



Connecting the Dots

Collaborating to Support the Education of Homeless Children and Youth
in Promise Zone Communities

The U.S. Department of Education in collaboration with
the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and
the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness

MEET YOUR PRESENTERS



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AGENDA FOR MARCH WEBINAR

- “Role” Call: Federal, State and Local participants
- Introduction of Round One and Two Promise Zone EHCY participants for 2016: Los Angeles, Sacramento, Choctaw Nation, San Antonio, North Minneapolis, Kentucky Highlands, South Carolina Low Country, and Camden, New Jersey
- Announcements from ED, USICH and HUD about FY 2016 budget and FY 2017 agency requests
- Sites working one-on-one with NCHE: goals, hopes, questions, concerns



EHCY BUDGET UPDATE

- FY 2016: Congress appropriated \$70M on 12/18/15 (currently authorized cap; ED requested \$71.5M or 10% increase)
- FY 2017: The President requested \$85M, the newly authorized cap for EHCY (a 21% increase). Explanation at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/budget17/justifications/c-sip.pdf> (C-46-50)
- FY 2017 spending plan: EHCY program office could request 1.5% of \$85M or \$1,275,000--about \$200,000 in additional national activities for interagency collaboration



ED AND EHCY INTERAGENCY WORK

- EHCY and ED policy staff very engaged in weekly meetings to develop a plan to end unaccompanied youth homelessness by 2020; LEA collaboration and aggregate data disclosure very important for 2017 PIT Count, the baseline measure
- EHCY and ED policy staff are active in interagency planning to address family homelessness and coordinated entry systems; ED co-leads early childhood homelessness committee
- CTD is an important Fed-State-local interagency “learning” initiative led by ED with HUD, USICH as partners for 2016
- Stay tuned for major E/HCY guidance releases, events and announcements over the next 6-9 months



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U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness

Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

Goals

1. Prevent and end homelessness among Veterans in 2015
2. Finish the job of ending chronic homelessness in 2017
3. Prevent and end homelessness among families, children, and youth in 2020
4. Set a path to end all types of homelessness

Action Areas

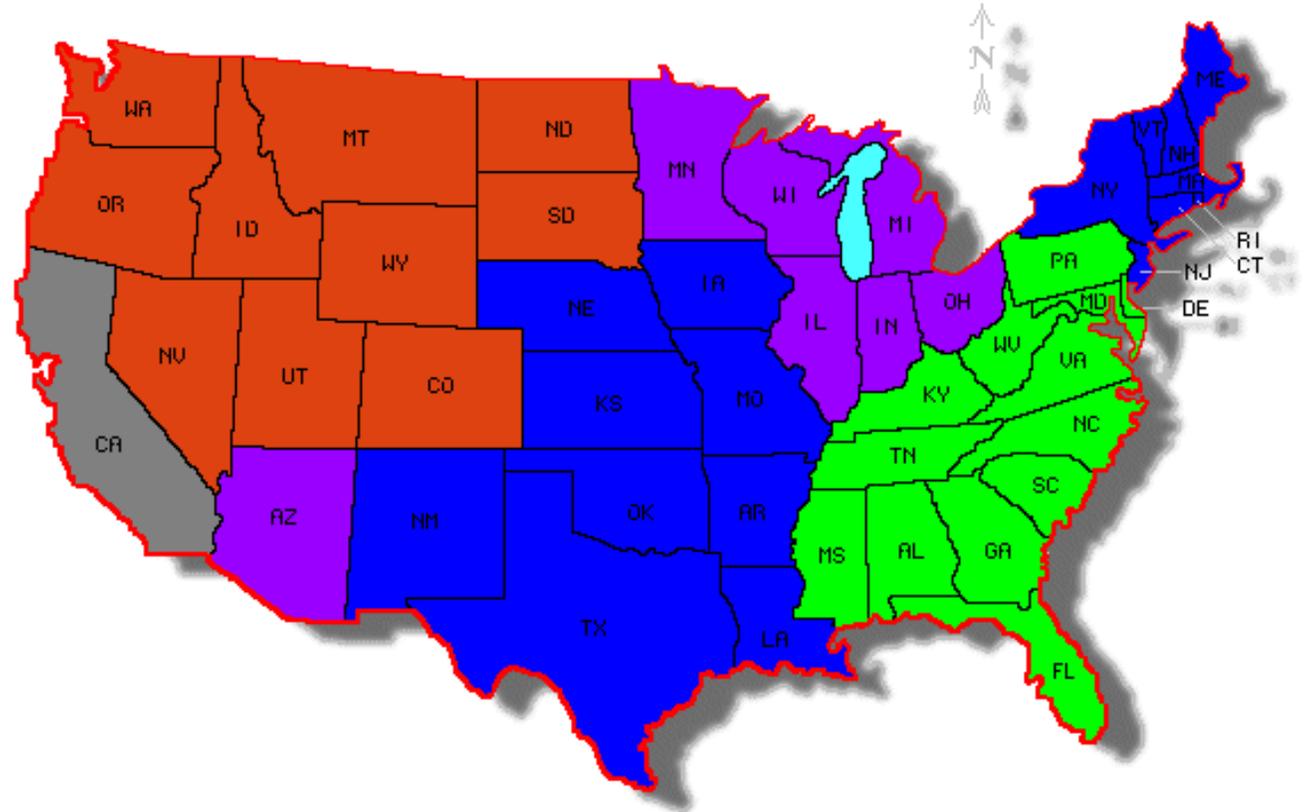
1. Increase Leadership, Collaboration, and Civic Engagement
2. Increase Access to Stable and Affordable Housing
3. Increase Economic Security
4. Improve Health and Stability
5. Retool the Homelessness Crisis Response System



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Youth Homelessness: Key Action Areas

#1 - Build the **foundation** for a coordinated and comprehensive community response

#2 - Build the **capacity of local communities** to implement the components of a coordinated and comprehensive community response

Learn more: [Coordinated Community Response to Youth Homelessness](#)

Preventing and Ending Youth Homelessness A Coordinated Community Response

In *Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*, we set a national goal to prevent and end youth homelessness in 2020. To get there, it will take all of us—government, non-profits, business, and philanthropy—to make sure every community has the capacity to achieve the goal.

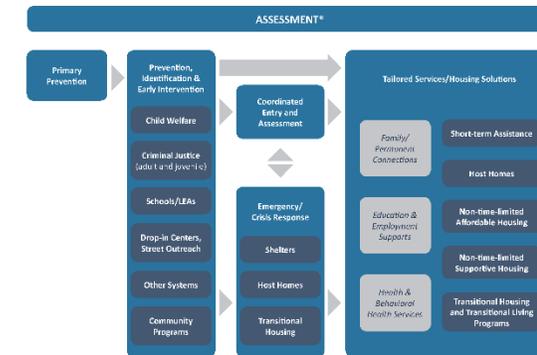
Our understanding of the scope and dynamics of youth homelessness is growing. While we continue to learn more every day, we must act now to build the comprehensive and coordinated response that young people need to end their homelessness forever.

This document provides a preliminary vision for such a response. It draws upon what we know works to end homelessness for other populations, along with strategies that support the unique needs of unaccompanied youth and young adults under 25.

We hope you'll use this document to advance discussions in your communities and build upon the work already underway. To receive additional tools and resources that will be developed to support the implementation of this response, [sign up for our newsletter](#).

Our Preliminary Vision for a Community Response

The Interagency Working Group on Ending Youth Homelessness has developed a shared vision for the community response that will be necessary to prevent and end youth homelessness, illustrated here and described in more detail below.



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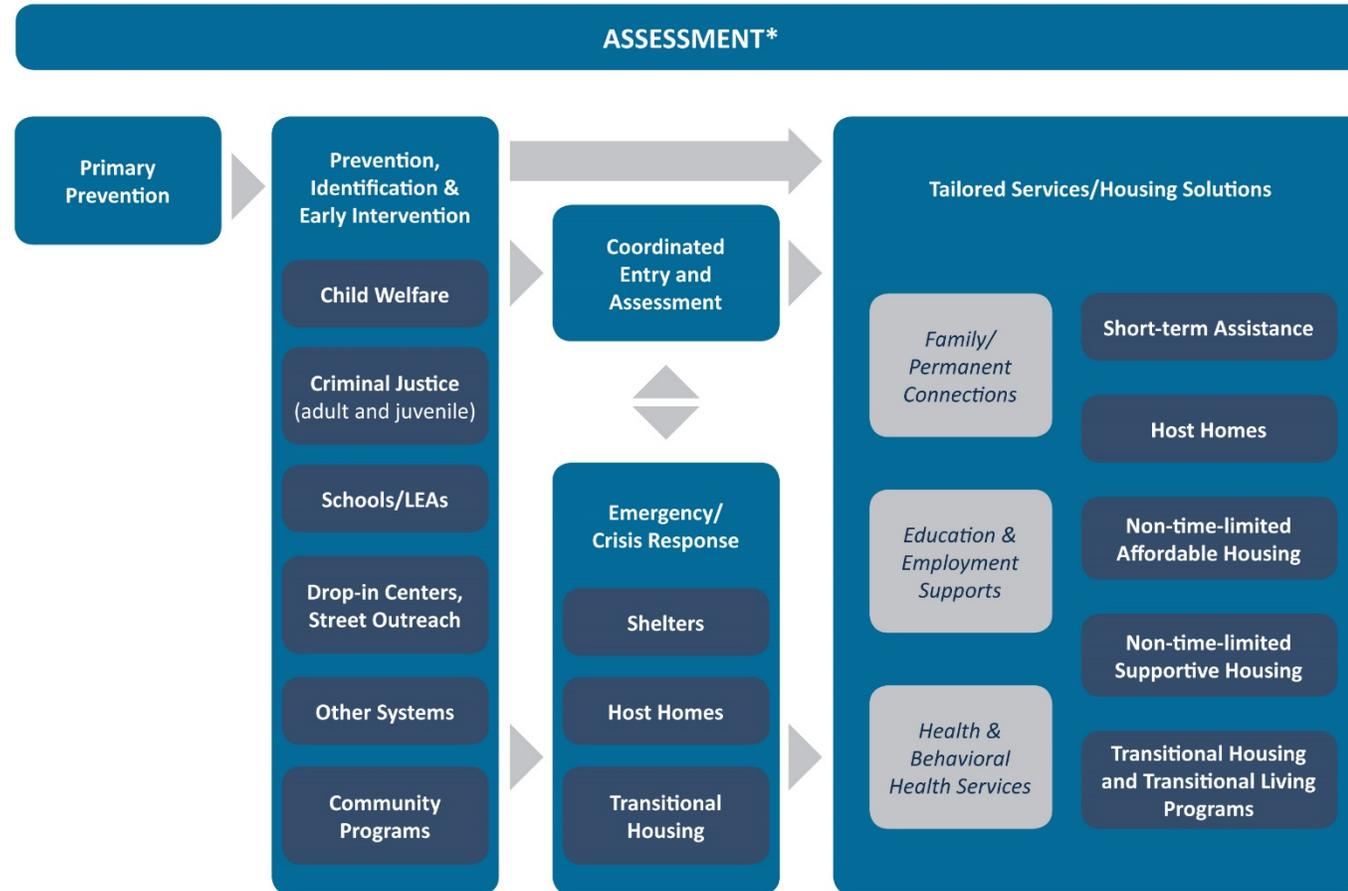
Interagency Working Group on Ending Youth Homelessness

Co-Chairs:
U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness
Department of Health and Human Services
Department of Housing and Urban Development

Members:
Department of Education
Department of Justice
Social Security Administration
Department of Labor



Coordinated Community Response



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Snapshot of Federal Progress

Driving Policy

- USICH Report to Congress
- A Way Home America
- HUD LGBTQ Youth Homelessness Prevention Pilots
- HHS Youth at-Risk of Homelessness Grants Phase II
- HUD Coordinated Community Response Pilot Demonstration
- ED Chronic Absenteeism Initiative
- ED-HUD collaboration
- Data sharing

Guiding the Field

- ACA enrollment for youth
- Coordinated entry
- Data explainer
- Screening and assessment inventory
- Family intervention strategies
- 2017 PIT count



USICH Priorities in FY 16 and FY 17

- Achieve and sustain an end to veteran homelessness, and translate lessons learned to our work with other populations
- Scale up investments in proven housing interventions and engage mainstream systems to end family homelessness
- Expand supply of supportive housing necessary to end chronic homelessness
- **Test models and strengthen community capacity to end youth homelessness**
- **Provide communities with criteria and benchmarks for ending family, youth, and chronic homelessness**



Connect the Dots and USICH Priorities

Regional approach to collaboration



The President's FY 2017 Budget

Families

- **\$11 billion** in mandatory funding to fund short- and long-term rental assistance
- **\$2 billion** to provide emergency assistance to families facing financial crises
- **\$88 million** in tenant-based rental assistance to create 10,000 new targeted vouchers
- **\$24 million** to create 8,000 new units of rapid re-housing
- **\$6 million** of Head Start increase for children experiencing homelessness

Chronic

- **\$330 million** to create 25,500 new supportive housing units

Youth

- **\$25 million** to expand the Youth Homelessness demonstration
- **\$6 million** increase in RHYA, including over **\$2 million** in prevention pilots

Veterans

- **Sustains funding** for targeted homelessness assistance for Veterans at current levels
- **\$12 million** increase for DOL's Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program



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FY 2016 and FY 2017 Youth Homelessness Investment & Budget Request

FY 2016 Youth Homelessness Investment: **\$42.5 Million**

FY 2017 Youth Homelessness Request: **\$25 Million**



FY 2016 Investment in the Continuum of Care Program:

\$33 million: “to implement projects to **demonstrate how a comprehensive approach** to serving homeless youth, age 24 and under, in up to **10 communities**, including at least **4 rural communities**, can **dramatically reduce youth homelessness**”

\$5 million: “to provide **technical assistance** on youth homelessness, and collection, analysis, and reporting of data and performance measures under the comprehensive approaches to serve homeless youth, in addition to and in coordination with other technical assistance funds provided under this title”



FY 2016 Investment within the Research Budget in Policy Development & Research (PD&R)

\$2 million: “for homeless youth research activities authorized under section 345 of the Runaway Homeless Youth Act”

\$2.5 million: “for homeless youth program evaluations conducted in partnership with the Department of Health and Human Services”



FY 2017 Budget Request in the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program

\$25 million: For innovative projects dedicated to serving youth experiencing homelessness. This is necessary to build on the \$33 million provided in FY 2016 and will provide critical insights and resources into how to end youth homelessness.

It is important to note that the \$33 million from FY 2016 will be renewable project through the CoC competition.



How Education can get involved in the Youth Homelessness Demonstration?

Federal Department Collaboration: The Department of Education is a key partner in planning for the implementation of the demonstration, including the guidance that will go out to the field in preparation.

National Listening Calls: HUD will be hosting two national listening call on March 17th and 24th with stakeholders to hear ideas from the field on strategies to implement a coordinated community response through the demonstration.



How Education can get involved in the Youth Homelessness Demonstration?

Application Process: Communities that apply will need to show a strong partnership with their school system or develop plans to implement stronger partnerships.

Implementation Sites: The 10 communities selected will have the opportunity to test some of these innovative partnership, allowing for the rest of the country to learn and spread best Practices.



How can Connecting the Dots influence the demonstration?

Feedback on Guidance to the Field

In preparation for the demonstration and as part of the interagency work to prevent and end youth homelessness, we will be developing an array of guidance on important topics such as coordinated entry, data and data sharing, partnership, and many others.

This group can offer insight and feedback on the guidance and on the topics to be addressed.

CTD GOALS FOR 2016

- Federal agency-led “monthly” webinars or calls open to all Round One and Two CTD participants
- Opportunity to work one-on-one with NCHE and HUD Federal and local contacts for 5-7 sites (goals TBD by sites)
- ED will solicit input and feedback on Federal guidance and TA on ending youth homelessness and coordinated entry systems
- Ongoing PD on PBI, including October NAEHCY Conference session (if approved)
- Wrap-up by December (NCHE brief)
- 2017~: new inter-agency initiative on youth homelessness pending funding and staffing



CTD MONTHLY PLANS FOR 2016

- **February:** connect local PZ community and education liaisons and appropriate CoC contacts via NCHE and HUD (for up to 6 sites)
- **Early March:** Webinars with PZ and CoC contacts; Discuss *USICH Report to Congress on Ending Youth Homelessness*
- **Early April:** Review *Federal Strategic Plan for Ending (Unaccompanied) Youth Homelessness by 2020*
- **Early May:** Discussion on range of LEA participation in CoC-led Coordinated Entry Systems



PLAN OF WEBINARS FOR 2016

- **Early June:** Feedback on ESSA-EHCY implementation: ED draft public notice; new ED website on homelessness ; new data collections and accountability for HCYS; EHCY strand at ED chronic absenteeism summit
- **Summer:** TBD (maybe EHCY and consolidated State plans pertaining to interagency coordination; new EHCY monitoring plan)
- **September:** TBD
- **October 28-November 1:** in-person meeting or session at the NAEHCY Conference
- **Early December:** Debrief and wrap-up



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