

Introduction to: The San Diego Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) Coordinated Community Plan to End Youth Homelessness

In July of 2018 the Regional Task Force on the Homeless Continuum of Care was awarded through national competition, the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) grant by The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of \$7.94 million, to prevent and end youth homelessness in the San Diego region. As a threshold requirement, the CoC was required to create a Coordinated Community Plan (CCP) to End Youth Homelessness in the San Diego region, regardless of the funding source.

Over a period of eight months, the CoC worked in partnership with various stakeholders including: the Youth Action Board (YAB), multiple community service providers, HUD and HUD technical Assistance Providers. The CCP development was an amalgam of input and best practices from six special focus groups, four community input sessions and more than 25 Operational Team meetings; inclusive of written feedback from the San Diego Youth Homelessness Consortium, subject matter experts, and the various youth and community stakeholders on what they believe is needed to end youth homelessness in the San Diego region.

The YHDP award and Coordinated Community Plan will move the Continuum of Care forward in creating appropriate system capacity, and full implementation of a youth coordinated entry system to identify and quickly link all homeless youth to tailored and scaled housing and services. The YHDP grant aims to support a wide range of housing programs including rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, and host homes; while emphasizing prevention and diversion.

The Youth Homeless Demonstration Grant will expand the community's capacity to serve homeless youth, pilot new models of assistance, and determine what array of interventions is necessary to serve the target population in their community. YHDP will measure youth outcomes, and the connection between youth performance measures on overall system performance for the Continuum of Care (CoC) to prevent and end youth homelessness by forming new partnerships, addressing system barriers, conducting needs assessments and testing promising strategies.

HUD Principles and Outcomes include: Stable housing, permanent connections, education/employment/entrepreneurialism (3E's), social-emotional well-being; Incorporating: Special Populations (pregnant & parenting, justice involved, LGBTQ, unaccompanied minors, foster care, human trafficking and domestic violence); Positive Youth Development, Family Engagement, Immediate Access to housing; Youth Choice, Individualized and client-driven supports, social and community integration.

CCP Submission to HUD:

On March 12, 2019, the CoC submitted the **San Diego Coordinated Community Plan to End Youth Homelessness** to HUD for approval of implementation of the CCP. The final submission of the CCP was **approved by HUD on March 13, 2019**. The CoC is quickly moving forward in sharing the CCP with the community, in preparation of the upcoming Request for Proposals for YHDP which is planned to be released to the community in April 2019.

We ask that potential YHDP grantees familiarize themselves with the CCP in its entirety; we encourage a specific focus on youth outcomes (3E's), and innovation.

Link to CCP: [FULL San Diego Coordinated Community Plan to End Youth Homelessness](#)

If you have any questions regarding the San Diego Coordinated Community Plan to End Youth Homelessness, please email Deme Hill, Continuum of Care Lead at Deme.Hill@rtfhdsd.org

If you have questions regarding the upcoming Request for Proposals for YHDP, please email: Youth@rtfhdsd.org

Coming information on YHDP will be located on the RTFH website at: www.rtfhdsd.org/yhdp

In addition, we will be hosting a **Community Information Session** and providing information about the upcoming YHDP RFP during the last week of March or first week of April, 2019.