

## Ohio Department of Health Youth Homelessness Program Community of Practice

September 15th, 2022



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- Small Group Discussions (3)
  - Collaboration
  - Increasing Affordable Housing
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### **Community of Practice Norms**

- 1. Treat each other with dignity and respect.
- 2. Differentiate between opinion—which everyone has—and informed knowledge, which comes from sustained experience, study, and practice.
- 3. Recognize how your social positionality (e.g., race, class, gender, sexuality, ability) informs your perspectives and reactions.
- 4. Trust each other. Have confidence that the issues discussed will be kept in confidence.
- 5. Listen first to understand, and don't be dismissive of the input received when we listen.
- 6. Be vulnerable and risk being wrong sometimes. Thoughtful discussion is expected.

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#### Introductions

In Breakout Rooms, please share and discuss:

- Your name & pronouns
- Your organization & role
- What's something you could use some advice on in your world right now (personal or professional)?

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#### SUMMARY

- "Finding partners."
- "Working with vendors like landlords."

What we heard in the last session:

#### **Shared Challenges: Collaboration**





# Shared Challenges: Increasing Affordable Housing

What we heard in the last session:



- "Housing is scarce, clients have a lot of barriers."
- "Lack of affordable housing. Unprecedented. Can't afford units. Client choice (wanting a house) leading to expired vouchers. Poor quality of housing."
- "Affordable housing."

# Shared Challenges: Youth Engagement

What we heard in the last session:



- "Helping assist youth."
- "Youth engagement."

#### **Discussion:** Collaboration

#### In Breakout Rooms

- How would you describe your teams collaboration style? (share to learn, listen to understand)
- What has been your biggest challenge in identifying community partners?
- What have been some of your favorite experiences working with partners?



#### Discussion: Increasing Affordable Housing share to learn, listen to understand In Breakout Rooms

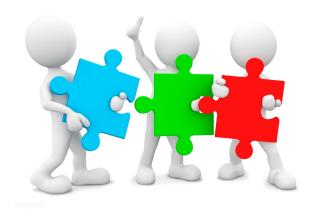
- What is/could be your organization's role when it comes to increasing affordable housing?
- What creative actions have you taken in the current rental market to support young people in accessing housing?
- What partnerships could be formed to make community resources more accessible?



### **Discussion: Youth Engagement**

#### share to learn, listen to understand In Breakout Rooms

- What unique services/accommodations does your organization offer for youth?
- How would you describe your organization's reputation among youth in your community? (street cred.)
- How can your organization build trust among youth in your community?



#### **Report Out: Collaboration**

What key take aways do you have to share from your discussion?



#### **Best Practices: Collaboration**

7 Agreements of Being an Effective Collaborator:

- Internal Agreements
  - Agree to listen not just hear, but listen with an open mind
  - Agree to learn we don't have all the answers
  - Agree to value what others bring to the table
- External Agreements
  - Agree to not be competitive instead agree to be collaborative
  - Agree to be fully present
  - Agree to be at the table for the right reasons
  - Agree to come to the table to use time in a productive way keeping the balance between process and accomplishment

#### **Resources: Collaboration**

- Episode 10: Learn to be the Best at Collaboration by Making Seven Agreements (podcast)
- HUD Mainstream System Coordination
- NN4Y Cross System Collaboration
- Best Practice in Interagency Collaboration Brief Series: Housing and Education Collaborations to Serve Homeless Children, Youth, and Families
- <u>Collaboration Works: Examples of Homeless Programs, CoCs,</u> School Systems, and other Education Service Providers working together
- <u>The Benefits of Housing and Education Cross-Systems</u>
  <u>Collaboration</u>
- <u>Preventing and Ending Youth Homelessness: A Coordinated</u>
  <u>Community Response</u>

## Report Out: Increasing Affordable Housing

What key take aways do you have to share from your discussion?



## Best Practices: Increasing Affordable Housing

- Engaging with Landlords
  - Focus on mutual benefits
  - Educate and build awareness
  - Maintain communication
- Assess Barriers
  - Tenant screening barriers
  - Housing retention barriers
- Finding Units
  - Outreach to existing contacts
  - Network with landlord/neighborhood associations
  - Leverage incentives and utilize marketing

# Resources: Increasing Affordable Housing

- <u>Supporting Households through the Housing Search</u>
  <u>Process</u>
- Landlord Marketing, Outreach, and Retention
- <u>COVID-19 Homeless System Response: Landlord</u>
  <u>Engagement</u>
- <u>COVID-19 Homeless System Response: Leveraging ESF-</u> <u>CV Landlord Financial Incentives to Expedite Engagement</u>
- <u>Rapid Rehousing Roundtable Discussion Series: Landlord</u> <u>Engagement and Unit Acquisition</u>
- HCV Landlord Symposium Toolkit
- HCV Landlord Resources

#### **Report Out: Youth Engagement**

What key take aways do you have to share from your discussion?



### Best Practices: Youth Engagement

"Engagement is not about what [products and services] we have to offer, what's in our backpack, or even the fliers that we have to hand out, it's really about connecting with the young person." -clinician

- Trust
- Safety
- Respect
- Boundaries
- Power
- Cultural Humility

When possible tie these strategies to the 4 core outcomes to ending youth homelessness. Safe-stable housing, social-emotional well being, permanent connections, job training & education

#### National Health Care for the Homeless Engaging Youth Experiencing Homelessness Core Practices and Services

#### **Resources: Youth Engagement**

- Homless Hub: Engaging Youth
- The Research Shop: Engaging Rural Youth
- School House Connection: Engaging Students & Part 2
- <u>Science Direct: Youth Engagment (book)</u>
- Annie E, Casey A Framework For Effectively Partnering With Young People
- Ending Youth Homelessness: Building Blocks of a Youth System Webinar
- Journal of Youth Development COVID-19 Homeless System Response: Paying People with Lived Experience and Expertise Youth Compensation Challenges and Solutions Guide to Authentic Youth Leadership and Collaboration True Colors – Youth Collaboration Toolkit A Way Home America – Youth Collaboration Toolkit Youth Collaboration 201 Roadmap Youth Engagement Toolkit Youth Leadership Toolkit Youth Collaboration Tools and Tips Foster Club Youth Leadership Toolkit

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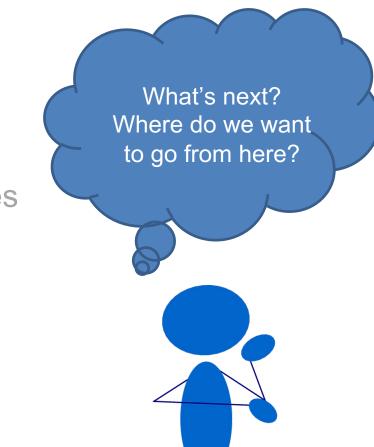
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#### **Next Steps**

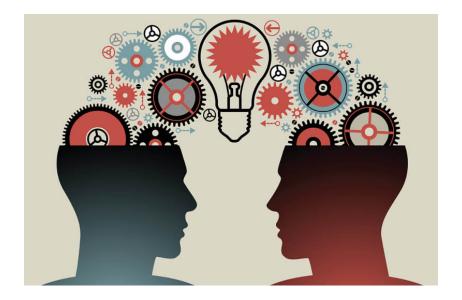
#### Challenges discussed to date:

- Data Collection
- Partner Collaboration
- Sustainability
- Youth engagement
- Mastering community resources



## **Check-Out**

- What do you want to discuss in the next Community of Practice session?
  - Share in the poll



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## We invite you to provide anonymous feedback about about community of practice



## 2022-2023 Community of Practice Calendar

	July 21, 2022	January 19, 2023
	August 18, 2022 Next session	February 16, 2023
	September 15, 2022	March 16, 2023
<	October 20, 2022	April 20, 2023
	November 17, 2022	May 18, 2023
	December 15, 2022	June 15, 2023

#### Resources

- <u>Community of Practice Shared Folder</u>
- <u>Community of Practice Calendar</u>
- <u>Community of Practice Anonymous Feedback Form</u>
- ODH Youth Homelessness Program Website

