

# Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP): **Community Kickoff**

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OH-505: Dayton, Kettering / Montgomery County Continuum of Care

Welcome

# Agenda

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- YHDP Overview
- YHDP Process: Where Are We Now?
- Q&A

# YHDP Overview

# Important Acronyms

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YHDP: Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program

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CCP: Coordinated Community Plan

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YAB: Youth Action Board

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CoC: Continuum of Care

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HUD: U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.

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NOFO: Notice of Funding Opportunity

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TA: Technical Assistance

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HMIS: Homeless Management Information System (CoC's data system)

# What is YHDP?

- CoCs across the country apply to HUD for YHDP, which comes with:
  - **Funding** that must be used to address youth homelessness
  - 3 years of technical assistance (TA) to support you throughout the planning and early implementation processes
- Your CoC got **\$1,765,797** in YHDP funding!
- This CoC is part of YHDP Round 4/5
  - Round 1: 10 CoCs
  - Round 2: 11 CoCs
  - Round 3: 23 CoCs
  - Round 4/5: 33 CoCs

# What do we mean by “youth?”

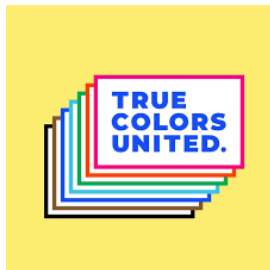
- **Youth:** minors, under age 18
- **Young adult:** ages 18-24
- **Parenting youth (PY):** youth or young adult with their own children
- **Unaccompanied youth (UY):** Not with parent, legal guardian or caretaker

**NOTE:** Youth who are experiencing homelessness with their parents or guardians have many of the same services and support needs of unaccompanied youth, but YHDP focuses specifically on households where no one is 25 or older.

# What do we mean by “homelessness?”

- Resource: [HUD's Determining Homeless Status of Youth](#)
- **Literally homeless (Category 1)** – shelter, transitional housing, hotel or motel paid for by government or charity, or sleeping on the street, park or other place not meant for human habitation
- **Imminently at risk of homelessness (Category 2)** – losing housing (including doubled up situations) within the next 14 days with no other safe place to stay and no money or other resources
- **Unstably housed (Category 3)** – homeless under other federal statutes including McKinney-Vento (Dept. of Education) and Runaway and Homeless Youth Act and couch surfing with multiple moves in the last two months and can be expected to have continued housing instability
  - CoCs must apply for a waiver from HUD to serve Category 3 using YHDP funds. Can only use up to 10% of funding.
- **Fleeing dangerous or life-threatening situations (Category 4)** – including domestic violence, sexual assault, trading sex for housing, trafficking, violence or threats of violence because of sexual orientation or gender identity





## Technical Assistance (TA) Providers

### Lead HUD TA

- Aubrey Sitler (Abt Associates)
- Roy Graham (Youth Collaboratory)

### Youth Collaboration TA

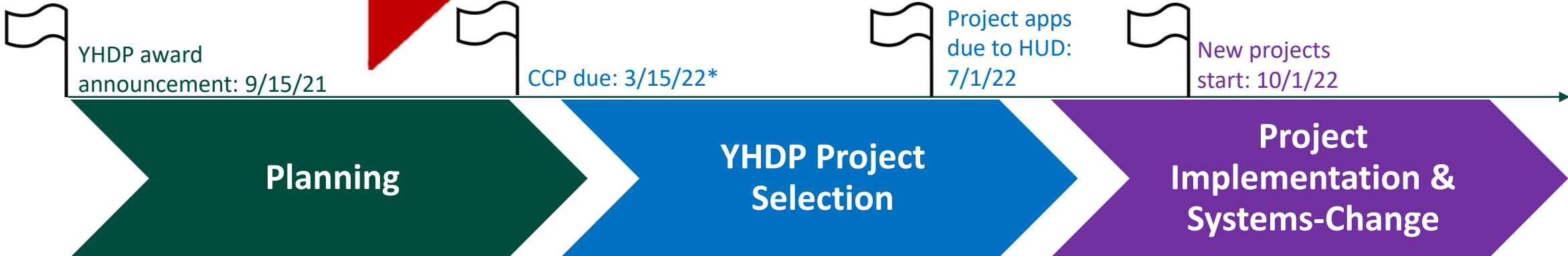
- Justina Burton (True Colors United)

# YHDP Objectives

- Engage in a community-wide planning process to **unite the focus, vision, and funding** of local efforts to holistically end youth and young adult homelessness.
- Write a **Coordinated Community Plan (CCP)** that reflects this planning process and guides communitywide action.
- Expand **capacity** and **pilot new models** of assistance and support for young people.
- Center and elevate the **leadership of young people** across the CoC.
- Embed core principles like **authentic youth collaboration** and **racial & LGBTQ+ equity** throughout the process and system.
- Create and enhance **cross-system partnerships**.



# 3 Main Phases of YHDP *Round 4/5 Timeline*



- Engage in a youth-led, community-wide **planning process** to envision what you need to end youth homelessness across CoC
- Put that into a **Coordinated Community Plan (CCP)** that HUD must approve before accessing YHDP funding
- *\*opportunity for 3-month extension if needed*

- Based on what you decides in your planning process, **host a local competition** to determine which entities will run new housing and services projects using YHDP funding

- Transform local work to end youth homelessness
- Start up **new projects** (~October 2022)
- Make moves on the **action plan** from the CCP

# Where We Are & Where We're Going

## Done:

- Host a community-wide kickoff
- Convene a core YHDP leadership team
- Develop YHDP planning process & CCP completion plan

## Ongoing:

- Establish & recruit a **YAB**
- Host community-wide **Brainstorming Sessions**
- Work with Core Team to develop CCP content

## Up next:

- Cultivate community buy-in for community-wide action plan
- Model the optimal youth homelessness response system & determine which parts of that system YHDP will fund
- Complete CCP & get required approval

## Future:

- YHDP Project selection process (develop & launch YHDP RFP and project review process)
- New project implementation
- Ongoing systems-change work (including developing a CQI process)

# Main CCP Components\*

- **Threshold 1: Statement of need**
- **Threshold 2: Communitywide stakeholder engagement** in planning process
  - Youth Action Board (YAB) and additional youth with lived experience of homelessness
  - Homeless system partners (recipients CoC, ESG, RHY, etc.)
  - Cross-system partners (child welfare, justice, education, landlords, etc.)
- **Threshold 3: The Work**
  - **Mission, vision, & action plan** for ending youth homelessness
  - **Governance & decision-making structure**
  - List of **new projects** to be funded by YHDP & other entities
  - **Signature** pages
- **Threshold 4: Key principles**, including authentic youth collaboration, racial & LGBTQ equity, Housing First, and Positive Youth Development, among others.

*\*The YHDP NOFO, [Appendix B](#) details the CCP requirements in full.*

# CCP Threshold 1: Statement of Need

## CCP Requires

- Needs of:
  - › Unaccompanied youth
  - › Pregnant/parenting youth
  - › At-risk
  - › Literally homeless
- Housing, education, employment, social/emotional wellbeing needs, permanent connections

## Plans to Get There

- Review existing data (HMIS, cross-system data, needs analysis, etc.)
- Brainstorming Sessions (Jan. 31-Feb. 7)

## Youth Collab & Equity Considerations

- Asking for and trusting YYAs' lived experience as truth
- Analyzing data with intersectional lens to determine what questions need to be asked to address inequity
- Identifying underlying bias that might impact available data

# CCP Threshold 2: Community Stakeholder Engagement

## CCP Requires

- List of partners
- Description of their involvement
- Requires collaboration with:
  - › The Youth Action Board (YAB)
  - › The CoC
  - › Child welfare
  - › Local government
  - › RHY providers

## Plans to Get There

- Convening the YHDP Core Team (ongoing)
- Ongoing opportunities for participation and feedback with partners across the community, ensuring they find spaces they occupy valuable / a good use of time
  - › Tied to governance structure (Threshold 3)

## Youth Collab & Equity Considerations

- Ensure identities of those at the planning table / with decision-making power mirror those of the YYA the system is intended to serve
- Ensure YYA are at (and are adequately prepared to be at) all tables where decisions are being made. “Nothing about us without us.”

# CCP Threshold 3: The Work

## CCP Requires

- Governance structure
- Mission & vision statement
- Action plan (goals, objectives, & action steps)
- List of projects needed for optimal system, including what YHDP will fund and why
- Signature page affirming that required entities approve the plan

## Plans to Get There

- YAB Recruitment (ongoing)
- Convening YHDP Core Team (Ongoing)
- Link YHDP decision-making structure with CoC governance structure while ensuring key youth players have decision-making power.
  - › YAB must have real power
- Brainstorming Sessions (Jan. 31-Feb. 7)
- System modeling (Feb. or early March)

## Youth Collab & Equity Considerations

- Ensure YAB has equal power to any other voting entities (e.g., to veto project decisions, to approve the CCP, etc.)
- Ensure that equity and YYA voice are embedded in all conversations that feed into mission/vision statement, action plan, and system and project design. **Project models must be based on what YYA want and need.**
- These final outputs will likely not be identical to what staff could predict at the outset of the planning process; they should change as YYA inform their direction.



# CCP Threshold 4: Core Principles

## CCP Requires

- [USICH Youth Framework](#) & 4 Core Outcomes (*stable housing, permanent connections, education/employment, and social-emotional wellbeing*)
- Special Populations
- Authentic Youth Collaboration
- Racial & LGBTQ+ Equity
- Positive Youth Development
- Trauma-Informed Practices
- Family Engagement
- Housing First
- Unsheltered Homelessness
- Youth Choice
- Individualized and Client-Driven Supports
- Social & Community Integration
- Coordinated Entry

## Plans to Get There

- Build principles into information-gathering around what needs/gaps exist in the community and how they envision building a youth system
- Brainstorming Sessions, Core Team meetings, system modeling meetings (ongoing)

## Youth Collab & Equity Considerations

- Naming how each of these principles is put into practice at the interpersonal, project, system, and community level, with equity at the forefront
  - › Example: depending on YYAs' named needs in the community, what does it mean to be trauma-informed with Black trans YYA who are U.S. citizens vs. undocumented YYA who have been trafficked?
- Hearing and trusting YYAs' lived experience as truth

# Questions About YHDP



# Authentic Youth Collaboration Resources

- [TCU Youth Collaboration Toolkit](#)
- [TCU Equity Hub](#)
- [Free Child Institute for Youth and Social Change](#)
- [Everyday Feminism: So You Call Yourself an Ally: 10 Things All 'Allies' Need to Know](#)



# Additional YHDP & Youth Homelessness Resources

- [YHDP NOFO](#): details all HUD requirements for YHDP awards
  - [Appendix A](#): Project Selection Process (including YHDP flexibilities)
  - [Appendix B](#): CCP Requirements
- Completed [CCPs](#) from other YHDP communities
- HUD's general [YHDP website](#)
- [Federal Framework to End Youth Homelessness](#)
- [USICH Criteria & Benchmarks for Ending Youth Homelessness](#)