Interagency Council on Homelessness

Quarterly Youth Committee Meeting

26 January 2023

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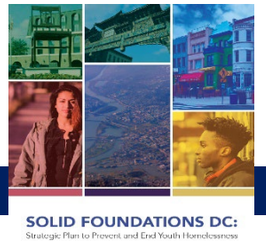
Welcome & Intro Notes



- **Intros:**
  - Attendees: please "chat" name, pronouns, org, title/role
  - Co-Chairs and ICH staff with formal/leading roles: quick round of hello!
- **Call for Partner Announcements/Reminders:**
  - Please "chat" any significant partner announcements, especially those changes/updates that impact the system
  - We will make time on the agenda, as appropriate, or include in the notes

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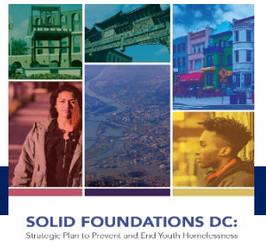
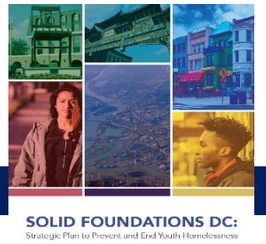


- **Managing the Listserv:**
  - Meeting materials are only distributed to listserv members
  - If you are **not** on the listserv, you will **not** receive materials
  - To join the listserv, email ich.info@dc.gov
- **Adopting Prior Meeting Notes:**
  - Automatically adopted unless meeting attendees flag issues
  - Generally, ICH team sends out meeting notes within a week
  - Please review as soon as possible and flag any errors/issues
  - If we don't hear back within a week, assuming good to adopt

Agenda Review



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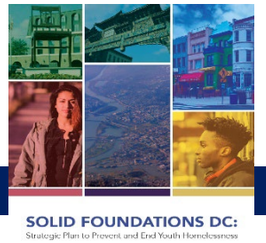

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Youth CAHP Prioritization

FY2023

What is Prioritization?

- What is it?
  - Prioritization is a standard criteria set forth by the community to drive the matching process to housing resources funded by TCP and DHS for youth ages 18-24.
- Why is it important?
  - This is how we universally match clients to housing resources from the By Name List.
- What is BNL
  - 30 day look back period of homelessness in the District
  - Derived from a combination of seven various reports
- Who it effects?
  - Youth experiencing homelessness in the District
- What we are using currently for prioritization?
  - Assessment Score
  - Unsheltered Sleeping Location
  - Length of Engagement History
  - Length of Shelter Stay

The Community Partnership For The Prevention of Homelessness

Issues/concerns noticed to be resolved:

- 24 year old's are aging out of the youth system without having an opportunity to be connected to youth services.
- Some youth only have a VI-SPDAT completed.
- Program scoring ranges are inhibiting youth from the likelihood of being matched to a housing resource.
- Youth who have very few service engagements and/or shorter time in the youth system are being matched to housing resources over individuals currently in shelter or who have been engaging in the system longer.
- There is no system flow built into current prioritization framework.
- There has been a plethora of case conferences submitted for various housing resources due to current prioritization and case conference criteria's.

Recommendations

- Prioritization
  - Implement a pre-check form to gather information on clients prior to CAHP Match Meeting.
  - Modify amount of matches to 24 year old's and from the VI-SPDAT.
  - Implement Date of ID to identify those who have been in the system the longest.
  - Broaden housing program scoring bands.
  - Implement a system flow for matches to TH, RRH, and ETH.
- Case Conferencing
  - Modify case conferencing criteria (seven current)
    - Adding new criteria
    - Omitting/editing current criteria
  - Omit Pre-Case Conferencing Panel
    - This was used to alleviate the burden of approval or not of case conferences prior to going to the community.

Timeline and Next Steps

- November 15, 2022
  - Reviewed current process' for prioritization and case conferencing in Youth CAHP Policy Workgroup and Youth CAHP Outreach Meeting
  - Reviewed the recommendations for FY23 and the data that drives those recommendations
- December 6, 2022
  - Started Demo in the Youth CAHP Match Meeting
- January 17, 2023
  - Completed Demo in the Youth CAHP Policy Workgroup

Timeline and Next Steps, cont.

- January 31, 2023 (1:30pm-3pm)
  - Questions and answers forum for any part of prioritization, case conferencing, and/or demo
  - Final polling for recommended changes (Zoom polls)
- February 21, 2023 (Youth CAHP Policy Meeting)
  - SN to bring back final recommendations that will be implemented based on the majority's approval. If majority is not reached, then that policy will not be implemented.
  - Inform community of FY23 launch date
- March 7, 2023 (Youth CAHP Match Meeting)
  - Last match meeting with FY22 Prioritization policies
- March 21, 2023 (Youth CAHP Match Meeting)
  - Implement new FY23 Prioritization policies

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Feedback:

- Feedback: Is there a way to see the exit process from the provider perspective?
- Will this have any effect on the new RRH bill, which ensures that people have the appropriate supports?
- Important for us to think about more RRH and system flow as we approach oversight/budget season.
- In 2020 started hearing about shared spaces instead of going through voucher system. Important to build out a system of equity for young adults when they are ready to exit to independence.
- RRH contract likely to be re-bid for 2024. Do we re-bid the same way, do we become more strategic based on lessons learned? Size of RRH contracts are nearly on par with ETH contracts. DHS is looking to engage with the community on thinking through RRH contract/model for TAY.
  - We can think through timelines and work backward with listening sessions. Aiming for Feb or March.
  - We should engage our young adult participants, providers, and front-line staff.

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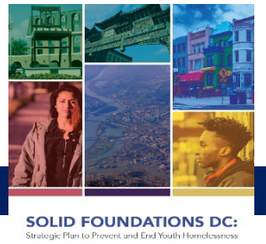

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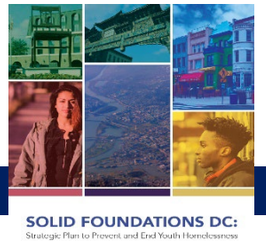
Planning for Solid Foundations 2.0



- **Goal**: Collaborate with the youth subsystem to develop a data-driven plan that is
  - responsive to current and projected community needs
  - serves as a playbook to end youth homelessness
- **Proposal**: Establish monthly committee meetings to
  - evaluate data,
  - leverage evidence, and
  - create goals.
- **Approach**: Four potential options
  - Solid Foundations 1.0
  - Homeward DC 2.0
  - USICH: All In
  - Blend

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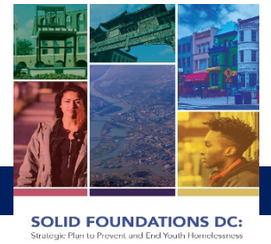
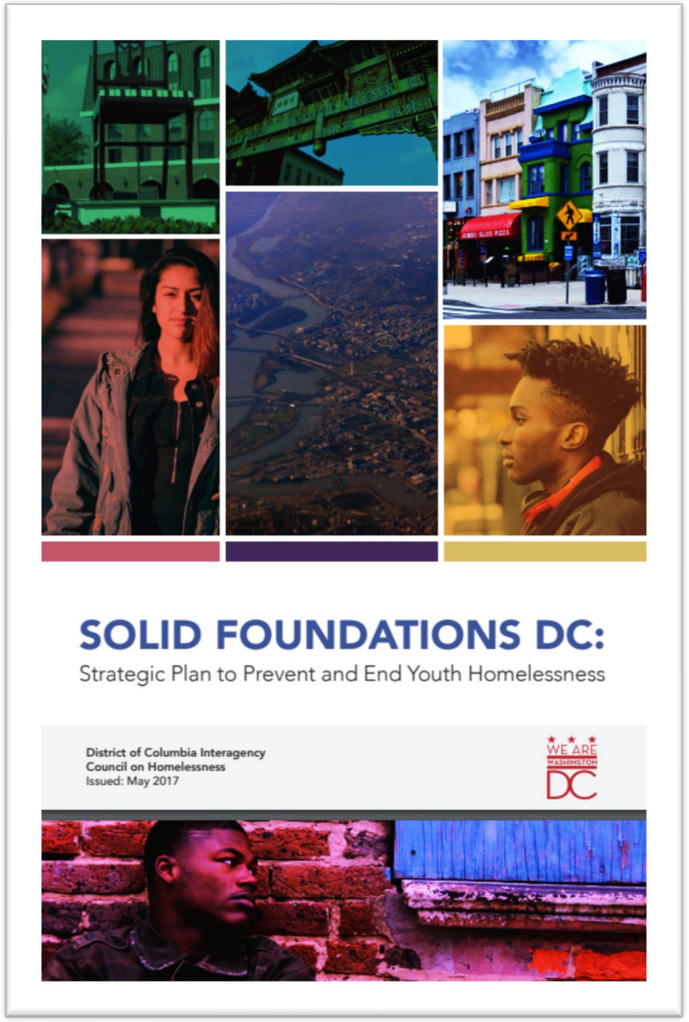
Solid Foundations 1.0 Highlights



- Four chapters with an appendix
- Chapter 1 focuses on national research and local data (HMIS and PIT)
- Chapters 2 and 3 of this plan focus on determining the number of beds, units, and services slots needed across the various programs in our youth homeless services continuum to meet our goal given projected levels of need and current utilization patterns.
- Chapter 4 outlines the seven objectives needed to build a comprehensive system.
- Feedback: Use HUD guidance on RRH and Lessons Learned (2020). What are the lessons learned from other jurisdictions?
- Previous exercise - worked through system flow and determining what we actually need in our system. We all got an amount of change and where we would allocate it across the system.
- Qxn about benchmarks – how close did we get? We could reframe benchmarks for 2.0.



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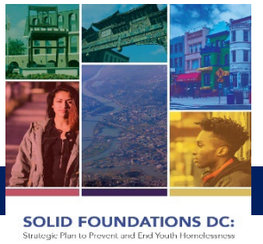
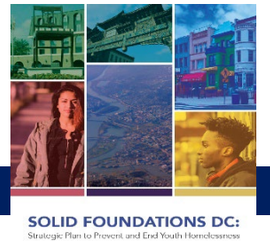
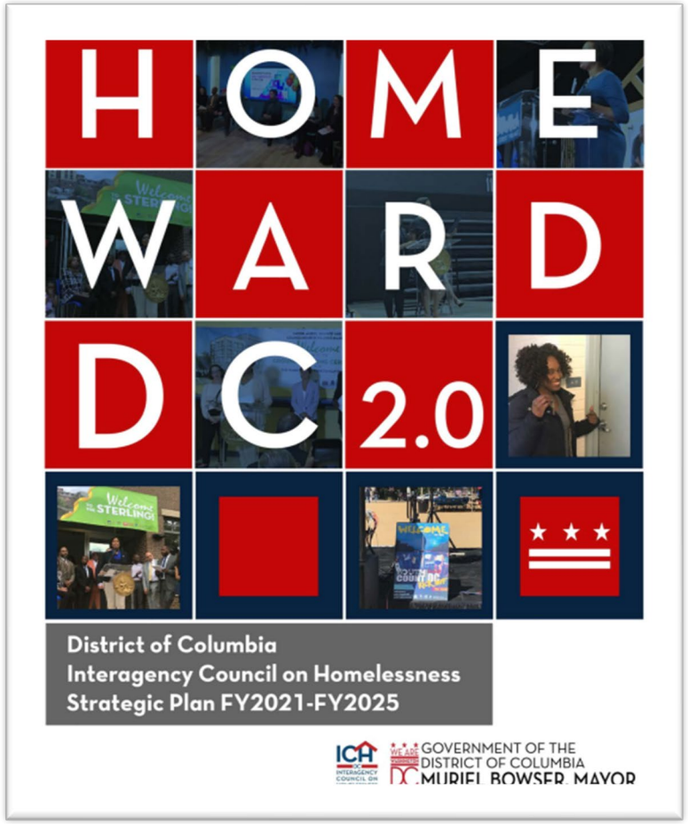


- There is a deep belief that with the care and support that our young people will exit the system and be successful. Can we dig into outcomes and goals, how many people increased income, new jobs, education, etc?
- Balancing act between ending homelessness and ending poverty. Both are very large mandates.
- ICH is working on a joint presentation with the Poverty Commission.
- Community Connections has provided HUD guidance on using RRH as a workforce development program. Goal is to get someone to pay their own rent within two years.

Homeward DC 2.0 Highlights



- Four chapters with an appendix
- Chapter 1 reviews
  - lessons learned from HWDC 1.0,
  - DC affordable housing analysis &
  - PIT data
- Chapter 2 frames the plan with a shared language and guiding principles
- Chapter 3 is an analysis of inventory and estimates of need
- Chapter 4 outlines
  - 12 goals &
  - 140 strategies & activities across those 12 goals



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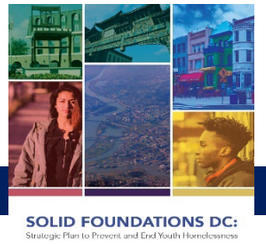
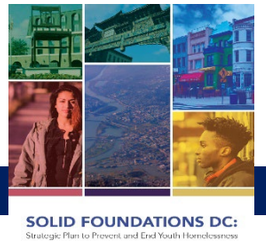


- 12 goals and 140 strategies is a lot and might seem cumbersome while also allowing for choice.
- Thanksgiving table of options. Not everyone has to eat everything. Collaboration and different agencies/orgs are important in this strategy for tackling different menu items.
- No one wants to be left out and has different ideas. How do we keep everyone's ideas in it while we clarify overall strategy?
- Can we include our young adults who are currently housed in the listening sessions? What has been or could have been helpful for them.
- Recommend including young adults in the 25-30 year old range.

USICH All-In Highlights

- Built around six pillars:
  - **Three foundations** - equity, evidence, and collaboration
  - **Three solutions** - housing and supports, homelessness response, and prevention
- Each pillar has proposed strategies to increase access to housing, economic security, health, and stability.
- Feedback: strategies need to be sustainable and long-term solutions (ex. RRH). Need to be intentional about resources offered and sustainable resources. Create opportunities allows us to reduce violence.
- It doesn't feel like we are truly engaged with the vulnerability of single black men, trauma, and violence - leading to housing instability.
- We should be intentional about REI in solutions.
- Like the visualization and how there is progress moving forward and everything is equal.
- We could learn lessons in supporting our Trans youth.
- Need to do a deeper drive on crisis response and which services are factored into overall strategy.

Process Map and Timeline



- **Data Driven**
  - Inventory – what is currently available across our system?
  - Projections – where do we project the need/demand will be? What trends do we see in our system?
- **Listening Sessions**
  - To, first, establish our preferred approach
  - Across all goals/strategies based on the selected approach
- **Monthly Youth Committees**
  - Establishing a schedule of meetings to focus on Solid Foundations 2.0

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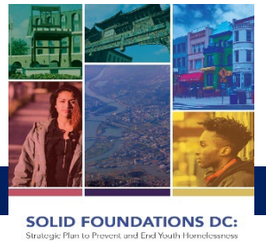

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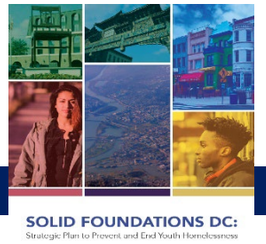

- **Goal:**
  - To create a weekly 30-minute forum to "Chat with the Core Team"
  - Check-in for providers to ask questions on process, policies, procedures, and specific cases.
- **Proposal:**
  - Once per week the Core Team (TCP, DHS, ICH) will host a 30-minute open discussion on Monday's at 1pm.
  - The ICH will draft a running agenda and maintain notes from the discussion.
- **Timeline**
  - Host two sessions: 2/6 and 2/13.
  - Based on the sessions and feedback, create a formal plan to take the CAHP Policy for the 2/21 Policy Meeting.

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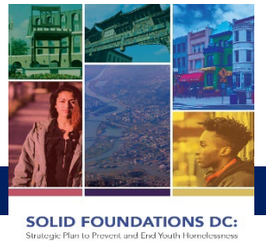

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Performance & Budget Hearing Schedule

Committee on Housing

Performance Oversight Hearings

Note: the online schedule may not reflect this update

- Thurs 2/23, 9:30 – 6 pm: ICH, DHS, DC Housing Finance Agency, and Housing Production Trust Fund (HPTF)

Budget Oversight Hearings

- Fri 3/31, 9 – 6 pm: DHS
- ICH does not have budget hearings

Youth Services Division
Homeless Services Programs - 2023 Priorities

- Improve Coordination with Sister Agencies & TCP
- Gather & Use DHS Provider Feedback to Enhance Provider Support & Technical Assistance
- Solicit & Fund Low-Barrier Shelter Beds for LGBTQ youth
- Continue to Improve and Refine Grantee Oversight
- Use Data to Discuss Performance & Impact
- Work Closely w/ ICH and Partners to Identify Gaps in the System & Invest
- Recompete Transitional Housing Grants in prep for FY 24

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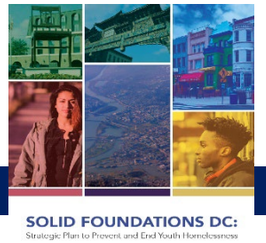

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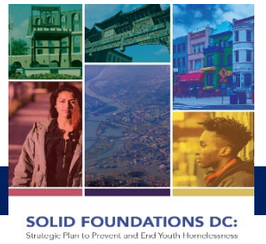

❖ Youth Leadership Transitions

- Youth Committee co-chair, Lauren Puryear is moving on from her role at Covenant House Washington as of 01/30.
  - ✓ ICH will work with the Mayor's Office on Talent and Acquisition (MOTA) to identify and onboard a new community co-chair.
- OSSE - Become an Ally Partner for DC Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness
  - ✓ Point of Contact: Tasheen Stallings Tasheen.Stallings@dc.gov
  - ✓ https://osse.dc.gov/page/become-ally-partner-dc-children-and-youth-experiencing-homelessness
- Constituent Services Worldwide (CSW) has paid certification training and internships for 18 to 24-year-olds.
- LAYC Behavioral Health Program offers free mental health therapy, substance use disorder counseling, and case management and is always looking for referrals for homeless youth and young adults ages 17-24. Please send referrals to bhreferrals@layc-dc.org or email me directly at tyvon@layc-dc.org

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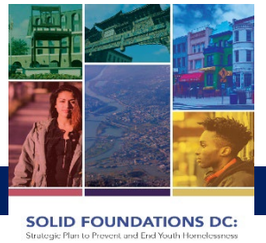

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b) Look out for the schedule of monthly SFDC2.0 meetings!

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