

# Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Round 7 Award

Collaborating to prevent and end  
youth homelessness in rural and  
underserved communities in Ohio

November 13, 2023

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# Welcome!



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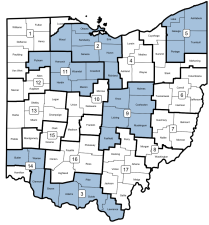
**Julie Jarrell  
Deputy Chief  
Office of Housing Support**

# Welcome!



**Amy Riegel**  
**Executive Director**





# YHDP Round 7

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# What is YHDP?

- Youth-led coordinated community planning process with HUD supports



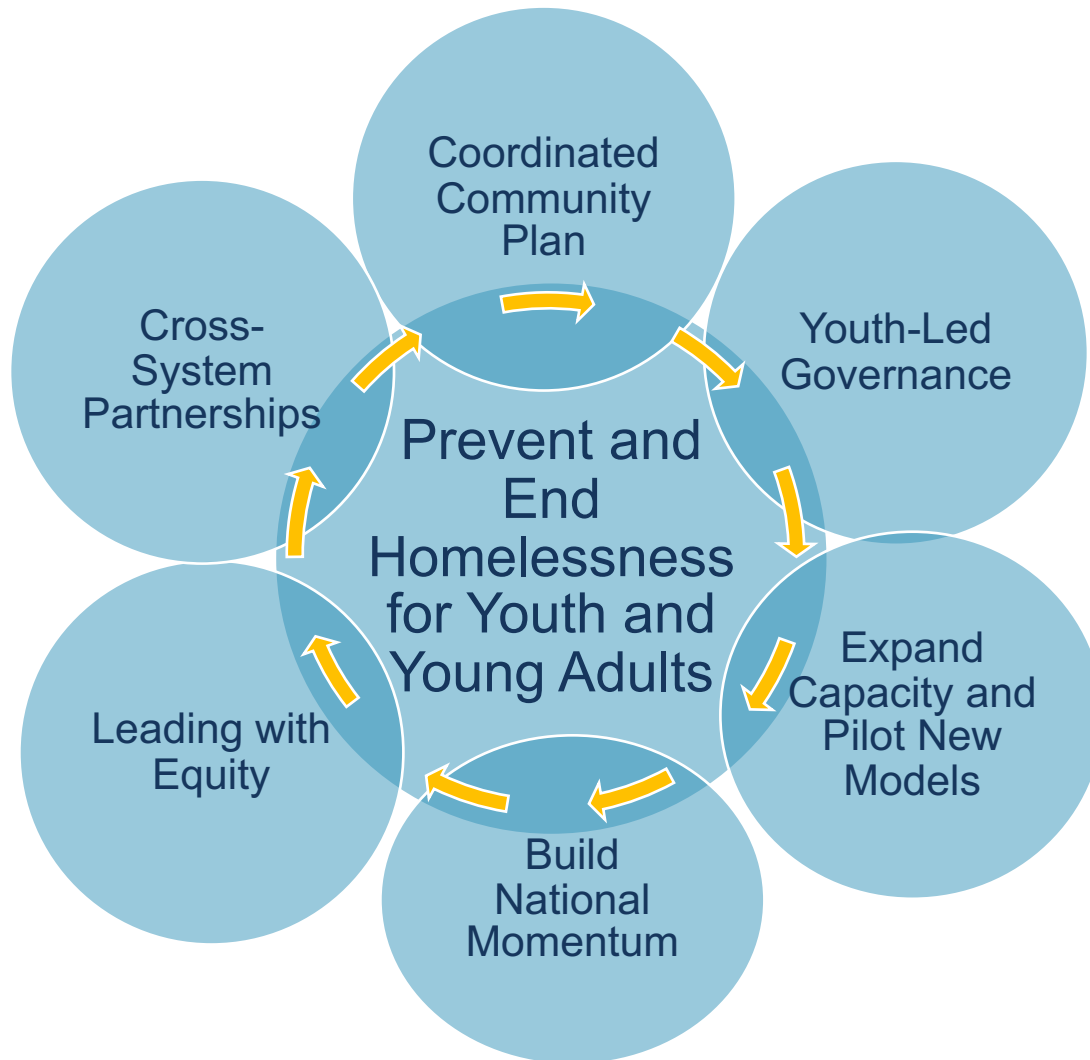
- New projects dedicated to youth experiencing homelessness



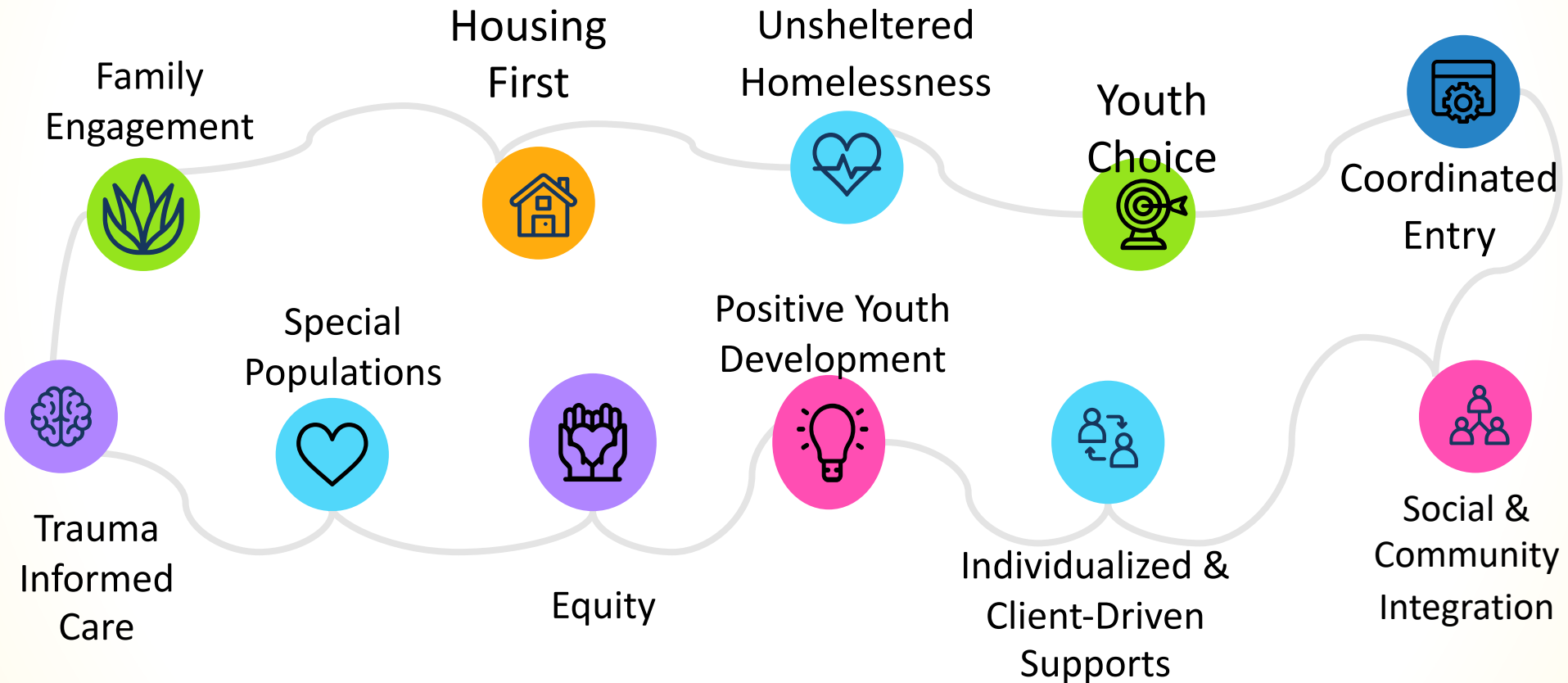
- Continuous quality improvement with youth-driven accountability



# YHDP Goals



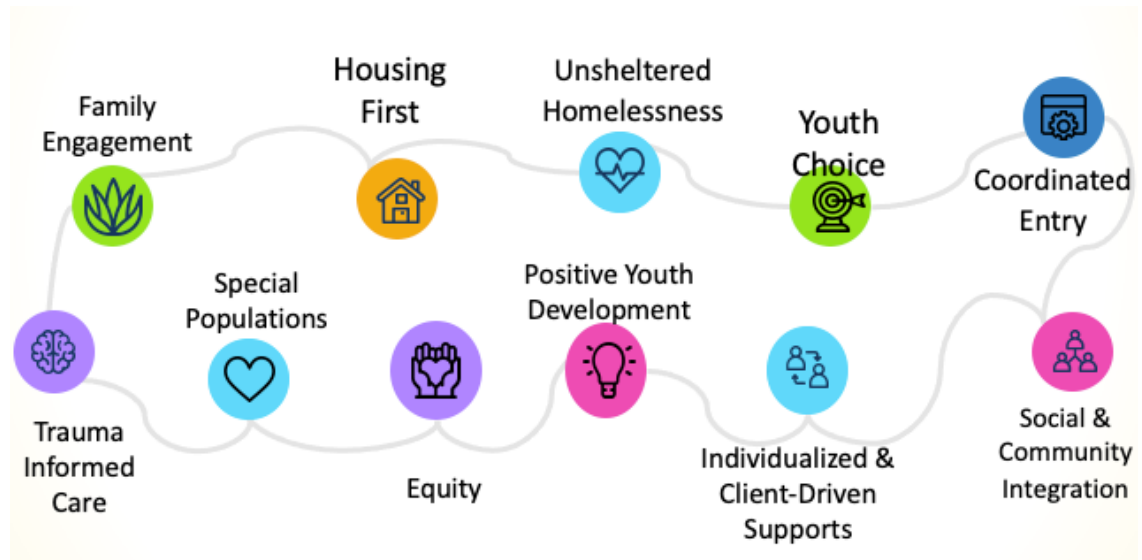
# YHDP Guiding Principles



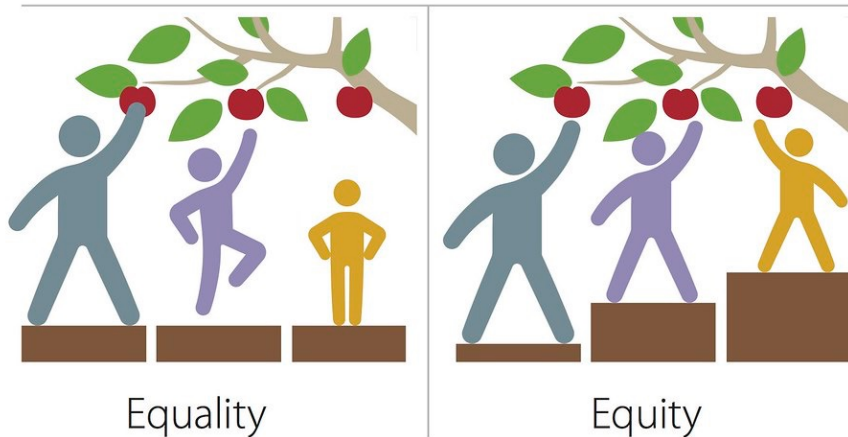
# Share in the Chat

Which of these principles do you see in action in your current work?

Which of these principles need more focus or resources in your current work?



# Equity – Principle and Practice



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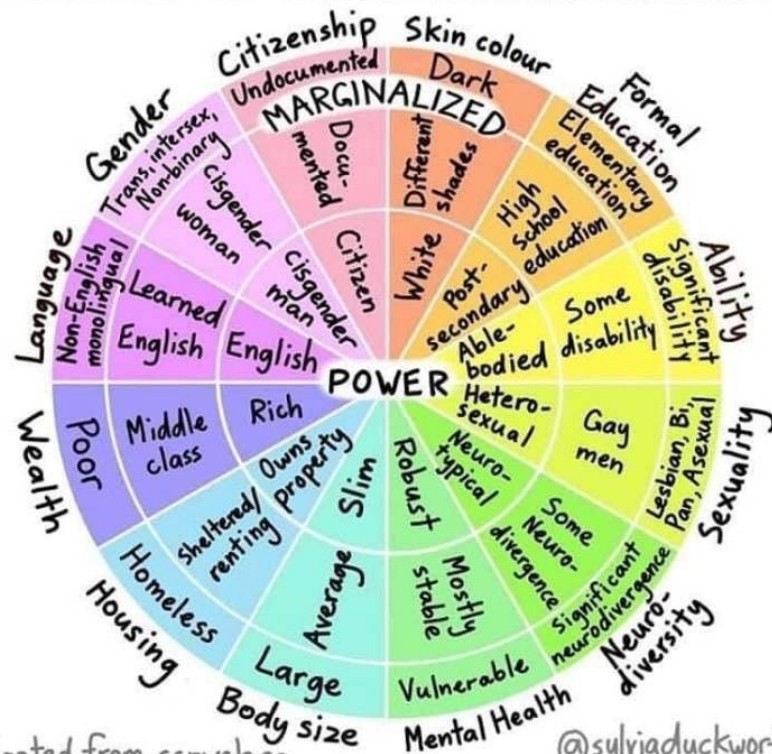
- **Racial equity** is the condition that would be achieved if racial identity no longer statistically predicted how one fares.
- **Social equity** is the condition that would be achieved if no part of someone's identity predicted how they fare.

**Racial & social equity work is a journey we are ALL on. We must commit to educating, reflecting, and healing our internalized inferiority and superiority.**

# Racial & LGBTQ+ Equity in YHDP

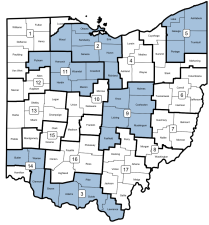
- It is imperative to have an ongoing intersectional analysis of how the interplay between race, gender, sexual orientation, ability, class, documentation status, language, religion, and other historically disenfranchised identities compound to exacerbate inequality.
- Race is the leading predictor of outcomes along the social determinants of health. We must recognize intersectionality **AND** lead with racial equity to ensure Black, Indigenous, and Youth of Color are not left behind.

## WHEEL OF POWER/PRIVILEGE



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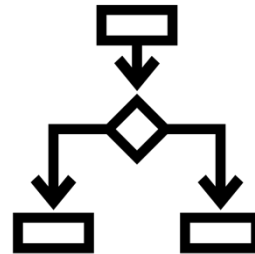
# What is a Continuum of Care (CoC)?

## Continuum of Care (CoC)

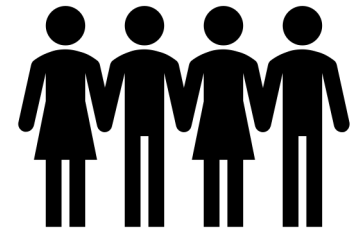
The federally recognized homeless system for a geography



Name of the federal  
homeless assistance  
program  
(HUD's CoC  
Program)



Organized  
homelessness  
response  
(Ohio BoSCoC)



Group of  
representatives  
(local/regional  
CoC)

# How does HUD fund projects?



**OHIO**

Balance of State  
Continuum of Care

HUD, the largest federal program to assist households experiencing homelessness, awards funding to CoCs through competitive grants.



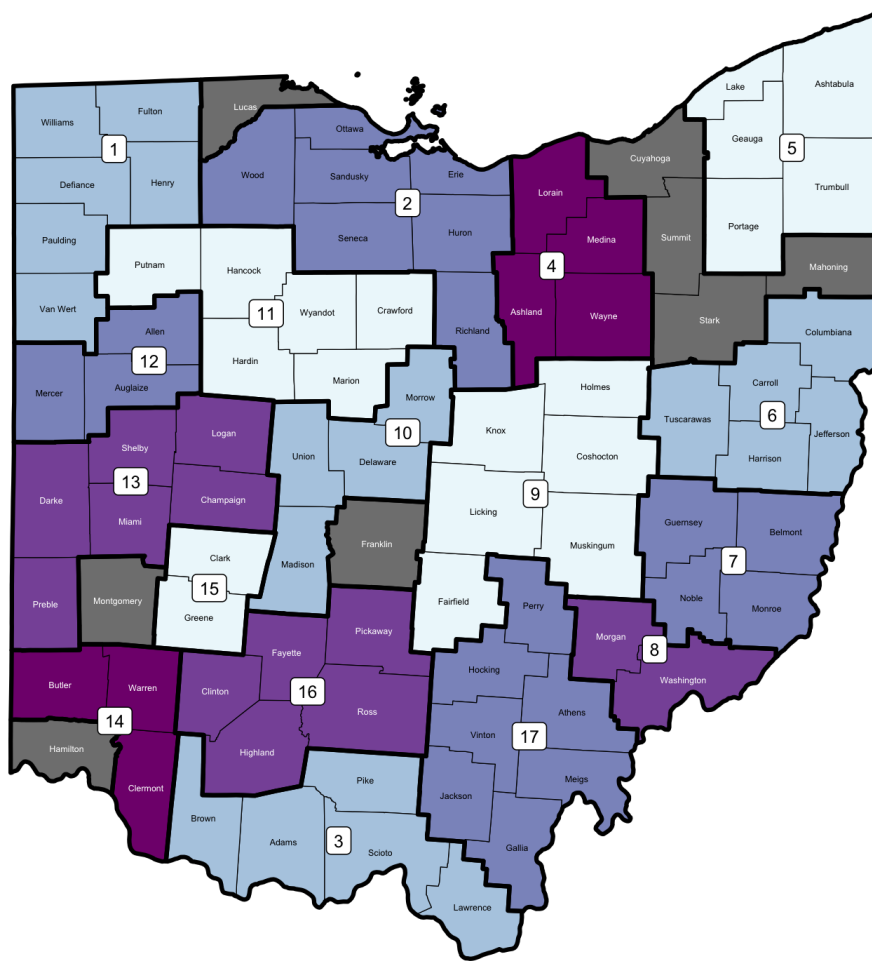
ODOD -> BoSCoC is competitively awarded approximately \$24 million annually to fund 90+ housing programs in 80 counties.

# Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care

This CoC is called the Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care.

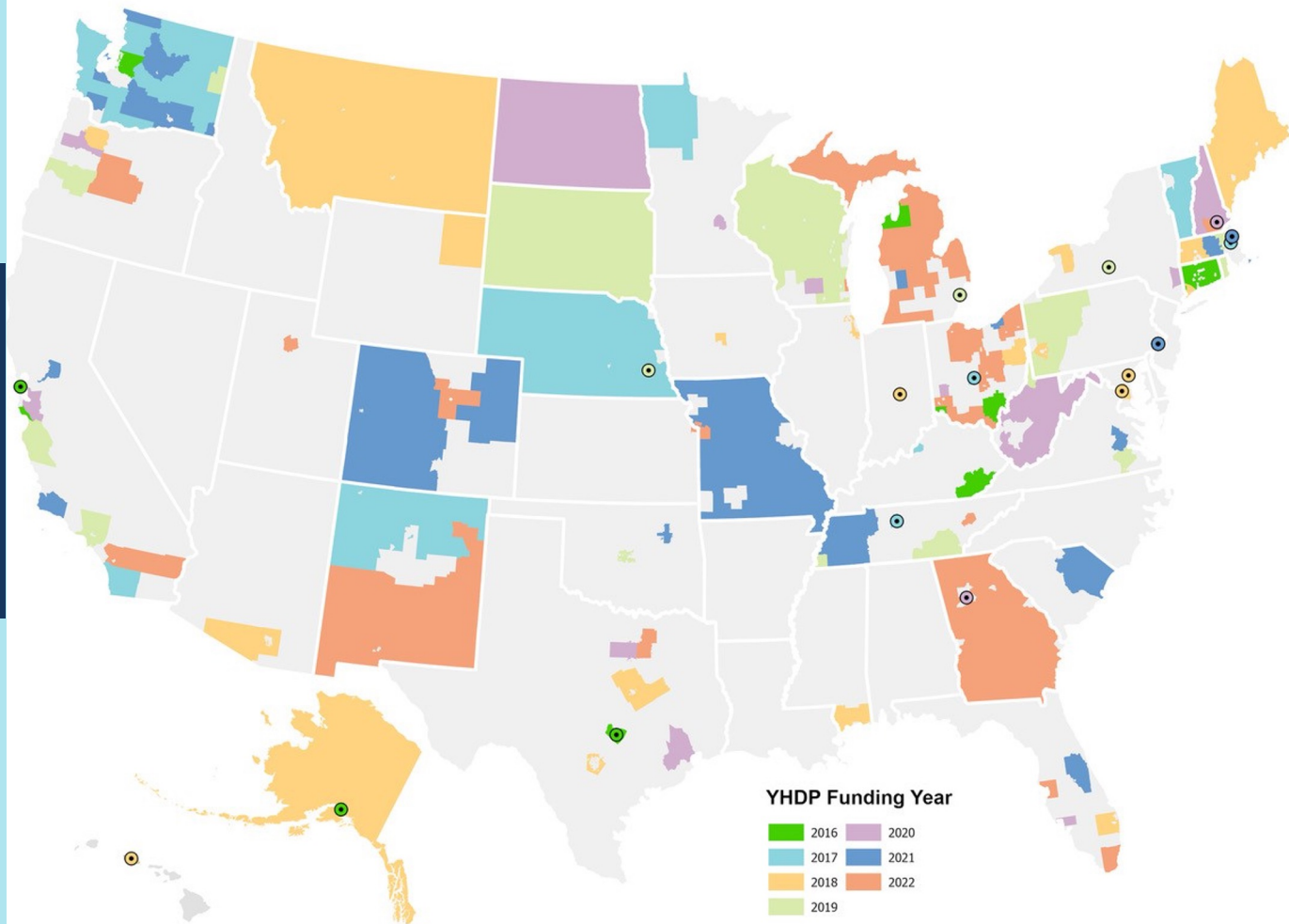
Within these 80 counties, there are approximately 400 homeless programs including emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid re-housing, and permanent supportive housing.

The Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care (BoSCoC) has divided these 80 counties into 17 homeless planning regions.



# YHDP Communities

## YHDP Map

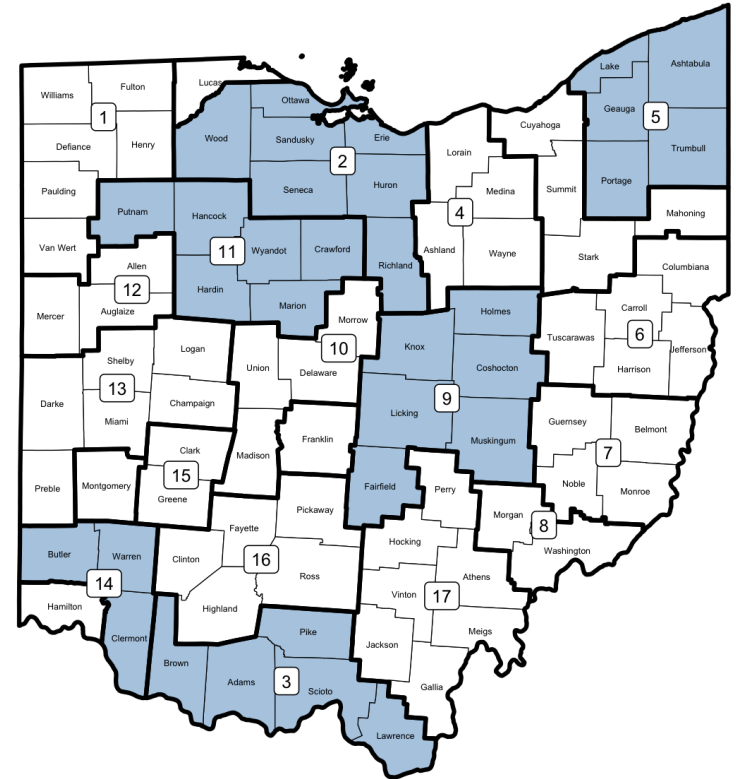


# YHDP Round 7 Communities

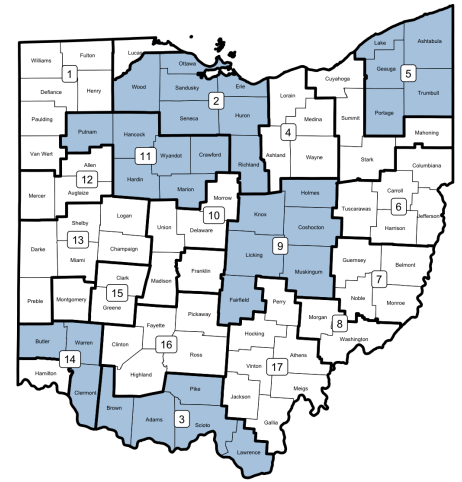
CoC	Community Name	Award
OR-503	Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC)	\$953,950
CO-503	Metro Denver Homeless Initiative	\$2,580,526
NM-501	New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness	\$2,316,575
CA-608	County of Riverside	\$7,487,462
FL-600	Miami-Dade County	\$8,472,367
UT-500	Salt Lake County Government	\$2,768,061
<b>OH-507</b>	<b>Ohio Department of Development/Balance of State</b>	<b>\$5,196,300</b>
FL-501	Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative	\$4,644,758
OH-506	City of Akron	\$1,456,221
TX-600	Housing Forward	\$9,392,854
MI-500	Michigan State Housing Development Authority	\$4,582,739
MI-508	Lansing Housing Commission	\$1,955,191
TN-502	City of Knoxville	\$1,823,342
MO-604	Homeless Services Coalition of Greater Kansas City	\$2,397,772
WI-501	City of Milwaukee	\$3,021,467
NH-502	Harbor Homes	\$1,251,192

# Ohio Balance of State Round 7

- Applied June 2023,  
awarded September 2023
- Regions 2, 3, 5, 9, 11, and  
14
- 32 counties
- Considered a rural project  
award



# YHDP Round 7 Areas



Region 2 Wood,  
Sandusky, Ottawa,  
Seneca, Erie, Huron,  
and Richland

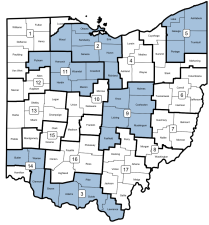
Region 3 Brown,  
Adams, Pike,  
Lawrence, and  
Scioto

Region 5 Portage,  
Geauga, Lake,  
Ashtabula, and  
Trumbull

Region 9 Coshocton,  
Fairfield, Holmes,  
Knox, Licking, and  
Muskingum

Region 11  
Marion, Hancock,  
Hardin, Wyandot,  
Putnam, and  
Crawford

Region 14 Butler,  
Warren, and  
Clermont



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# What do we know about youth homelessness in our areas?

Between 194-319 Ohio youth experience homelessness in any given day – with 20-30% of those cases being unsheltered

Highest numbers of youth experiencing homelessness have been recorded in the last two years

Black and youth of color experience homelessness at a rate higher than their White peers



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# Region 2

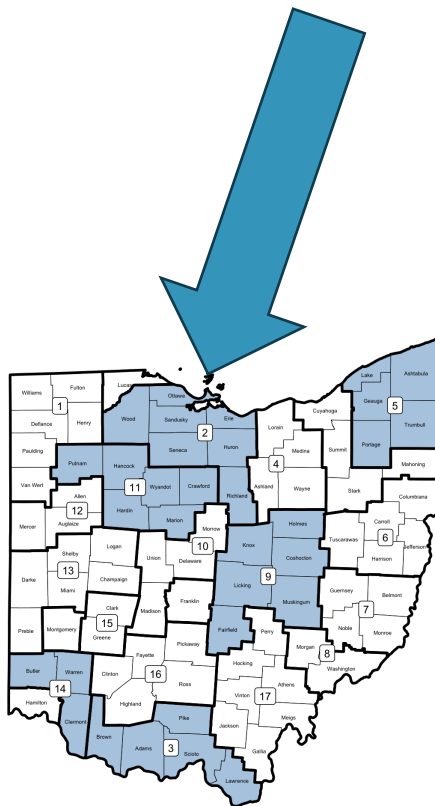
In the past year Region 2 has served 171 young people aged 18-24, including:

58% reporting no income

40% literally homeless

39% parenting

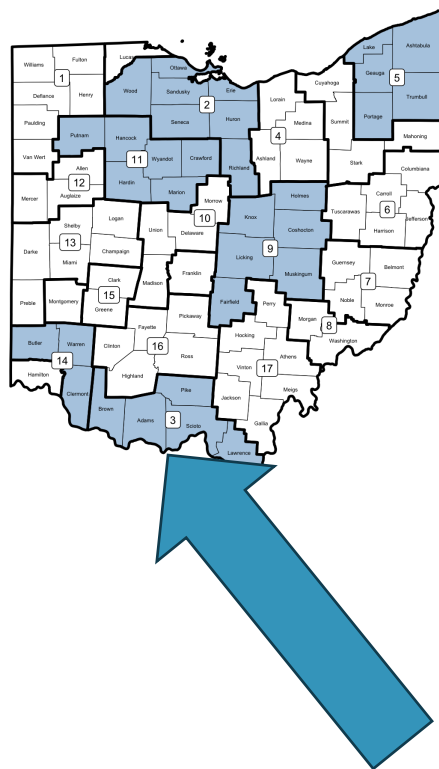
40% reporting mental health issues



“Jenny” first applied for services at 19 years old while in emergency shelter. She has bipolar disorder and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). While in the shelter, she was working part-time and did not receive any non-cash benefits. She was enrolled into Great Lakes Community Action Partnership’s Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program and has been a participant for almost 2 years.

“Jenny” is in the process of transitioning off the program, has maintained full-time employment for over 6 months, has accessed non-cash benefits, and with the support of several community partners, her gross income is nearly \$3,000/month.

# Region 3



## Hisle Park Dedication Day



## Youth in Custody (per 1,000)

	Ohio	Scioto County
2019	10.6	<b>22</b>
2020	9.7	<b>26</b>

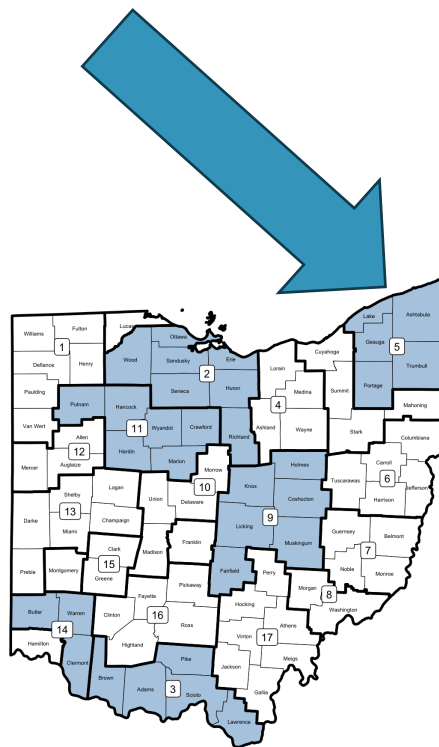
## Youth Aging Out of Foster Care

From 2018 → 2020 = 33% Increase

From 2021 → 2022 = **214% Increase**

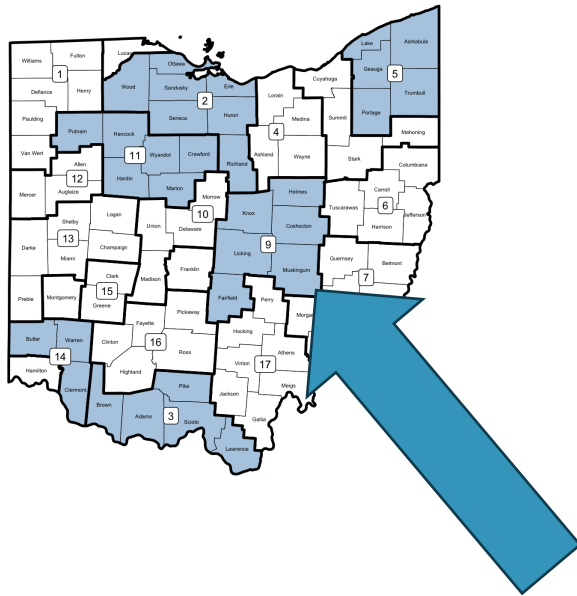
Data from PCSAO Factsheets

# Region 5



- During Calendar Year 2022 Region 5 coordinated entry access points assessed a total of **127 persons** 18-24 years old
- In 2022 of those residing at Next Step (Geauga & Portage Counties), 13% identified as LGBTQI, 17% identified as persons of color, and 63% had a history of domestic violence/sexual assault/dating violence/stalking/human trafficking.
- Coleman's Transitional Aged Youth Apartments in Portage & Trumbull Counties helps young adults ages 18-26 achieve greater self-sufficiency through housing support (single unit apartments and housing placement), vocational and employment services, and social/professional skill building.

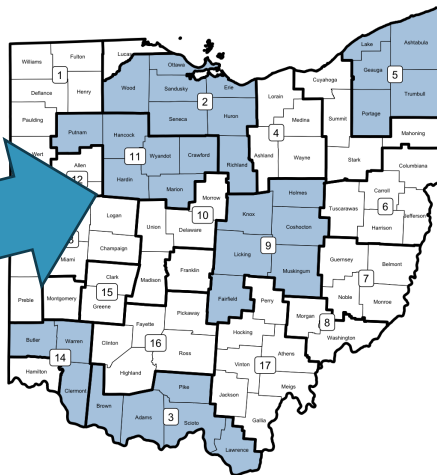
# Region 9



- Housing Assistance & Supports For Youth (HASFY) established in 2020 with a grant from ODH, providing case management and assistance in the areas of housing, physical & behavioral health, education & employment, and social & community connections to young people experiencing homelessness in Region 9.
- Over 100 young people served by HASFY to-date, with long-term supports that have included emergency shelter in motels, assistance with rent & deposit, transportation, hygiene and baby supplies, finding and maintaining housing, budgeting, setting goals, understanding tenant rights & responsibilities, managing conflicting priorities, and connecting with services and supports in their community to support stability and well-being.
- Success stories include young families and young pregnant women with no shelter available provided stays in motels and successfully moving into permanent housing, some with ongoing rent supports.

# Region 11

In Region 11, Ohio Dept of Health Youth Homelessness grant can serve 30 participants – is at capacity with waitlist.

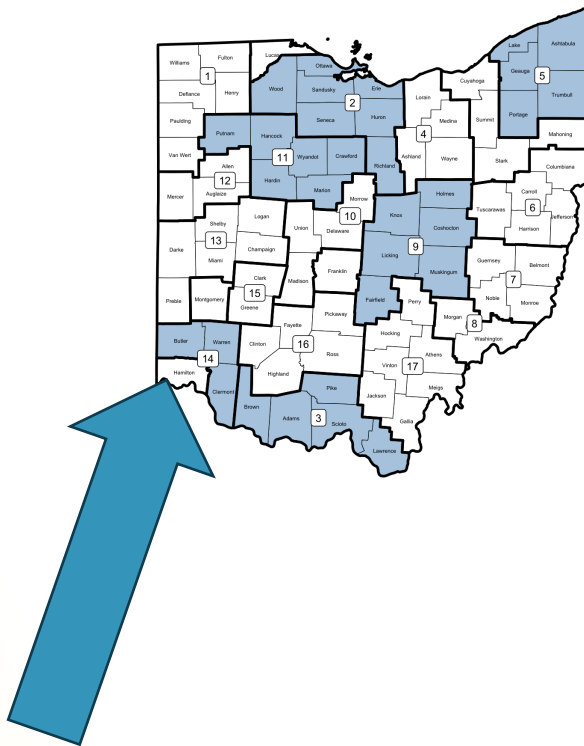


Unaccompanied youth are reporting experiencing homelessness due to:

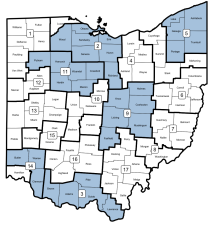
- parent drug addiction
- too many people in the house
- not feeling safe
- getting kicked out
- death of a parent



# Region 14



In the 2021-2022 school year, data from Butler County Schools showed that of the **over 800 students who were identified homeless across Butler County Schools**, 135 of these students were considered to be “unaccompanied.”



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# YHDP is Youth-Led

- Youth and young adults (YYA) with lived experience of homelessness must lead the process and have decision-making power.
- The identities and experiences of YYA included in our YHDP process should be representative of those who experience homelessness in our CoC.
  - **Black, Indigenous, and YYA of Color** must be included in this process
  - **LGBTQ+ YYA** must be included in this process
- Tokenization, or inviting YYA to “check the youth collaboration box,” is not authentic youth collaboration.

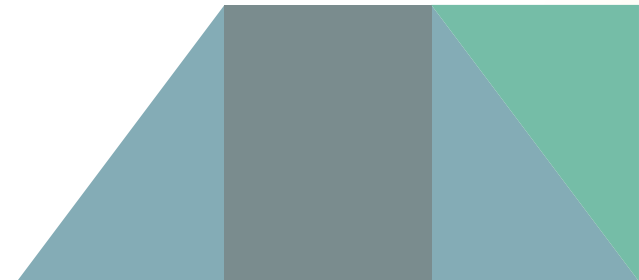
# How are youth leading our process?



YAB Slides Co-Created by YAB members Iyesh, Georgia, and Rose

# Our YAB group agreements

1. All YAB members can feel comfortable speaking their mind
2. Our YAB values diversity in identity and experience
3. YAB members can speak, learn, and ask questions without judgment
4. Our YAB allows space for patience and understanding
5. YAB members can participate in YAB activities to whatever degree they are able (allowing flexibility of coming/going from meetings, having cameras off, etc.)





# What the YAB does

It's where youth come together to discuss how to prevent and promote understanding of youth homelessness

Worked on coordinated entry, reviewed surveys that clients go through when trying to get placed in a shelter

Help the CoC - review project applications



# Something we've learned being part of the YAB

Youth homelessness is an actual problem, I didn't think it was as common

I learned a lot about HUD programs

We have access to help the youth get into a safe and healthy environment

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# What you get out of being part of this group

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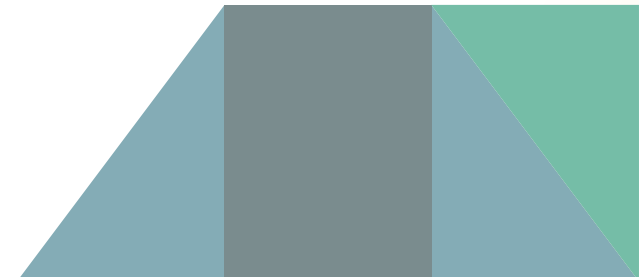
You get to share your experiences without judgment and fear  
Being apart of something bigger than myself and for the greater good.

Feeling less of a weight on your shoulder knowing others been through what u been through

Meeting other people with the same experiences

Learning about what these groups are doing to help with homelessness

”



# Ideas for the future



Meet other YABs to discuss how they run their YAB

Meet with other YABs and young people and collaborate with them

Find more time to connect - in person + online

Do more outreach with flyers and events

Learn more about leadership

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# Youth Action Board

The BoSCoC YAB is on a mission to provide youth with resources and services to succeed in order to prevent and eliminate youth homelessness.

Find us on Facebook  
[facebook.com/OHBoSCoCYAB](https://facebook.com/OHBoSCoCYAB)

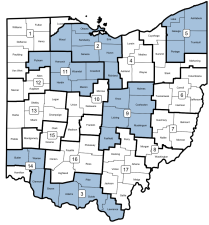
Meet every other Monday at 3 pm on Zoom & additional dates and times are possible!

Reach out – in the chat or by email  
[ohioboscoc@cohhio.org](mailto:ohioboscoc@cohhio.org)

## Join us!

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# Basic Award Info

- All YHDP grants are for 2 years, except planning grants which are for 1 year
  - There is no limit to the number of projects a community can submit; the only limit is that funding across all projects cannot exceed total YHDP award.
- Communities can be innovative as they create projects that meet youth-defined needs
  - YHDP communities can implement several special YHDP activities outside of the regular CoC regulations.



# Core Planning Team

- Youth Action Board
- BoS CoC and ODOD
- Region reps
- Education
- Child welfare
- Juvenile justice

+ support from Technical Assistance providers



# Phases of YHDP



Planning  
(September 2023-  
March 2024)

- Engage in a youth-led, community-wide **planning process** to envision what you need to end youth homelessness across CoC
- Put that into a **Coordinated Community Plan (CCP)** that HUD must approve before accessing YHDP funding



YHDP Project  
Selection  
Summer 2024

- Based on what is decided in the planning process, determine which entities will run **new projects using YHDP funding**



Project  
Implementation &  
Systems-Change  
2024-beyond

- Transform local work to end youth homelessness
- Start up **new projects**
- **Get started on steps in the action plan** from the CCP





# The Coordinated Community Plan

- **Threshold 1: Statement of need**
- **Threshold 2: Communitywide stakeholder engagement** in planning process
  - Youth Action Board (YAB) and additional youth with lived experience of homelessness
  - Homeless system partners (recipients CoC, ESG, RHY, etc.)
  - Cross-system partners (child welfare, justice, education, landlords, etc.)
- **Threshold 3:**
  - **Mission, vision, & action plan** for ending youth homelessness
  - **Governance & decision-making structure**
  - List of **new projects** to be funded by YHDP & other entities
  - **Signature** pages
- **Threshold 4: Core principles**

# CCP Threshold 1: Statement of Need

## CCP Requires

- Needs of:
  - › Unaccompanied youth
  - › Pregnant/parenting youth
  - › At-risk
  - › Literally homeless
- Housing, education, employment, social/emotional wellbeing needs, permanent connections

## Ideas for How We Get There

- Review existing data (HMIS, cross-system data, needs analysis, etc.)
- Always centering YYA participation and voice in:
  - Focus groups / ideation sessions
  - 1:1 interviews
  - Surveys
- **Other ideas?**

## Youth Collab & Equity Considerations

- Analyzing data with intersectional lens to determine what questions need to be asked to address inequity
- Identifying underlying bias that might impact available data
- Asking for and trusting YYAs' lived experience as truth
- **Other ideas?**

# CCP Threshold 2: Community Stakeholder Engagement

## CCP Requires

- List of partners
- Description of their involvement
- Requires collaboration with:
  - › The Youth Action Board (YAB)
  - › The CoC
  - › Child welfare
  - › Local government
  - › RHY providers

## Ideas for How We Get There

- Ongoing opportunities for participation and feedback with partners across the community, ensuring they find spaces they occupy valuable / a good use of time
  - › Tied to governance structure (Threshold 3)
- **Other ideas?**

## Youth Collab & Equity Considerations

- Ensure identities of those at the planning table / with decision-making power mirror those of the YYA the system is intended to serve
- Ensure YYA have what they need at all tables where decisions are being made. “Nothing about us without us.”
- **Other ideas?**



# CCP Threshold 3: The Work

## CCP Requires

- Governance structure
- Mission & vision statement
- Action plan (goals, objectives, & action steps)
- List of projects needed for optimal system, including what YHDP will fund and why
- Signature page affirming that required entities approve the plan

## Ideas for How We Get There

- Link YHDP decision-making structure with CoC governance structure while ensuring key youth players have decision-making power.
  - › YAB must have real power
- Various types of meetings.
  - › Leverage focus groups, interviews, surveys named in Threshold 1 to build toward these pieces.
- System modeling.
- Other ideas?**

## Youth Collab & Equity Considerations

- Ensure YAB has equal power to any other voting entities (e.g., to veto project decisions, to approve the CCP, etc.)
- Ensure that equity and YYA voice are embedded in all conversations that feed into mission/vision statement, action plan, and system and project design. **Project models must be designed around what YYA want and need.**
- Other ideas?**



# CCP Threshold 4: Core Principles

## CCP Requires

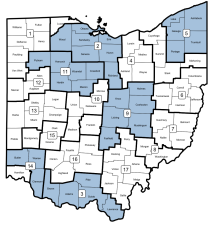
- USICH Youth Framework & 4 Core Outcomes (*stable housing, permanent connections, education/employment, and social-emotional wellbeing*)
- Special Populations
- Authentic Youth Collaboration
- Racial & LGBTQ+ Equity
  - Positive Youth Development
  - Trauma-Informed Practices
  - Family Engagement
  - Housing First
  - Unsheltered Homelessness
  - Youth Choice
  - Individualized and Client-Driven Supports
  - Social & Community Integration
- Coordinated Entry

## Ideas for How We Get There

- Build principles into information-gathering around what needs/gaps exist in the community and how they envision building a youth system
- Various types of meetings.
  - › Leverage focus groups, interviews, surveys named in Threshold 1 to build toward these pieces.
- **Other ideas?**

## Youth Collab & Equity Considerations

- Naming how each of these principles is put into practice at the interpersonal, project, system, and community level, with equity at the forefront
- Hearing and trusting YYAs' lived experience as truth
- **Other ideas?**



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# It takes all of us!

## CCP Key Stakeholders

- Youth Action Board + YYA
- Public Child Welfare Agencies
- CoC and ESG Program Recipients
- Local and State Government
- Tribal governments and/or Tribally Designated Housing Entities
- Runaway and Homeless Youth Program Providers
- Health, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Agencies
- Juvenile and Adult Corrections and Probation
- Local and State Law Enforcement and Judges
- HIV/AIDS serving organizations
- Public Housing Authorities
- Affordable Housing Providers
- Early Childhood Development and Child Care Providers
- Local and State Educational Agencies
- Institutions of Higher Education, including Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
- Non-Profit Youth Organizations
- Landlords
- Privately Funded Homeless Organizations
- Local Advocacy, Research, and Philanthropic Organizations
- Community Development Corporations
- Organizations that serve culturally specific (Black, Latino, Indigenous, people with disabilities, LGBTQ, etc.) communities

# Your role in the work



- What has your work to end youth homelessness looked and felt like so far in your area?
- What are you proud of?
- What do you know your community needs to work on?
- What help do you need?

# Upcoming Events

## Webinar: Helping Youth Build/Re-Build Meaningful Supports

help you understand how to assist youth and young adults ages 14-24 in identifying and maintaining safe supports

November 15, 2023

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: ZOOM



Register in advance for this Training:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYoc-mgqT0vG9NUdCopuiNY5pTmQAPSmClp>

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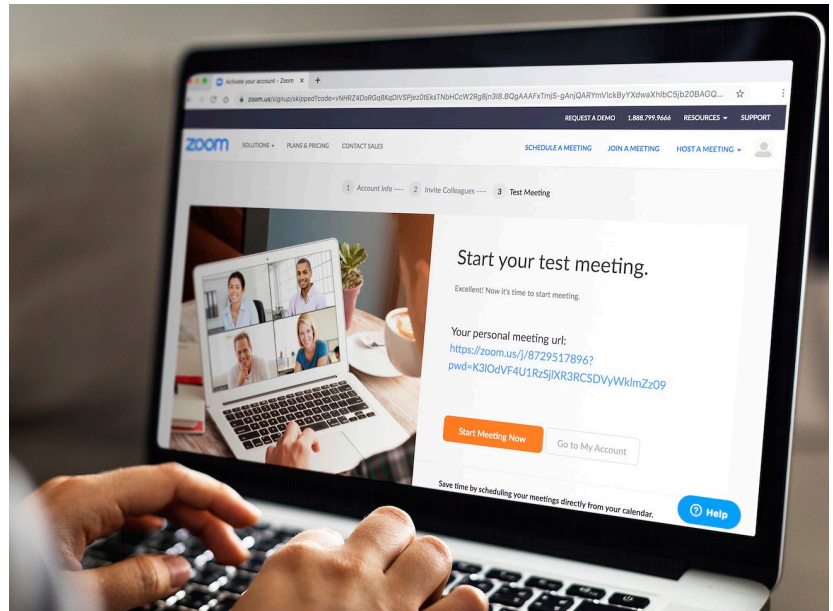
Region 9 YHDP Meeting

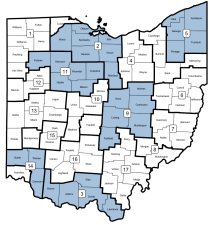
Monday, December 11

10:00 AM

Location: ZOOM

provide email address and other contact information to Deb Tegtmeyer at [dtegtmeyer@lcchousing.org](mailto:dtegtmeyer@lcchousing.org)





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Learn more about other YHDPs in Ohio:  
[cohhio.org/programs/youth-initiative/yhdp/](http://cohhio.org/programs/youth-initiative/yhdp/)



# Resources

[YHDP NOFO](#)

[YHDP HUD Exchange](#)

[Youth Collaboration Road Map 101 and 102](#)

[YHDP Lessons Learned](#)

[Overcoming Rural Specific Obstacles to Ending Youth Homelessness](#)

# The journey to success

Success looks like sharing the story of how ***we made a difference*** so that people know what's out there. It means ***we worked hard*** to have ***more people connect with us*** and those ***people were connected to housing***.

-BoS YAB Members, 2023 YHDP Application

# Thank You!



A recording of this meeting  
will be available on the  
COHHIO website.