

Youth Homelessness Task Force

Meeting Minutes- 4/4/2017

CHIP, 1100 W 42nd St, Indianapolis, IN 46208

The meeting was called to order at 3:38 PM

An update was give on the Homeless Youth Survey. All providers have requested copies of the surveys they can provide to their youth, as well as gift cards for those who complete the surveys. The group was reminded that youth should only take the survey one time, and if they want to take it again in order to get another gift card, they are able to just give the gift card to the youth and not require the survey to be take again.

Indianapolis has applied for and been granted Technical Assistance for Youth Homelessness from HUD. While we did not receive the Youth Demonstration Project grant, we did apply to the technical assistance. We will be assigned someone from ABT Associates. Alan will let everyone know how the TA will work and what we can do.

The group discussed coordinated entry for youth. The CES pilot is going to launch in July and youth are going to be brought in officially by next July (2018). The group went through a series of discussion questions:

- 1) How do youth currently enter into services in our community?
 - a. Under 18: Children's Bureau is primary point, runaway and homeless youth grant holders will be main source, but many may not be literal homeless
 - b. 18-24: various ways, depending on access to shelter. Population may have additional special needs (developmental delays, addiction) that influence access or ability to understand process
 - i. Adult education referral
 - ii. Shelters
 - iii. Foster Care
 - c. Parenting youth: almost all are in a couch surfing situation if they are homeless
- 2) What are special concerns we have?
 - a. LGBTQ safety, language, competency training for access points is important
 - b. Youth need to be involved in the design and assessment of their CES
 - c. Stabilization services and wrap-around services need to be looped in
 - d. Reunification for parenting youth who have lost their children upon becoming homeless
- 3) What housing resources do we have now for youth? (Not just CoC)
 - a. PSH (Boner)
 - b. RRH is not targeted to youth, but they may access
 - c. Atterbury (employment program)

- d. Stopover Inc TH
- e. Know Outlets money is used to house youth
- 4) What are the barriers to getting housing for youth?
 - a. ID/Birth Certificate resources
 - b. Faith-based requirement, “adults” want to change the youth
 - c. Safety in shelter and in the community
 - d. Assisting youth in getting documentation, going along “side by side” with a youth so that the client understands and has choice

Indypence youth employment and training program presented on their Indianapolis and Atterbury programs. Materials were provided to attendees. Youth as young as 16 can participate with parental permission.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40