

# ***District of Columbia Interagency Council on Homelessness***



***Youth Committee  
January 28, 2021***

# Meeting Agenda



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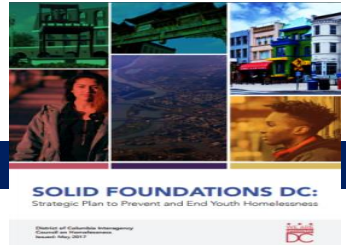


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# Transitional Housing Overview



- ❖ **Goal for these Meetings Has Been:** Review Program Models and Data to identify strengths and continue system improvements
- ❖ **Transitional Housing:** Time limited housing and services in a project-based facility or an independent unit while the youth is working on education or employment goals
  - Extremely important housing resource in the Youth System with over 230 Transitional Housing units funded in DC

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**Latin American Youth Center**



# About LAYC

LAYC Housing services is a small part of the LAYC's programming. LAYC has over 50 different programs ranging from Mental Health Assistance, Education and Workforce Development, Community Wellness which includes STI and Pregnancy Testing and our own special Mentoring Model known as Promotores Pathway.

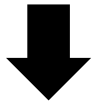
Within the LAYCs Housing Department we have 10 different housing programs, 1 Street Outreach Program and 1 Drop in Center.



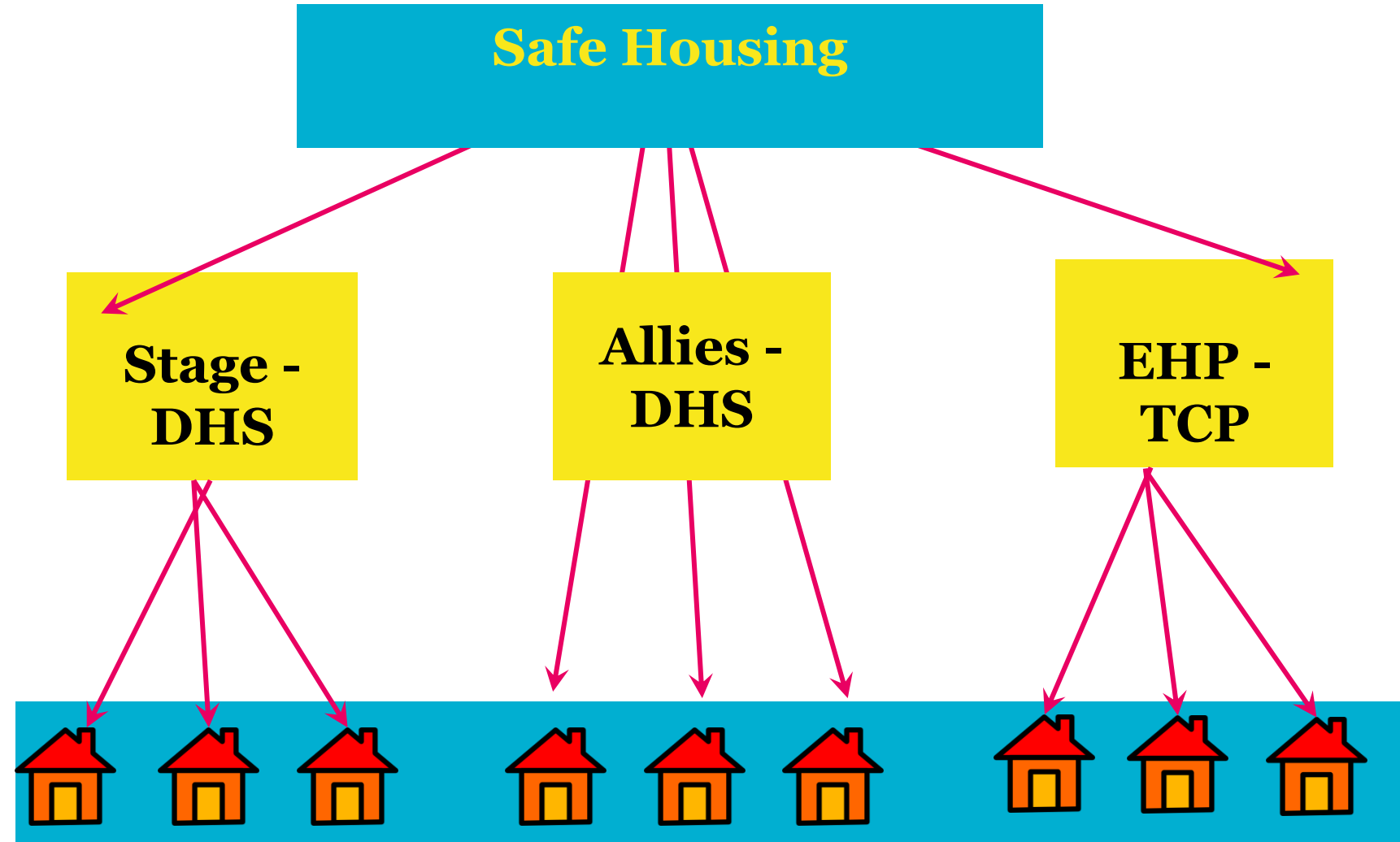
**DIC- SPDAT-  
Coordinated Entry  
System- Referral**



**Intake Interview  
2 - Step with  
Program Case  
Manager and  
Clinical Supervisor**



**Accepted/ move-in  
TB Tests/ Screening  
Required prior to  
move-in**



# Our Services

## Allies for Success

18- month transitional living program for LGBTQ+ identifying youth, DHS funded.

- Serve a total of 12 youth, 6 units 2 youth per unit (individual rooms, shared common space)
- Located in Ward 3, Near Van Ness Metro Station
- Eskayra Pagan, Program Manager, [eskayra@layc-dc.org](mailto:eskayra@layc-dc.org), 202-603-1638
- 1 case manager for the program, and a mental health counselor
- 24/7 Staff on-call to address emergencies
- Case management – Weekly 1 hour session with Case Manager, and 3 check-in during the week. 1 Mental Health Counseling Session a week

- Upon move-in clients are provided with welcome kits
- No curfews, youth are permitted to come and go as they please
- Clients are to engage in 40 hours of productivity
- Bi-weekly life skill and social justice groups
- Resources provided (small laundry and transportation stipend, provide clients with incentives throughout the year, During COVID assistance with obtaining cell phone, laptops, wifi and bi-weekly groceries)

## Stage

18- month transitional living program DHS funded.

- Serve a total of 10 youth, 5 units 2 youth per unit (individual rooms, shared common space)
- Located in Ward 3, Near Van Ness Metro Station
- Eskayra Pagan, Program Manager, [eskayra@layc-dc.org](mailto:eskayra@layc-dc.org), 202-603-1638
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## Extended Housing Program

18- month transitional living program TCP funded.

- Serve a total of 10 youth, 5 units 2 youth per unit (individual rooms, shared common space)
- Located in Ward 4, Near Fort Totten Metro Station, and Ward 3 Near Van Ness Metro Station
- Andrea Bernard Barnola, Program Manager, [andrea@layc-c.org](mailto:andrea@layc-c.org), 202-596-9649
- 1 case manager for the program, and a mental health counselor
- 24/7 Staff on-call to address emergencies
- Case management – Weekly 1 hour session with Case Manager, and 3 check-in during the week. 1 Mental Health Counseling Session a week

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## Well Being

We measure clients' well being by looking at a number of indicators below are some examples:

- Percentage of youth employed or in school
- Percentage of youth who received an annual medical
- Weekly contacts with LAYC providers

October 1st, 2019 to September 30th, 2020

### Stage:

- 85% of youth were employed / in school
- 63% of youth received an annual medical
- 1,260 contacts made with youth for case management and attendance

### Allies

- 57% of youth were employed / in school
- 80% of youth received an annual medical
- 835 contacts made with youth for case management and attendance

### EHP

- 67% of youth were employed / in school
- 85% of youth received an annual medical
- 848 contacts made with youth for case management and attendance

## Outcomes for All Programs

## Safety

We measure clients' safety by looking at a number of indicators below are some examples:

- Percentage of youth reporting being safe
- Percentage of youths apartments that pass safety inspections

October 1st, 2019 to September 30th, 2020

### Stage:

- 67% of youth reported being safe
- 82% of youth apartments passed safety inspection

### Allies

- 82% of youth reported being safe
- 85% of youth apartments passed safety inspection

### EHP:

- 80% of youth reported being safe
- 79% of youth apartments passed safety inspection

## Permanency

We measure clients' permanency by looking at a number of indicators below are some examples:

- Percentage of youth who exited the program into permanent safe housing
- Percentage of youth who have a permanent adult positive connection after exiting the program

October 1st, 2019 to September 30th, 2020

### Stage:

- 100% of youth exited into permanent safe housing
- 75% of youth were connected to adults willing to be a support after exiting the program

### Allies :

- 88% exited into permanent safe housing
- 88% of youth were connected to adults willing to be a support after exiting the program

### EHP:

- 67% exited into permanent safe housing
- 100% of youth were connected to adults willing to be a support after exiting the program

**Any questions?**

**Thank you!**

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## **DC Developmental Disabilities Council 2022-2026 DDC State Plan Planning**



Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) Youth Committee Meeting  
January 28, 2021

Alison Whyte, Executive Director  
Luz Z. Collazo, Administrative Support Specialist

# Who are we?



2022-2026 DDC STATE PLAN

## **What is the DC Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC)?**

- The DDC seeks to strengthen the voice of people with developmental disabilities and their families in DC in support of greater independence, inclusion, empowerment and the pursuit of life as they choose. We strive to create change that eliminates discrimination and removes barriers to full inclusion through our advocacy.
- DDC members are appointed by the Mayor but serve the residents of DC. They are people with DD, family members of people with DD, and professionals working on disability issues. We have vacancies!
- Staff of the DDC work for the members and implement the state plan. We sit within the DC Office of Disability Rights, but we are an independent organization.

# Why are we here?



2022-2026 DDC STATE PLAN

## **Because we want to hear from you!**

We are developing our next Five-Year State Plan that will run from October 1, 2021 until September 30, 2026. This plan belongs to the community of people with DD and their families, so we are asking everyone what they think our priorities should be in order to build strong communities in DC that are inclusive and thriving.

**We want to hear from people with and without disabilities who care about inclusion, professionals and advocates who work on important social justice issues, community leaders, and other stakeholders.**

### **What is the Five-Year State Plan and why is it important?**

- Federal requirement that serves as the “contract” to receive federal money
- Roadmap that guides how we support people with DD in DC; it helps us decide how to award grant funding and where to put our advocacy efforts
- It is a plan that reflects the values and priorities expressed by our community!

According to the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act, a developmental disability is defined as a severe, chronic disability which:

- originated at birth or before the age of 22
- is expected to continue indefinitely
- is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or a combination of mental and physical impairments;
- substantially restricts the individual's functioning in three or more of the following major life activities:
  - self-care
  - receptive and expressive language
  - learning
  - mobility
  - self-direction
  - capacity for independent living, and
  - economic self-sufficiency

What is a  
Developmental  
Disability?

# Examples of developmental disabilities include:

- Autism
- Cerebral palsy
- Down Syndrome
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Spina Bifida

**Some people with DD never get a formal diagnosis, so when we talk about DD, we include people who do not have a diagnosis, but may self-identify as having DD.**





# Survey



The DDC has designed a survey to collect additional information about your priority areas. We strongly encourage you to complete this survey after this session (if you haven't done so already).

To access the survey, please visit the following link:

<https://forms.gle/XDXPLHdU5fV5ow7t9>

or scan the QR Code:



As a thank-you for your time and feedback, the DDC will be awarding a total of nine \$25 gift cards to survey participants. The awardees will be selected at random. You have to share your name and email address to be eligible.

# Today's Discussion



## What is the format for today's discussion?

- Ask 2 -3 questions with time to discuss each question
- We would like to record and take notes
- The committee will review later to determine themes and important issues

## How will we use the information we gather today?

- Use to make decisions that will shape our next 5-Year State Plan
- Shape the DDC activities for the next five years

# Question 1 (poll and discussion):



**You have \$100 to spend as you'd like on the following areas that support people with developmental disabilities. You may divide up the funds as you'd like as a group (Please select your TOP 3 areas).**

- Education and Early Intervention
- Employment
- Health and Safety
- Housing
- Transportation
- Self-advocacy
- General Services and Supports
- Transition from School to Adulthood
- Supporting Interpersonal Relationships (friends, lovers, professional networks, etc.)

## Question 2:



**Are there characteristics or customs unique to your cultural identity that impact the way people with developmental disabilities are supported in your community? If so, please explain.**

**What areas related to serving diverse communities do you think need the most attention?**

## Question 3:



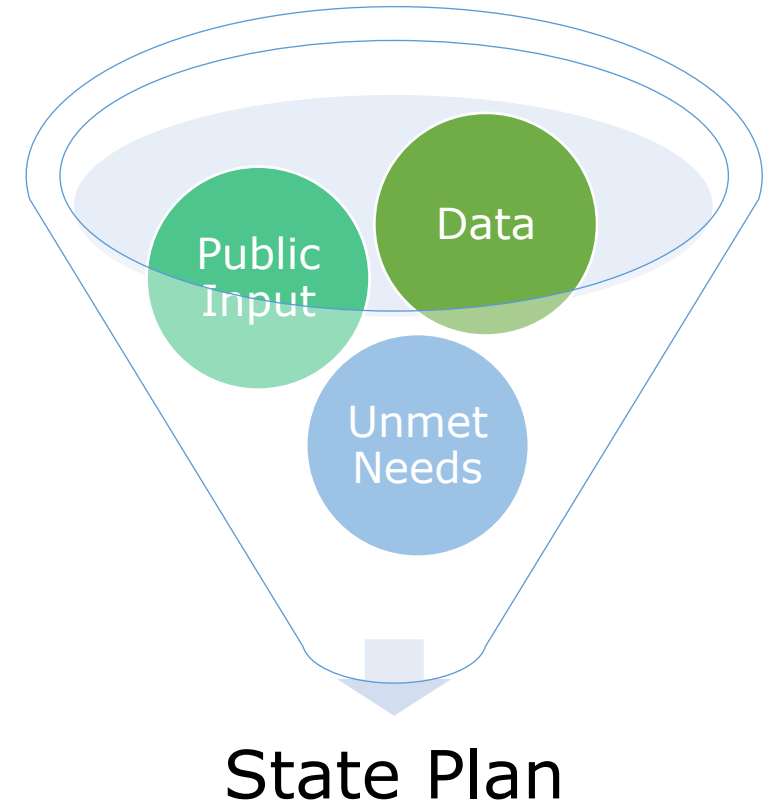
**The public health emergency has changed all our lives.  
Have the changes unveiled new opportunities for service  
improvements?**

**Have you seen or heard about any innovative changes  
that have been especially helpful?**

# Next Steps



1. Review public input and data to identify unmet needs
2. Identify themes and determine what we can impact in 5 years
3. Draft the next Five-Year State Plan
4. 45 days for public comment (Summer 2021)
5. Submit plan to federal government August 15, 2021



# Thank You!



Connect With Us!

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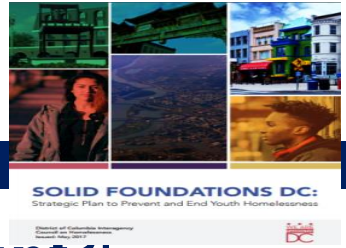
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# Youth System Updates

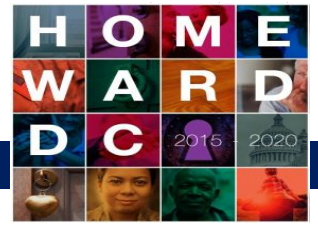


Remember the **Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project Grant**?

We have some important updates -

HUD Approved our Coordinated Community Plan!

- ❖ This unlocks the \$4.28 million so that we can proceed with the procurement process and get the money out the door and into the community
- ❖ We will be relaunching the YHDP Community Workgroup to assist with both YHDP project development and Coordinated Community Plan / Strategic Plan implementation



## HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project – 2 funding opportunities

- ❖ HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project Site-Based Youth Dedication PLUS Permanent Supportive House (D-PSH)
  - Funding Available: Not to exceed two million
  - Bidders' Conference: February 1, 2021 at 10:00am
  - Eventbrite registration DEADLINE TODAY: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/136295281857>
  - Closing Date: February 22, 2021 at 2:00pm
  
- ❖ HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project Youth Rapid Rehousing (YHDP RRH) or Youth Joint Transitional Housing- Rapid Rehousing (Youth Joint TH-RRH)
  - Funding Available: Not to exceed two million
  - Bidders' Conference: February 1, 2021 at 2:00pm
  - Eventbrite registration DEADLINE TODAY: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/136311921627>
  - Closing Date: February 22, 2021 at 2:00pm

- ❖ **YHDP Community Workgroup Voted to Fund the Following Projects:**
  - Joint Transitional Housing-Rapid Rehousing Program with Flexible Lengths of Stay and Robust Services
  - Rapid Rehousing Program with Flexible Lengths of Stay and Robust Services
  - Site-Based Permanent Supportive Housing

# RRH and Joint TH-RRH



- ❖ RRH is a permanent housing intervention where the youth owns the lease, and the provider supplies rental subsidies and supportive services
- ❖ A Joint TH - RRH project is a project type that includes two existing program components— Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing —in a single project to serve unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness. The Transitional Housing component may either be a site-based TH model or a scattered-site TH model



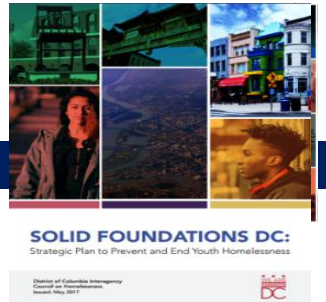
- ❖ Filling the need for a site-based Youth PSH program to fill gaps in services available in the youth system with no age out requirement to serve the system's most vulnerable youth.

# RFP Components



- ❖ LGBTQ Competency
- ❖ Trauma Informed
- ❖ Housing First
- ❖ Harm Reduction
- ❖ CAHP Participation
- ❖ NEW from DC SHY: Commitment to Racial Equity and Inclusion
- ❖ NEW from DC SHY: Commitment to Youth Collaboration
- ❖ NEW from DC SHY: Mediation and Well-Being
- ❖ NEW from DC SHY: Support youth re-entering the community
- ❖ NEW from DC SHY: YHDP programs will report outcomes to the DC Supporting Hopeful Youth, Youth Action Board bi-annually

# YHDP Community Workgroup



- ❖ Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> – YHDP Kick-Off Event and launched the YHDP Workgroup
- ❖ Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> – DC SHY Meeting
- ❖ Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – ICH Youth Committee – System Partners and Youth Collaboration
- ❖ Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> – DECISION POINT: Governance Structure and Decision Making - APPROVED
- ❖ Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> – DECISION POINT: Strategies, Objectives, and Action Steps – APPROVED
- ❖ Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> – DC SHY Meeting
- ❖ Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> – DECISION POINT: “End State” of YHDP; goals, objectives and actions APPROVED
- ❖ Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – System modeling / Inventory Check and using data to identify funding decisions
- ❖ Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> – DECISION POINT: Goals, Strategies, Objectives - Performance Metrics - APPROVED
- ❖ Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> – ICH Youth Committee; review draft version of the CCP
- ❖ Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – Through the Eyes of Youth Meeting
- ❖ December 29<sup>th</sup> – CCP Draft Due

# YHDP Community Workgroup



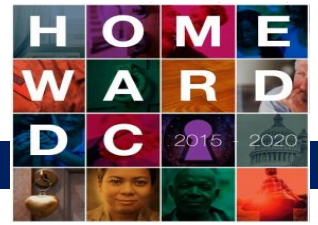
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- ❖ Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> – DECISION POINT: Continuous Quality Improvement and Accountability – APPROVED
- ❖ Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> – DECISION POINT: Performance Metrics – APPROVED
- ❖ Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> – YHDP Fellow & YHDP Team Planning Meeting
- ❖ Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> – YHDP Fellow & YHDP Team Planning Meeting
- ❖ Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> – YHDP Funded Project Selection
- ❖ Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> – YHDP Fellows Presentation at NAEH on YHDP and CCP
- ❖ Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> – YHDP Fellow & YHDP Team Planning Meeting
- ❖ Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> – S.H.Y. Board Meeting
- ❖ Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup> – YHDP Fellow & YHDP Team Planning Meeting
- ❖ Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> – YHDP Fellow & YHDP Team Planning Meeting
- ❖ Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – Final Meeting & DECISION POINT: YHDP Funded Project Selection and CCP Review - APPROVED







RELAUNCHING on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 12pm to 1:30pm

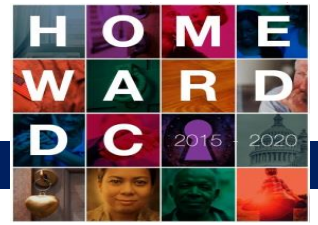
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## Grand Challenge Aim Statement

Over a four-year period (by October 2023), the A Way Home America Grand Challenge will help ten communities in the United States end homelessness for LGBTQ+ Youth and Youth of Color, setting the path to ending homelessness for all youth.

# What is the Grand Challenge?



- ❖ The Grand Challenge is a process of using data to inform and test ideas as a community works to end youth homelessness through an equity lens.
- ❖ During the course of the GC, coaches will help communities:
  - Improve the reliability of their data on homeless youth
  - Set a baseline understanding around youth collaboration, race & LGBTQ equity
  - Interpret and make sense of their data to make informed decisions about which approaches are generating meaningful change
  - Iterate on new solutions faster
  - Focus on improving responses with the young people most impacted by homelessness

# How to Get Involved?



- ❖ Folding the policy and system-change work that is part of Grand Challenge into the relaunched YHDP Community Workgroup in February (please contact [Kimberly.waller@dc.gov](mailto:Kimberly.waller@dc.gov) if you would like to be added to that group)
- ❖ Smaller group of partners will develop and launch a Youth Dashboard that will track inflow, outflow, and outcomes of the youth system – this will be publicly available data

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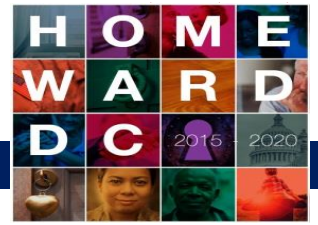
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# Vaccine Basics



- ❖ Two COVID-19 vaccines have received emergency use authorization from the FDA
  - Pfizer-BioNTech available for 16+
  - Moderna available for 18+
- ❖ COVID-19 vaccines are being held to the same safety standards as all vaccines.
- ❖ Vaccines do not use the live virus that causes COVID-19
  - They CANNOT give someone COVID-19
  - They will NOT cause you to test positive on COVID-19 viral tests
  - Experts believe the vaccine may also help keep you from getting seriously ill even if you do get COVID-19
- ❖ These vaccines appear to be highly effective at preventing serious symptoms of COVID-19.
  - You need to receive **TWO** doses, 24-32 days apart.
- ❖ The combination of getting vaccinated and following CDC recommendations offers the best protection from Covid 19.

# Vaccine Distribution Update



## Multi-Phase Vaccine Distribution

- **Phase 1A:** Frontline and Health Care Workers
  - **Phase 1B:** Essential and At-risk Populations
    - *Emergency shelter and other identified programs*
  - **Phase 1C:** Other Essential Workers Outside of Sub-group Phase 1B
- ❖ **Additional Information:**  
[coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine)

**UPDATED PHASE 1 COVID-19 VACCINE PRIORITIZATION GUIDANCE**  
UPDATED: 12/28/2020

**PHASE 1A**

**DEFINITION**

- Paid and unpaid people serving in healthcare settings who have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials and are unable to work from home, and
- District of Columbia residents within Long-Term Care settings.

**ESTIMATED POPULATION**

- 115,000 individuals

**POPULATION GROUPS (NOT COMPLETELY INCLUSIVE)**

- Workforce in acute care hospitals, specialty care hospitals, long-term care facilities, intermediate care facilities, Emergency Medical Services, Front-Line Public Health, Home Health Aides, Outpatient settings, Dental settings, and Pharmacy settings; and
- District of Columbia residents of Skilled Nursing Facilities, Assisted Living Facilities, and longer-term psychiatry inpatients.

**TIMELINE**

- Week of Dec 14th: Access to Acute Care and Specialty Care Hospital Network, DC Fire & EMS, and Front-Line Public Health
- Week of Dec 21st: Launch of Long-Term Care Partnership and access to Intermediate Care workforce, Home Health Aides, Urgent Care workforce, FQHC workforce, and pharmacy workforce
- Week of Dec 28th: Access to all other healthcare workers in Phase 1a including those in outpatient and ancillary care settings

**PHASE 1B**

**DEFINITION**

- District workers who are in sectors essential to the functioning of society and are at substantially higher risk of contracting COVID-19, and
- District of Columbia residents who are 75 years and older

**ESTIMATED POPULATION**

- 110,000 individuals

**POPULATION GROUPS (NOT COMPLETELY INCLUSIVE)**

- Law enforcement, public safety, school teachers and staff, childcare providers, grocery store workers, community outreach workers, correction workers, public transit workers, manufacturing, U.S. Postal Service workers, and those in agriculture; and
- District of Columbia residents who are 75 years and older and District of Columbia residents in Intermediate Care Facilities, Group Homes, or other higher risk congregate settings.

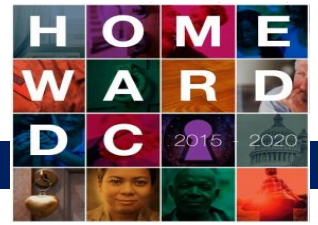
**TIMELINE**

- This phase will begin once the majority of Phase 1a has been vaccinated and/or demand decreases.

**#GetVaccinatedDC** **DC HEALTH** GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA **DC MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR**

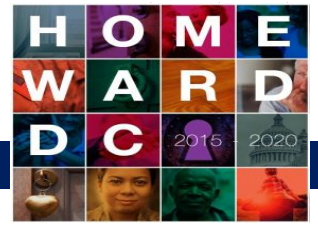


# Vaccine Distribution Update



- ❖ DHS working with Unity Healthcare to rollout vaccinations in congregate programs and hotels
  - Unity will provide medical direction and clinics at each shelter
  - Subject to vaccine availability and DC Health requirements
  - DHS will support as necessary
- ❖ Intent is to begin vaccination the week of 2/1 at PEP-V locations followed by the Low Barrier Shelter system
- ❖ The vaccine will NOT be mandatory for clients or staff at this time
- ❖ Communication is crucial
- ❖ ***Any client or staff eligible to receive the vaccine is encouraged to do so through <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccinatedc>.***

# Vaccine Distribution – Communication



## Key Messaging

- Helpful tool in stopping the pandemic
  - Protect yourself and others
- It's safe, effective & free

## Engagement & Outreach Materials

- How The Vaccine Works Information Flyer
- Client-focused Flyers, Posters and Social Media



The COVID-19 vaccine is an important tool for reducing your risk of infection and stopping the pandemic.

**IT'S SAFE, EFFECTIVE AND FREE!**

For more information on how District residents experiencing homelessness can receive the COVID-19 vaccine, visit [dhs.dc.gov/vacinatedc.gov](https://dhs.dc.gov/vacinatedc.gov)



## HOW DOES THE COVID-19 VACCINE WORK?



#GetVaccinatedDC



# Meeting Agenda



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- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. YAB & YHDP Fellow Updates
- III. Youth Transitional Housing Overview
  - I. Latin American Youth Center (LAYC)
- IV. DC Developmental Disabilities Council
- V. YHDP Updates
  - I. RFP Release
  - II. YHDP Workgroup
- VI. Grand Challenge Update
- VII. COVID Vaccine Rollout
- VIII. Agency and Partner Updates**
- IX. Conclusion

# ICH Youth Committee Update



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## Moving this Meeting to Quarterly

- March 25<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 12
- June 24<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 12
- September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10 to 12
- December 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 12



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## Other Agency or Community Updates?



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