

HomeRoom Network Community of Practice

Youth Dedicated Programming: Understanding
YHDP/RHY/ODH Funds

Session 13

2/27/2023

Welcome!

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- Your name & pronouns
- Name of your District
- Your role
- Something you're looking forward to



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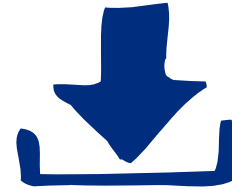
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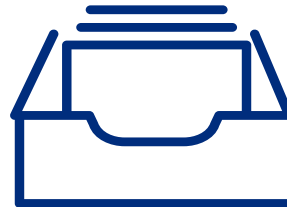
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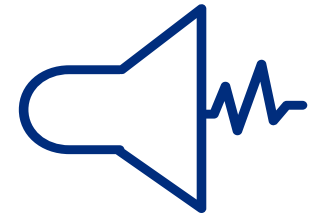
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**Handouts/
Materials**



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Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Youth Dedicated Programming at Home for Families
- Youth Dedicated Programming at Sojourners Care Network
- Q & A
- Closing



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Home for Families

Youth-Dedicated Programming at Home for Families

Melissa Humbert-Washington, Vice President of Programs and Services

YHDP and ODH



Services: Intensive, client-led, strength based case management services with a Housing First approach

Goals: To help young adults age 18-24 stabilize their housing



HFF believes that families deserve and have the right to housing, economic and educational stability.

YHDP versus ODH- who we serve



- YHDP- Youth who are literally homeless
 - Family or Singles shelter
 - Outreach Team (Huckleberry House CARR)
- ODH- Youth who are imminently at risk of homelessness
 - Referrals from partner providers
 - Direct calls from Youth
 - Internal referrals/transfers from other programs

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YHDP Partners



- Community Shelter Board is the Continuum of Care Lead for Franklin County
- Home for Families is the sub-grantee of the YHDP award
- Huckleberry House and YMCA are contracted partners who serve single TAY in Transitional Housing (HH) and Rapid-Re-Housing (YMCA)

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YHDP vs. ODH- what we can do

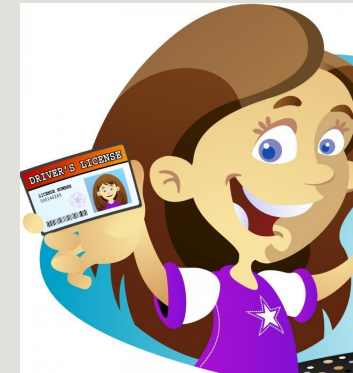


•YHDP- RRH and TH/RRH

- Rapid Re-Housing-
 - Scattered Site
 - Lease in youth's name
 - Referrals to PSH, EHV, if applicable
 - Financial assistance up to 2 years, case management up to 4 years



- Transitional Housing-
 - 4 locations (29 individual units, 1 shared living house)
 - Master-leased units
 - Referrals to PSH, EHV, if applicable
 - Financial assistance and case management for up to 2 years
 - Will transition into a Rapid-Rehousing unit and continue to be served

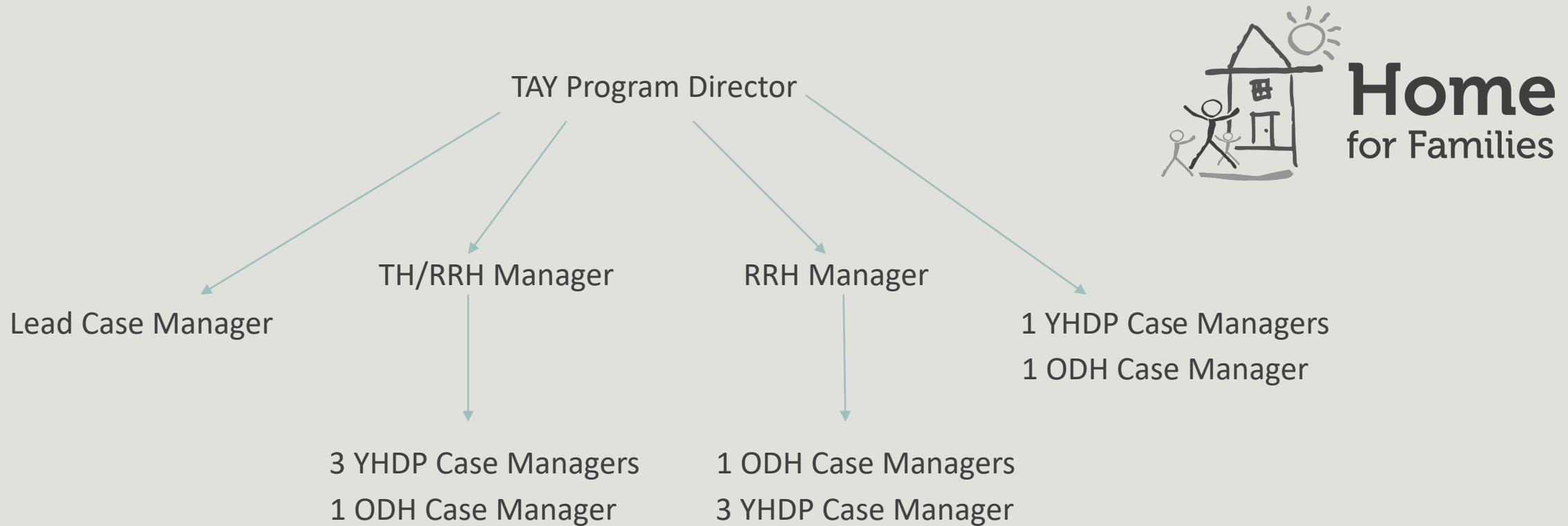


ODH-

- Short-term housing stabilization and case management
- Flexible financial assistance

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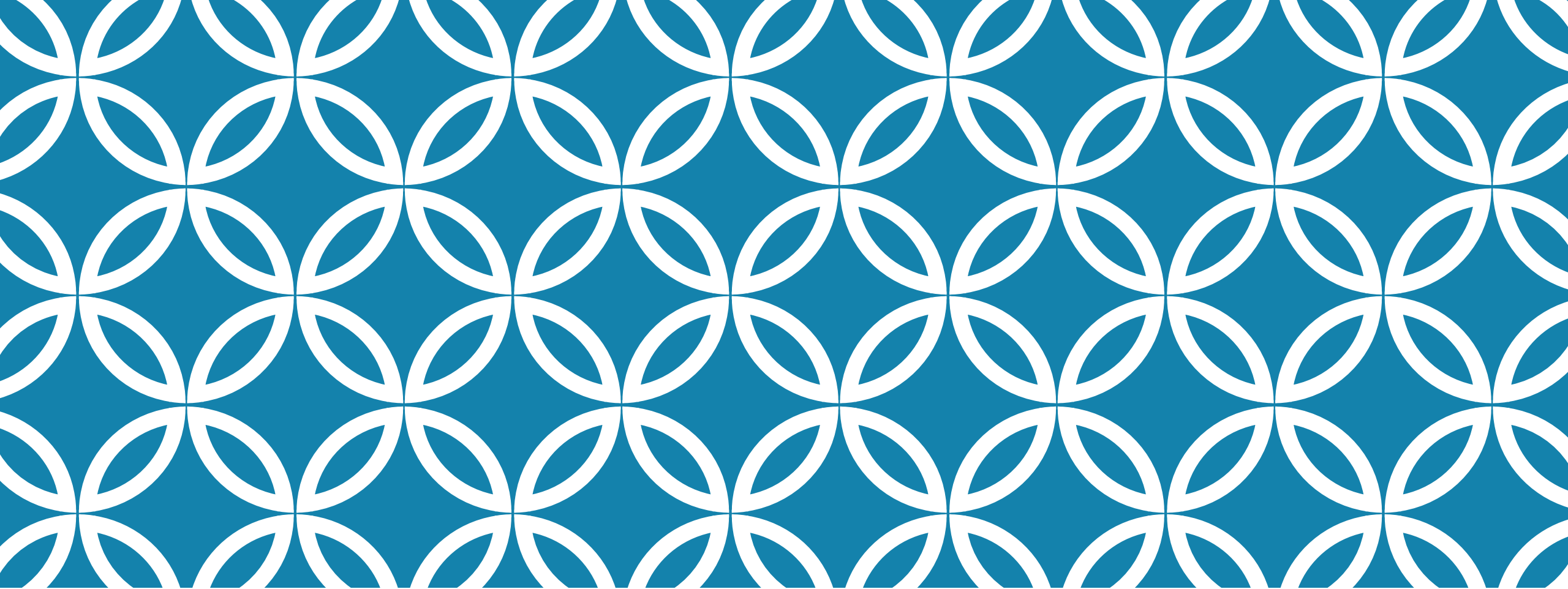
YHDP vs. ODH- staffing patterns



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SOJOURNERS CARE NETWORK

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SOJOURNERS CARE NETWORK

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GOALS FOR TODAY

- Introduce you to Sojourners in general.
- Provide an overview of our programming to support youth experiencing homelessness
- Provide insights from our Outreach Team on our experience working with unaccompanied homeless school age youth.
- Make connections so that we can work better together!

INTRODUCTION TO SOJOURNERS



Serving the
following counties:

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Gallia

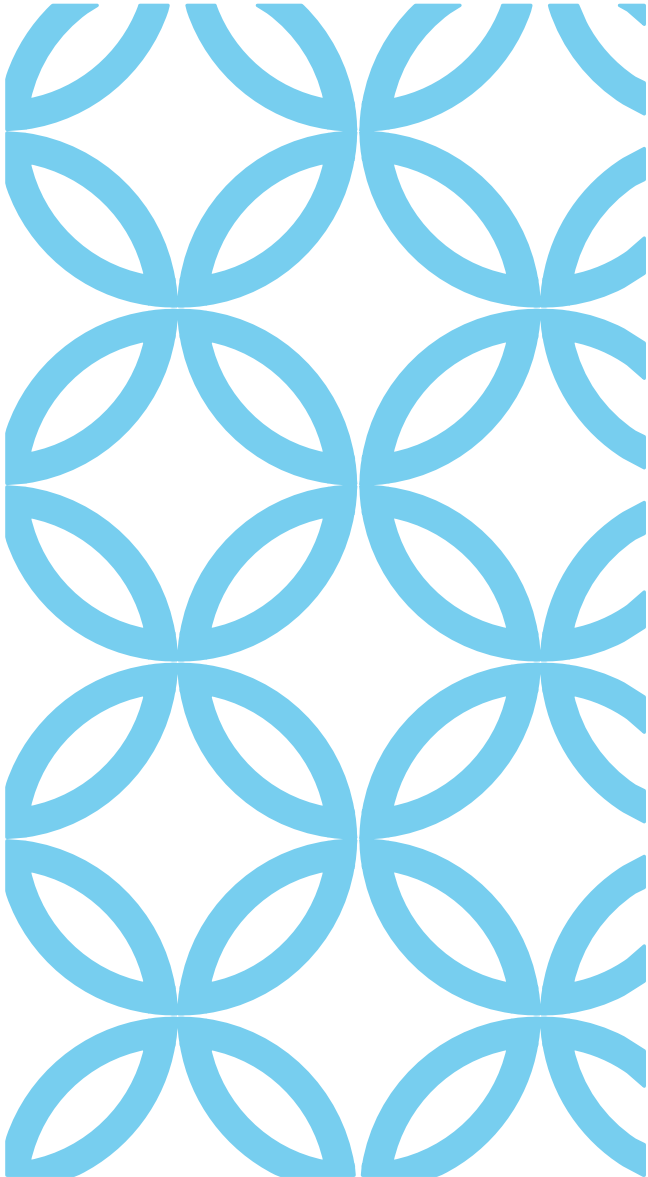
Hocking

Jackson

Meigs

Ross

Vinton



Our Mission

Sojourners Care Network, a nonprofit organization rooted in Appalachian Ohio, empowers young people to become healthy, responsible, and productive citizens now and in the future.

Our Vision

We envision a day when no young person is considered at-risk, deficient, or a problem to be solved. Rather, young people will be seen as partners in the development of themselves and their communities.

SOJOURNERS GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- * MORAL IMAGINATION
 - * DEMOCRATIC AND FACILITATIVE
 - * ASSET-BASED APPROACH
 - * SOCIAL CHANGE ORGANIZATION
 - * LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO APPALACHIAN OHIO
 - * SERVE BEFORE WE SEEK TO LEAD
 - * PARTNERS AND COLLABORATORS
 - * RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS
 - * EARN PUBLIC TRUST -- ACCOUNTABLE
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WHO DOES SOJOURNERS SERVE?

Foster Care Youth and Youth who
Have Aged Out of Foster care

Runaway and Homeless Youth

Underemployed and
Disconnected Young People

HOW DOES SOJOURNERS SERVE YOUTH?

Safe Shelter	A Focus on Mental and Physical Well Being	Connections with Community Resources	Job Training and Readiness	Education	Leadership Development & Community Service
Housing options for youth include a foster home, emergency shelter for homeless youth, and longer term shelter (described in further slides). Sojourners also facilitates caring and safe visits between foster care youth and their families of origin.	Through a thoughtful and thorough assessment process and ongoing supportive service, young people are helped to improve their physical, emotional, and mental health.	Case management connects youth with community resources including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mental, dental, and physical health care• Legal support• Child care• Educational advocacy• Mentoring	Vocational training job readiness, and employability are developed among all youth served over the ages of 14. A Youthbuild program that trains youth in construction or nursing, helps them obtain a high school degree or GED, and develops them as community leaders.	Sojourners works to ensure all young people are enrolled in school or are utilizing community and online resources to obtain a diploma or receive a GED. All are encouraged and supported to continue their education in college or other vocational training.	Developing engaged citizens is a distinct value of Sojourners' and this is fostered through integrating leadership opportunities throughout all programs and engaging youth to plan and implement service projects in their communities.

Family Support

Foster Care

Bridges

Supervised Visitation

Love Them Through it Parenting Program

Resource Recruitment Coordinators

Outreach

Street Outreach

Athens Resiliency Center

Job Training and Education

Youthbuild of Southeastern Ohio (Ross County)



SOJOURNERS PROGRAMS

HOMELESS YOUTH PROGRAMS (P. 1 OF 3)

Youth Homeless Demonstration Project (YHDP)– U.S. HUD

❖ **Youth Crisis Response Team (Outreach/Coordinated Entry)**

- ❖ Outreach Team – Program Director and 3 Outreach Coordinators
- ❖ Athens Resiliency Center/Drop In Center
 - ❖ Resiliency Programming
 - ❖ Laundry, Food Bank, Clothing Bank, Internet Access

❖ **Youth Crisis Transitional Housing**

- ❖ Four Crisis Transitional Housing Units – Athens, Gallia, Jackson, Vinton
 - ❖ Short term stay – akin to homeless shelter but young people only
 - ❖ Ages 18-24
 - ❖ Connect with Integrated Services for Behavioral Health for Rapid ReHousing
 - ❖ Stabilize and prepare for transition to permanent housing option

HOMELESS YOUTH PROGRAMS (P. 2 OF 3)

Runaway and Homeless Youth – U.S. HHS

❖ **Transitional Living (TLP)**

- ❖ 16 – 21 years of age
- ❖ For youth needing higher level of supervision and more support before transitioning to permanent destination
- ❖ Located in McArthur (Vinton County)

❖ **Basic Center (BCP)**

- ❖ Under 18 years of age
- ❖ Prevention and Emergency Shelter
- ❖ Reunification top priority
- ❖ 24/7 supervision
- ❖ Located in McArthur (with TLP program – see above)

HOMELESS YOUTH PROGRAMS (P. 3 OF 3)

Other

❖ **Permanent Supportive Housing – U.S. HUD**

- ❖ Youth with disabilities
- ❖ Long term housing up to age 25
- ❖ More intensive/long term case management/support

❖ **Supportive Housing (Ross County) – OH Office of Community Development**

- ❖ Similar to Crisis Transitional Housing Units
- ❖ Located outside of the YHDP service area
- ❖ Serves 18-24 years of age

❖ **Services for Homelessness Youth and Homeless Pregnant Youth – OH Dept. of Health**

- ❖ Increases capacity of Crisis Transitional Housing and TLP
- ❖ Includes support for homelessness prevention/diversion including short term hotel stays

OUTREACH TEAM REFLECTIONS – WORKING WITH UNACCOMPANIED SCHOOL AGED YOUTH

- **Transportation** to school from shelters an ongoing challenge – influenced by where we have beds available
- Work with youth who have complex **mental health needs** – we have Clinical Director but need more accessible mental health services
- **Limited housing options for youth under 18** – building a diverse team of committed partners/safety net in each county and school district important.
- **We want to be a resource and support to schools.** Know school staff in these roles are wearing a lot of different hats. We are here to play a role and help. Call us!



“It’s impossible,” said pride.

“It’s risky,” said experience.

“It’s pointless,” said reason.

“Give it a try,” whispered the heart.

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Discussion

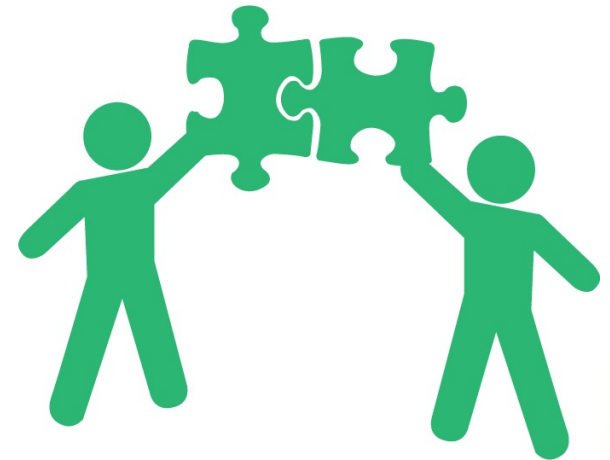
In Breakout Rooms:

What youth dedicated programming exists in your county/region?

If you have youth programming in your area, how have you seen the impact of these programs?

If you have no youth programming in your area, who might potential collaborators be?

Take notes and be prepared to share with the group!



Feedback

We invite you to provide feedback about today's session here:

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Spotlight Your District/ESC

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>

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