

HOUSING OUR YOUTH

YMCA YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



Housing Our Youth is a program that provides specialized assistance to young adults up to the age of 24 who are at-risk or experiencing homelessness. The program is designed to intercept youth experiencing homelessness and provide them with immediate housing and wraparound support, while simultaneously searching for more permanent and stable housing options.

GOAL 1

Ensure that youth homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring in San Diego County

GOAL 2

Interrupt poverty and provide young adults with an opportunity to experience a financially independent and successful life

GOAL 3

Increase the effectiveness of the service delivery system and leverage resources through a coordinated and collaborative county-wide effort

WHAT WE OFFER

We believe we can accomplish these goals by removing systemic barriers, providing wraparound services and support, and building meaningful and lasting relationships that create a foundation for youth to build the life they want to lead. When youth enter the program, we work quickly to ensure that their basic needs are met – this includes emergency housing and basic needs assistance. All program participants are given access to specialized work-readiness training, education coordination, and occupational therapy workshops to better equip themselves with tools that will contribute to their successful transition into adulthood. Our services include the following:



COACHING
& CASE
MANAGEMENT



HOUSING
ASSISTANCE
& PLACEMENT



PERSONAL
DEVELOPMENT
WORKSHOPS



WORK
READINESS
TRAINING



EMPLOYMENT &
EDUCATIONAL
COORDINATION



FINANCIAL
LITERACY



PARENTING
SUPPORT



BASIC NEEDS
SUPPORT

INTENTIONAL COLLABORATION

Housing Our Youth is led by the YMCA of San Diego County, the **County of San Diego**, and six partners/subcontractors throughout San Diego County: **San Diego Youth Services, SBCS, North County Lifeline, Urban Street Angels, The San Diego LGBT Community Center, and Home Start**. Together, these organizations combine resources and intentionally collaborate to end youth homelessness and provide San Diego youth the opportunity to live self-sufficient lives.



Housing Our Youth is funded by the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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SNAPSHOT

In its first year, Housing Our Youth has made a lasting impact in our community.



1,111 total face-to-face encounters in just 9 months.



14,089 total text/electronic interactions in just 9 months.

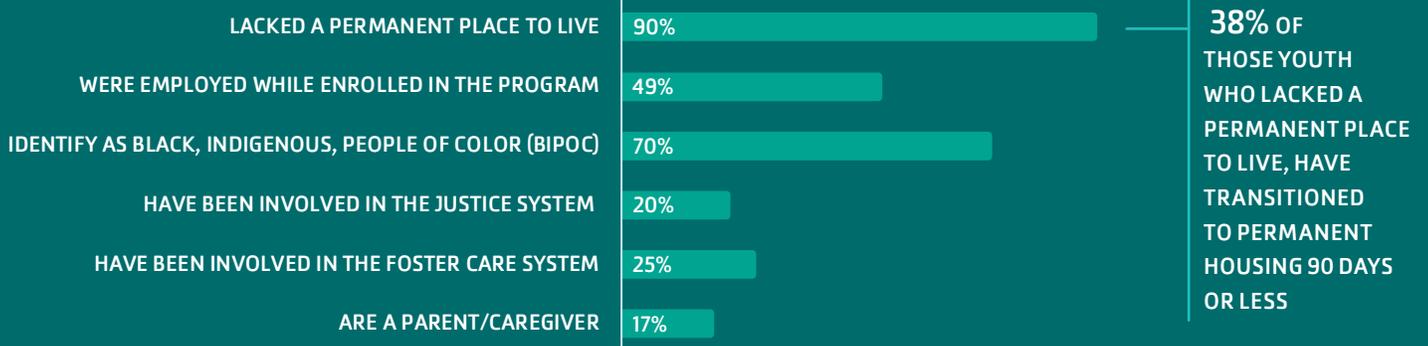


In just 9 months, we engaged **529** youth to provide critical information about our program and other resources within 48 hours of initial contact.



Of those 529 youth engaged; we were able to serve **214** youth directly through the Housing Our Youth program.

OF THE 214 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS:



Note: The Housing Our Youth program began December 1, 2020. This data reflects the information gathered between January 1, 2021, and September 30, 2021.

PROGRAM SUCCESS

Housing Our Youth is a successful program model that uses innovative, youth-driven strategies designed to address inefficiencies and inequities in the service delivery system.

INDIVIDUALIZED WRAPAROUND SERVICES & SUPPORT

Providing an array of services is the best approach to remaining stably housed and prepared for self-sufficiency. That's why we adapt our services to each individual's unique circumstances. Housing Our Youth can provide flexible and adaptable support services such as subsidized child care, tenancy support, transportation, service navigation, care coordination, and more.

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING & SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

Housing Our Youth is led by a team of dedicated and compassionate service providers who build judgment-free relationships with youth. By establishing meaningful relationships with participants care coordination has become more successful in youth sharing their authentic self. Thus, creating a relationship of trust in which youth feel more comfortable with sharing their needs and desires.

INTENTIONAL COORDINATION & COLLABORATION

Ending youth homelessness is a goal that requires intentional coordination and collaboration across the county. Housing Our Youth's seven service providers have come together to create a network of preventive and supportive services for youth facing homelessness or housing instability. This collaboration allows us to address youth homelessness rapidly and effectively in San Diego County. Through this effort, we created a human process to ensure that youth were contacted within 48 hours when interest in the program was shown.

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