural Youth Homelessness

Title V, Part B - Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP)

Rural Low-Income School Program

U.S. Department of Education Education Almanac August 2020: Rural education updates

Holler Health Justice

Homeless Children: Addressing the Challenge in Rural Schools (scholarly)

Resources

Penn State Center on Rural Education and Communities

USICH Strengthening Systems for Ending Rural Homelessness: Promising Practices and Considerations

Federal Funding Tool for Addressing Homelessness in Rural Communities

HUD Prevention Strategies in Rural Areas

Data Collection Challenges in Rural Areas

HUD Rural Gateway

SNAPS In Focus: Partnering to End Homelessness in Rural America

Point Source Youth Rural Conference on Youth Homelessness

NPR Unsheltered And Uncounted: Rural America's Hidden Homeless

Institute for Children, Poverty & Homelessness: Understanding Homelessness in Rural America

Resources

Ohio Department of Education Students Experiencing Homelessness

Ohio Department of Education American Rescue Plan Homeless II Funds

Ohio Department of Education Supporting Students Experiencing Homelessness with ESSER and ARP Funds

Ohio Department of Education Local School District Liaison Duties, Roles and Responsibilities

COHHIO Emergency Rental Assistance

COHHIO Course to HOME

COHHIO Youth Housing Initiative

COHHIO On-Demand Recorded Trainings

COHHIO Housing Now for Homeless Families
COHHIO Homeless System Resource Map

Resources

Ohio Resource Guide

COHHIO Guide to the Resource Guide

School House Connection

National Center for Homeless Education

Ohio Bridges Program

Child and Family Health Collaborative of Ohio

Ohio Reach

Ohio Domestic Violence Network

The Center for Family Safety and Healing

HUD Exchange Connecting Housing and Education

Health and Human Services Runaway and Homeless Youth

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