

## **Youth Task Force Meeting**

April 11, 2016  
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
CHIP

### **Attendance:**

Cherie Gibson, Crystal Haslett, Patricia Julianelle, Keshia Knight, Laura Littlepage, Brian Paul, Simona Reising, Karin Thornburg, and Alan Witchey

### **Intro:**

- Supportive Services group did a community survey and from that meeting there was a desire to create a youth task force in Indianapolis

### **Election of Chair:**

- Cherie Gibson and Crystal Haslett were elected co-chairs for the Homeless Youth Taskforce

### **Discussion of the mission of this task force:**

- What are some barriers to youth accessing resources?
- How do we find solutions and obtain data related to this population?
- Research project - would look at a range of youth (ages)?
- Adult-youth partnership is a possibility
- Who should/could be at the table?
  - Stopover, School on Wheels, Children's Bureau, McKinney-Vento liaisons, IYG, Safe Families for Children, NACS, Groups in high school students, Youth who completed survey, IUPUI, Ivy Tech, Excel Center,

### **Youth Homelessness Task Force – Start-up Kit**

- Dual task force
- High school students vs. not in high school
- Look at data based on in school(high school or higher ed.) or not in school

### **Homeless Youth Research Project**

- Survey monkey - different communities create the survey in different ways. It depends how the community wants to use the data to increase or focus and dedicate resources
- Polk County in - through service providers and homeless students. This district will administer in the local high schools
- Age group 18-24, specify this age group

### **Next Steps:**

- Regular Meeting date/time: Every third Monday, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- Next meeting: 5/16 4pm @ CHIP
- Youth Council - in traditional high school vs. outside of traditional high school