



Interagency Council on Homelessness

Youth Committee



13 April 2023



Convention for Recording ICH Committee Meetings:

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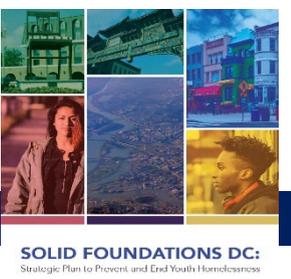
Agenda Review



SOLID FOUNDATIONS DC:
Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness

- I. **Welcome & Agenda Review (5 mins)**
 - a) Intros & Call for Announcements
 - b) Adopting Prior Meeting Notes & Managing the Listserv
- II. **Proposed Budget Presentations (80 mins)**
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- III. **Governance & Updates (time permitting)**
 - a) ICH Legislated Mandates & Approach
 - b) Homeless Youth Census Presentation
- IV. **Announcements & Reminders (time permitting)**
- V. **Summary & Adjournment (5 mins)**
 - a) Proposal to streamline & integrate Youth Committee w/ Youth CAHP Policy WG
 - b) Youth CAHP Policy: 18 April & 16 May 2023 from 12:30 – 2 pm

Intro & Call for Announcements



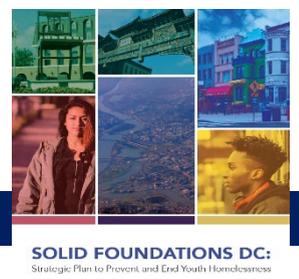
❖ **Intros:**

- Chat intros for attendees: name, pronouns, org, title/role
- Quick round of hellos from Co-Chairs and ICH staff with formal roles leading or supporting meeting

❖ **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

Adopting Notes & Managing the Listserv

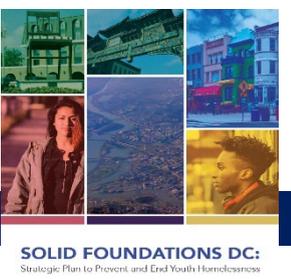


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- ❖ **Adopting Prior Meeting Notes:**
 - Automatically adopted unless meeting attendees flag issues
 - Generally, ICH team sends out meeting notes within a week
 - Please review as soon as possible and flag any errors/issues
 - If we don't hear back within a week, assuming good to adopt

- ❖ **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

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Legislated Mandate

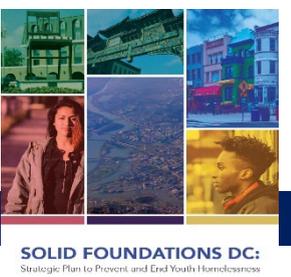


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The ICH must provide Comments to the Mayor's Proposed Budget (see [DC Code § 4-752.02\(c\)](#)).

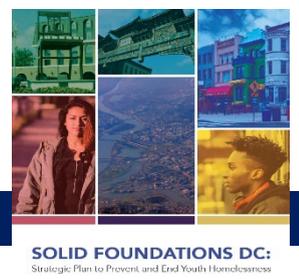
(c) The Mayor shall, upon release of the proposed annual budget each year, make available to all Interagency Council members the District's proposed budget breakdown of each agency's appropriations for services within the Continuum of Care. The Interagency Council shall give comments to the Mayor regarding the proposed budget.

Request from Council & ICH Approach



- ❖ Committee on Housing has requested Comments before Council Mark-Up (**by 04/21**).
- ❖ To accommodate this request, the ICH is
 - Scheduling Committee meetings as early as possible in April;
 - Focusing meeting time on agencies with the largest impact on homeless services; and
 - Accepting comments on all other agency budgets via email at ich.info@dc.gov.
 - The last day for comments is **COB 04/18**.

April Committee Meeting Schedule



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❖ Updated 04/11 to accommodate DBH's Availability

ICH CMTE	Confirmed Meeting Date	Agency Presentations on Budget
Executive	04/11 1:30 – 3 pm	DHS and DHCD Open discussion of the proposed budget for member agencies not presenting (includes OCA, DMHHS, DC Health, DOC, HSEMA, DGS, MPD, and OLGBTQA)
Youth	04/13 10:30 – 12 pm	CFSA, DCPS, DYRS, & OSSE
Strategic Planning	04/18 2:30 – 4 pm	DCHA, DOES, and DBH Review of Comments Received to Date (time permitting)
ERSO	04/26 1 – 2:30 pm	N/A – Deadline for ICH feedback on Mayor's Proposed Budget to Council is 04/21
Housing Solutions	N/A – Emancipation Day	N/A – DHCD and DCHA to join 04/11 Executive or 04/18 Strategic Planning Committee meetings.

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CFSA's Proposed FY 2024 Budget



Agenda

- Welcome
- FY 2024 Budget Presentation
- Focus on Housing
- Discussion and Q&A



DC'S Child And Family Well-Being System

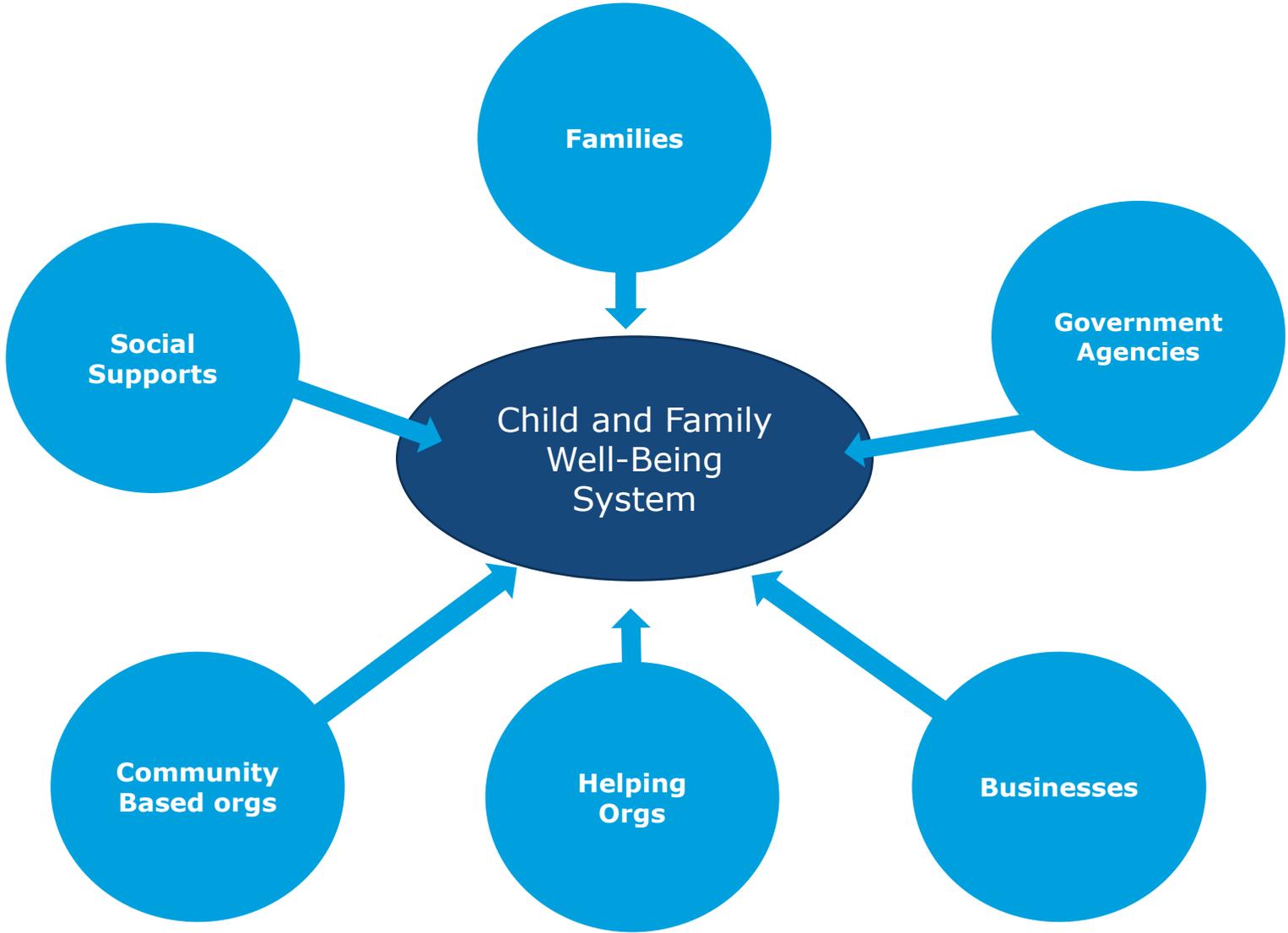
**Our
Vision**



We aspire to create a caring, diverse community comprised of residents, community-based organizations, and government agencies – each with unique roles and strengths – working together in seamless coordination to ensure that all individuals, children, and families thrive in DC.



Child and Family Well-Being System



Overview: Proposed CFSA FY 2024 Budget

	FY 2023 Approved	FY 2024 Proposed
Local & Special Purpose	\$162.0M	\$166.1M
Federal	\$60.4M	\$53.2M
Total	\$222.4M	\$219.3M



A New Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System



Why we are pursuing STAAND

- 1 Streamline processes
- 2 Integrate with other systems
- 3 Provide a user-friendly and family-centric technology system
- 4 Transition from FACES seamlessly
- 5 Minimize manual data entry



How we are working



People-focused

E.g., Capturing your voice from ground up



Process-oriented

E.g., Building on Lean "Great State" processes



Product-based

E.g., Tailored modules that can evolve over time



Partners-powered

E.g., Working with industry leader



Kinship Navigator Program

Budget:

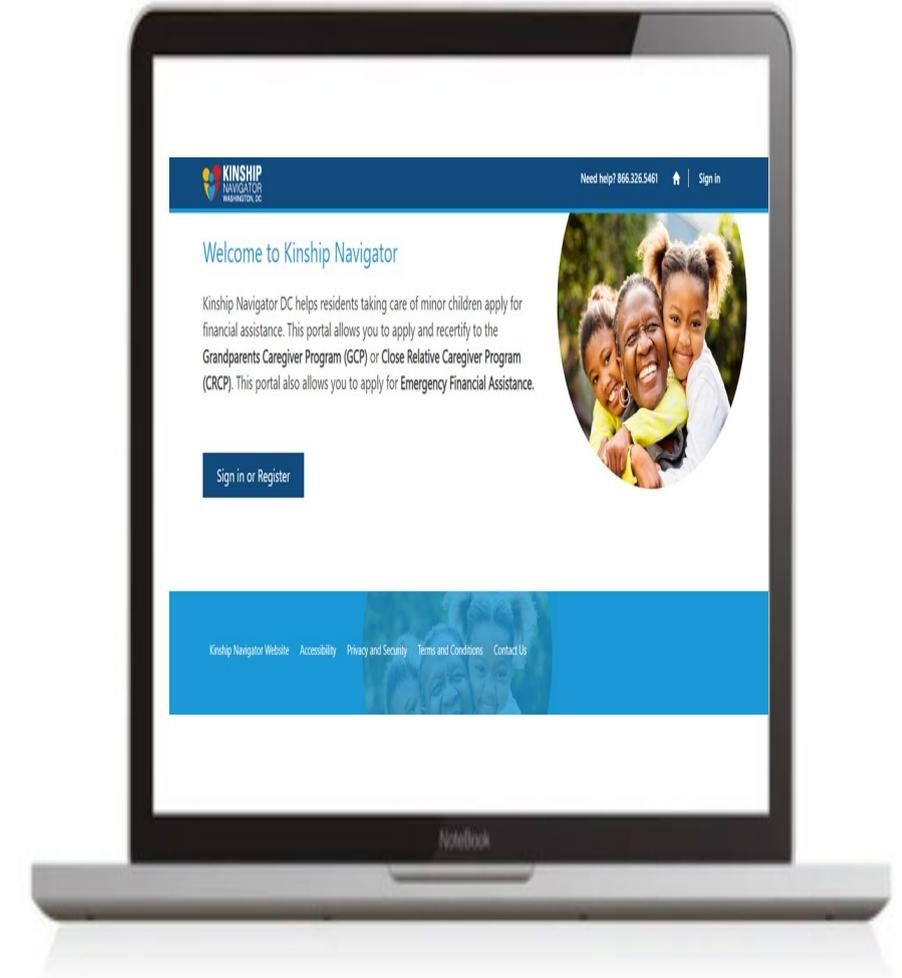
- Kinship Navigator Program \$197,500
- Kinship Diversion funds \$50,000

Web Portal

- Launched on December 8, 2022.
- Since the launch, we've had 4K visitors to the site

Mobile Application

- Downloadable application for Apple and Android devices



Caregiver Programs

Close Relative Caregiver

- Increase of \$237,000 (Line 4013; Close Relative Caregiver's Program)

Grandparent Caregiver

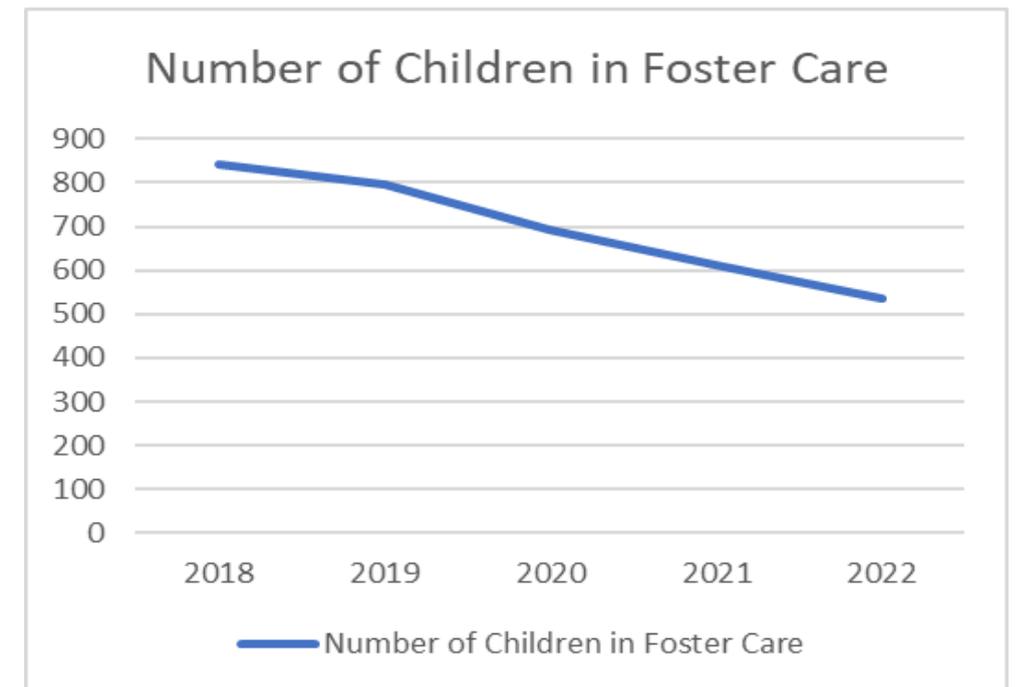
- Projected demand did not materialize in FY 2023 but with the inception of the virtual platforms, we are seeing an increase in this program.
 - Reduction of \$413,0000 (Line 4012; Grandparent Subsidy)



Placement

We continue to see the foster care population stabilize, yet the placement needs remain high.

- As of Feb 28, there were 521 kids in care
- We continue to realign our placement array to match our census while also considering the supports necessary to stabilize the higher needs of the children coming into foster care.
 - Decrease of \$4.37M in (Line 2066; Placement)
- Additional reduction of \$1.2M in (Line 2012; Permanency)
 - Decrease in overtime budget, child care dollars to align with utilization and moving post-permanency therapeutic services in-house.



Guardianship

This reduction is a reflection of the ongoing decrease of guardianship as a permanency goal.

- Reduction of \$419,000 based on projections (Line 4011; Guardianship Subsidy)
- As we work to Keep DC Families Together, we are not discouraging or closing off any path to permanency but are seeing the following:
 - Continued focus on kinship
 - Increase in adoptions

Start of FY	Total Number of Children Receiving Guardianship Subsidy
10/1/2018	692
10/1/2019	562
10/1/2020	480
10/1/2021	410
10/1/2022	347



Community Partnerships

211/Warmline

- Private funding seeding start-up/operational costs in partnership with the Office of Unified Communications.

Neighborhood Legal Services

- Federal funding continues to support this grant to offer legal services to families in their communities to Keep DC Families Together.

Increase of \$926,000 (Line 8030; Prevention Services)



Community Partnerships Continued



- Collaboratives contract negotiations are underway
- Family Success Centers budget remains stable
- Home Visiting programs



Where Community and Family Come First



Housing Supports

Approximately \$678,750 is allotted for housing supports in FY 2024. Community Partnerships leads a Housing Review Committee which reviews all housing referrals to assess and match applicants to the most appropriate housing resource.

Rapid Housing Assistance Program (RHAP)

- Rent subsidy program providing up to two years of assistance for unique housing arrangements, including providing tuition to college/university (voluntary supportive services/case management via Aftercare).

Family Unification Program (FUP)/Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) vouchers

- HUD Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) with a three-year term (possible two-year extension; total five years), supporting youth to contribute 30% of their income towards their rent while in the Program (voluntary supportive services/case management via Aftercare).

Wayne Place – Transitional Housing



CFSA Housing Program Overview

Program	What For?	Duration	When to Apply	Youth	Families
FUP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term rental assistance. Does NOT provide First Month Rent/Security Deposit. 	<p>Youth: 3-5 years*</p> <p>*extension available based on certain eligibility criteria</p> <p>Family: no time limit.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family/Youth unable to afford market rent burden long-term Limited ability to increase income over time 		
RHAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rent Assistance First Month Rent Security Deposit Rent Arrears 	<p>Youth: 1 year with the opportunity to request an additional year of assistance (up to 2 years)</p> <p>Families: up to 1 year.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family/Youth unable to afford market rent burden long-term Has ability to increase income/afford rent over time 		

Application Process through Community Partnerships Administration



Rapid Housing

Available to Families and Youth aging out of care (OYE)



Designed to:

help keep families together
support families when housing is the key barrier to reunification
Support youth in their transition from care

Short-term housing assistance:

First Month's Rent / Security Deposit
Rental Subsidy (up to one year)
Help with rent arrears
Supports college housing costs

Non-emergency assistance (application process)

Families/Youth are responsible for locating their own housing.



Family Unification Program (FUP) Vouchers

Longer-term housing assistance designed to support families and youth

Family – CFSA Involved

- Imminent placement of the family's child or children in out-of-home care or
- Delay of discharge of a child or children to the family from out-of-home care
- Housing Choice Voucher Program rules (Federal)



Youth

- Youth at least 18 years old and not more than 24 years old who left foster care at age 16 or older or will leave foster care within 90 days, in accordance with a transition plan
- Are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- Time-limited assistance to support youth's transition.

Services must be provided to families for at least 12 months/at least 18 months for youth (voluntary).



Emergency Flexible Funds

Flex Funds – emergency, flexible financial assistance

- \$562,000 across the Agency
- \$50,000 specifically for housing supports

Discretionary funds are available to CFSA Social Workers/staff and the Healthy Families Thriving Communities Collaboratives to support the youth and families they are working with.





Q&A



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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH REHABILITATION SERVICES



DYRS' BUDGET &
HOMELESSNESS
SERVICES
FY 2024



Mission and Vision



The DYRS mission is to give court-involved youth the opportunity to become more productive citizens by building on the strengths of youths and their families in the least restrictive, most homelike environment consistent with public safety.

The DYRS vision is to provide the nation's best continuum of care for court-involved youth and their families through a wide range of programs that emphasize individual strengths, personal accountability, public safety, skill development, family involvement, and community support.



Youth / Families We Serve

Detained

A young person facing delinquency charges is supervised by Court Social Services before being considered for commitment to DYRS. Detained youth are housed at YSC or a DYRS operated shelter home.

Committed

A young person found to be involved in a delinquent act may be committed to DYRS by a family-court judge for a period of time not to exceed the youth's 21st birthday.

Title 16

These are youth charged as adults held at a DYRS facility until sentencing when they are released, sent to DC Jail, or transported to the Bureau of Prisons. They are often with us for years, but they must leave DYRS on or before their 21st birthday.

Post-Committed

These young adults are formerly committed to DYRS and are now back in the community. They have the option of continuing to receive services through DYRS.

Families & Friends

The agency also supports the families and friends of DYRS's committed population.

Community Youth

In collaboration with sister agencies and youth/families connected to DYRS, the agency provides services in the community to youth not directly connected to DYRS.



FY24 PROPOSED BUDGET OVERVIEW

PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

Local Funds: **\$87.44 million**

- **\$54 million– Personal Services (PS)**
 - \$2.3 Million decrease approximately 4% decrease from FY23’s Approved Budget
 - 539 FTEs
 - 7.9% Decrease or 46 FTEs decreased from vacant positions.

- **\$33.44 million – Nonpersonal Services (NPS)**
 - \$525K increase approximately 1.6% from FY23’s Approved Budget
 - CSG20: \$34K decrease for supplies and uniforms.
 - CSG40: \$35K increase for emergency and safety consultants and OCTO website improvements.
 - CSG 41: \$219K for custodial contracts and OIJ’s contractual services
 - CSG 50: \$279K increase direct care services for youth
 - CSG70: \$24K increase for Lifecycle replacements of computers and printer’s agency wide.

Federal Resources:

\$390K ARPA Federal Funds

for CSG50

Building Blocks DC

Capital Funds:

\$257K Capital Funds

for Fleet Vehicles Lifecycle

Replacement



FY24 PROPOSED BUDGET OVERVIEW

RELEVANT CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS



Residential Services: **\$8.5 Million**

- Group Homes: \$2.62 Million
- Shelter Homes: \$5.19 Million
- Foster Care and Residential Treatment Centers: \$2.25 Million

Community Programming: **\$9.2 Million**

- Credible Messengers: \$3.8 Million
- Achievement Center Programming: \$2.24 Million
- DC Youth Leadership Oasis: \$800,000.00



FY24 PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL OPTIONS

GROUP HOMES CONTRACTUAL DETAILS SUMMARY

Rite Of Passage – A Group home that provides direct care services to youth including education, workforce development, health/wellness, behavioral health, therapeutic services, and specialized treatment programs/plans.

- Target Population: Youth between the ages of 12 and 21.
- Non-Local
- FY24 Funding = \$900K

Universal – A group home that provides direct care services to adolescent males including therapeutic group homes, diagnostic and assessment services, medication treatments, evidence-based trauma therapies, psychiatric rehabilitation programming, and counseling.

- Target Population: Male youth between the ages of 12 and 21.
- Local
- Includes Admin Rate
- FY24 Funding = \$900K

Youth For Tomorrow – a group home that provides direct care services to youth who require intensive care and have emotional and behavioral challenges. Services can include specialized treatment group homes (ex. pregnant teens, domestic sexually exploited or trafficked youth etc.), crisis intervention counseling, education, foster care, diagnostic and assessment services, outpatient services, therapeutic treatment, in-home services, and/or mentoring.

- Population Served: Youth between the ages of 12 and 21.
- Non-Local
- FY24 Funding = \$124K



FY24 PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL OPTIONS

SHELTER HOMES CONTRACTUAL DETAILS SUMMARY

YRS currently contracted Shelter homes are a pre/post transitional care home (PTCH) provides short-term and community-based residential transitional home services for pre and post adjudicated youth identified and detained by DC Family Court. The objective of PTCHs is to provide services designed to reunite youth in temporary out of home care or custody to their families in a stable and supporting home environment.

Shelter Homes serve medium to high-risk non-violent youth, they are local, and include Admin Rate.

CGC –Direct care services include community linkages, mental and medical health services, educational support services, therapeutic recreational activities, independent skill building, behavioral management, family engagement, life skills, substance abuse prevention services.

FY24 Funding = \$854K

Sasha Bruce – Direct care services include safe housing, life skills, workforce, and education services.

FY24 Funding = \$2.4 Million

Umbrella – Direct care services include community linkages, mental and medical health services, educational support services, therapeutic recreational activities, independent living skill building, behavioral management, and substance abuse prevention services.

FY24 Funding = \$1.9 Million



FY24 PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL OPTIONS

FOSTER CARE SUMMARY

PCC Stride – Provides therapeutic foster homes and/or extended family homes for youth, pregnant youth, and/or youth with 1 to 2 children. Direct care services can include arts, recreation, trips/outings, community services, life skills, counseling, parent/family counseling, group counseling, crisis intervention and education services.

- Population Served: youth 12 to 21 who:
 - Have been remanded to temporary DYRS custody by D.C. Superior Court
- Local
- FY24 Budget = \$252K

The Win Team – Provides therapeutic foster homes and/or extended family homes for youth, pregnant youth, and/or youth with 1 to 2 children. Direct care services can include life skills, recreation and leisure activities, education, group therapy, addition support, vocational support, family therapy, health, and medical services.

- Population Served: youth 14 to 21 who:
 - Have been committed to DYRS care and custody.
 - Eligible for alternatives to secure facilities
 - Stepping down from committed custody after an extended stay in locked custody
 - In jeopardy of aftercare revocation in lieu of locked confinement
 - Returning from out of District Residential treatment Centers
- Non-Local
- FY24 Budget = \$488K



FY24 PROPOSED INTRA-AGENCIES

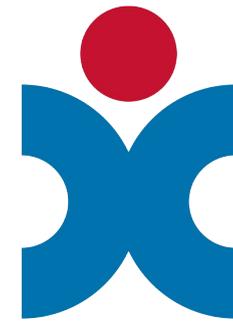
BUDGET SUMMARY

Department of Human Services (DHS): **\$400,000**

These are intra-agency funds that provide transitional housing for D.C. youth and families facing homelessness. DHS and DYRS are furthering their shared interest in combating homelessness in the District. A DHS-contracted provider to receive homeless services aimed at preparing the participants to transition from confinement back into society and avoid homelessness, to include, but not limited to, supervision, case management, housing, and life skills services.

Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA): unknown FY24 amount (**FY23 Amount \$207,000**)

These are intra-agency funds that CFSA provides to DYRS for Credible Messengers who provide direct care services to D.C. youth and families. The mission of the initiative is to connect all young people in the care and custody of DYRS to healthy homes and supportive communities, and to provide preventative supports to all youth in the District.



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FY24 COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING

CREDIBLE MESSENGERS

Credible Messengers are leaders in their communities and have similar life experiences to the young people we serve. They have been an essential resource for the District's youth and families, providing guidance, mentorship, and other necessary supports to help keep our kids on the right track. Credible Messengers continue to build bridges between our youth and our communities; they work to instill in our young people that this city is their home and the importance of treating home with love and respect. They are also able to assess when our youth are facing housing insecurity and are able to ensure they are connected to the appropriate housing services. Currently, DYRS works with seven (7) Credible Messenger provider organizations that employ sixty-seven (67) Credible Messengers:

- 48 are assigned to DYRS youth and families
 - 12 are assigned to District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS),
 - 3 are assigned to Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA), and
 - 4 are assigned to District of Columbia Public Libraries (DCPL).
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- FY24 Budget = \$3.8 Million



FY24 COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING

ACHIEVEMENT CENTERS

In FY 2014, DYRS opened its first Achievement Center in Northwest DC. DYRS opened another Achievement Center in Southeast DC in FY 2016. The Achievement Centers foster career development, life skills, and healthy living while also providing support to families and youth as they develop into healthy, independent, and capable people who can thrive and enjoy a high quality of life. The Achievement Centers house multiple DYRS staff and community vendors to support youth and families in the community, such as culinary arts, physical fitness activities, workforce development, and academic assistance programs that included GED classes and other skills-based programming. Through this engagement, DYRS is able to not only provide critical services, but is also able to refer youth facing housing insecurity to the appropriate partner.

- FY24 Budget = \$3.8 Million



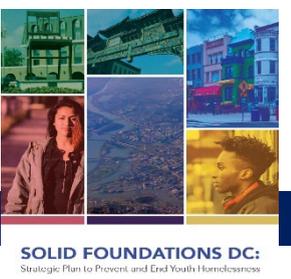
FY24 COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING

DC YOUTH LEADERSHIP OASIS

The DC Youth Leadership Oasis is a program for 10-17 year olds, conducted in age-appropriate cohorts, designed to provide mentorship and connections to community programs that last beyond the 16-week course. Using a custom-built curriculum, the program focuses on helping youth and families develop resilience, particularly for those who have faced repeated stress, trauma, and challenging experiences. Initiatives like this are essential in reducing the rates of gun violence by providing out-of-school-time activities, opportunities, and family resources that may not have otherwise been accessed. Additionally, this investment will provide youth an opportunity to learn violence-preventative measures and other necessary skillsets needed to create a safer environment for themselves and their families. By reaching these young people before any potential court involvement, we are hopeful that we will put them on a course to succeed without having to go through the justice system.

FY24 Budget = \$800K

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ICH Youth Committee Meeting

FY24 Homeless Education Investments

April 10, 2023 | Office of the State Superintendent of Education

FY24 Proposed OSSE Budget

Highlighted investments for OSSE in FY24:

- Increased eligibility for childcare subsidy, which includes funding for students experiencing homelessness, and made new dedicated childcare slots for infants and toddlers with disabilities.
- \$1.6 million to develop a Teacher Apprenticeship Program to train future teachers.
- Funding to provide retroactive bonuses to charter educators and increase their go-forward funding by 12.5%, aligned to benefits of DCPS's new WTU contract.
- \$7.85 million in FY24 funding for high-impact tutoring, targeting at-risk students.
- \$8 million to expand middle and high school career and technical education (CTE) programming and work-based learning.
- Funding to support statewide assessment administration and capital investments to continue implementation of course data collection from LEAs.

FY24 Proposed Budget for Homeless Education

- Mayor Bowser's FY2024 Fair Shot Budget supports OSSE to continue to distribute federal funding and leverage federal and local funds for staff to support the education of students experiencing homelessness
- OSSE's budget supports continuation of the following programs:
 - McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants (MKV)
 - American Rescue Plan - Homeless Children and Youth Grants (ARP-HCY)
 - Supplemental support for existing MKV grantees
 - Allocation grants to local education agencies (LEAs)
 - Competitive grants to community-based organizations
- Federal MKV and ARP-HCY funding helps to facilitate the identification, enrollment, attendance, and success in school of children and youth who are experiencing homelessness

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grant (MKV)

- In FY23, OSSE received an MKV grant from U.S. Department of Education for \$391,249
- The Mayor's FY24 budget includes \$478,000 in MKV funds:
 - \$89,000 in FY23 carryover funds;
 - \$341,000 in a FY24 new award and;
 - FY25 first quarter pre-load of \$48,000.
- OSSE will release its FY24 MKV grant competition in June 2023
- MKV is combined with local funds for OSSE staff positions that provide training and technical assistance to local education agencies (LEAs)
 - All LEAs in the District must meet all MKV requirements to support students experiencing homelessness and remove barriers to educational success
 - OSSE's federal and locally-funded Homeless Education Program supports LEAs and schools to meet these requirements

ARP Homeless Children and Youth Fund (ARP-HCY)

- In late FY21, OSSE received \$2,531,300 through the American Rescue Plan from U.S. Department of Education.
- Under ARP HCY, OSSE administers three programs:
 - ARP-Homeless I provided \$474,484.50 in supplemental awards to 9 LEAs already receiving MKV grants to quickly target immediate needs of students experiencing homelessness as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic
 - ARP-Homeless II provided \$1,423,990.50 in formula grants to 37 LEAs
 - ARP-Homeless II CBO provided \$274,633.50 in grants to community-based organizations to identify historically underserved populations of children and youth experiencing homelessness, reengage them in school, connect them to resources, and support them to recover unfinished learning.
- Funds are also leveraged for one FTE to support this additional programming.
- These one-time awards may be used through the end of FY24, and the Mayor's FY24 budget includes \$1,654,000 to facilitate grantee carryover.

The Importance of OSSE's MKV & ARP-HCY Grants

- The MKV grant assists LEAs/schools to provide individualized support to students and families experiencing homelessness with the goal of achieving increased academic and overall school success.
- ARP-Homeless grants allow LEAs and CBOs to focus on children and youth experiencing homelessness who were disengaged as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, especially those who are historically underserved. It also helps to mitigate learning loss and provide essential assistance to meet students' immediate needs.
- ARP-Homeless also allow OSSE to serve more LEAs, thereby distributing supports and services to a larger number of children and youth experiencing homelessness throughout the District of Columbia.

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DCPS Proposed FY24 Budget

April 2023
DC Interagency Council
on Homelessness



Agenda

Overview of the Proposed DCPS FY24 Budget

**DCPS Programs Supporting Students
Experiencing Homelessness**

Mayor Bowser's FY2024 DCPS Budget

- PER-PUPIL FUNDING: **5.05%** increase to the foundation of the Uniform Per Student Funding Formula (UPSFF) which is **\$35M** more *directly* in school budgets for FY24.
- AT-RISK UPSFF: **\$81.5M**
- MAYOR'S RECOVERY FUND: **\$10.4M**
- FEDERAL LEARNING RECOVERY: 102 schools will receive **\$7M**

Mayor Bowser's FY2024 DCPS Capital Budget

- **\$110M:** Center City MS
- **\$77M:** Renovate MacArthur HS
- **\$31M:** Renovate Winston EC
- **\$31M:** New school modernizations: 1) Excel Academy 2) Beers ES 3) Bruce-Monroe @ Parkview ES
- **\$90M:** Maintain small capital investments
- **\$34M:** Technology, including bandwidth and connectivity and refreshment of Smart Boards
- **\$6M:** School safety hardware

DCPS Connected Schools



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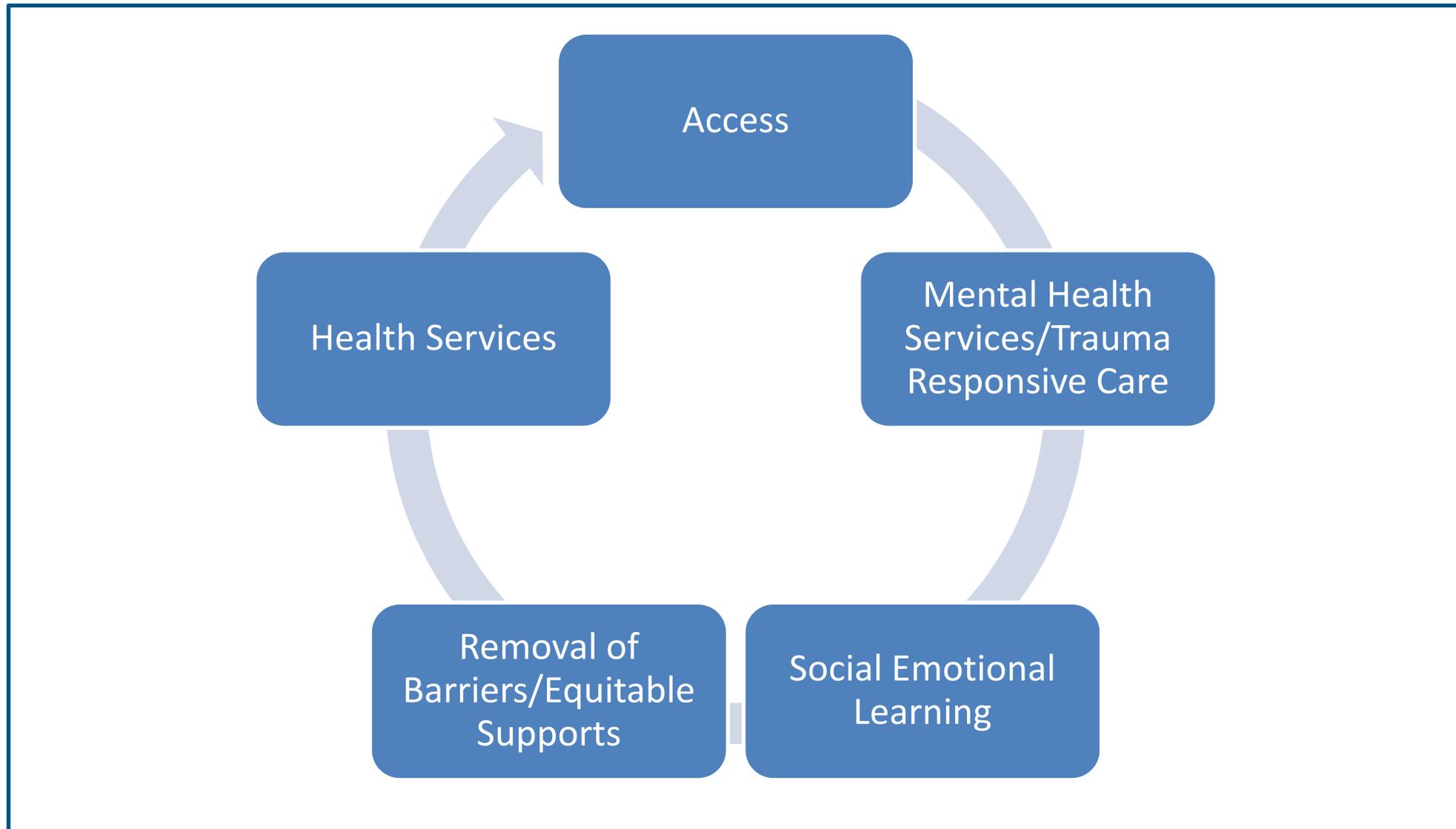
DCPS Families and Youth in Transition Program

- **Identify** homeless children and youth;
- **Ensure** the expeditious enrollment of students experiencing homelessness;
- **Advise** parents, guardians, and unaccompanied youth of their rights and provided with services/supports; and
- **Remove** barriers that may cause challenges to the educational and social emotional success of children and youth experiencing homelessness.

McKinney-Vento Defined

- The McKinney-Vento definition of homelessness includes children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. 42 U.S.C. §11434a(2).
 - This definition specifically includes children and youth who are: sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; living in shelters, transitional housing, or cars; and staying in motels or campgrounds due to lack of adequate alternative accommodations.42 U.S.C. §11434a(2).
 - The phrase “awaiting foster care placement” was removed from the McKinney-Vento Act in December 2016. New protections for all children in foster care were included under Title I Part A.42 U.S.C. §(g)(3)(C).
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Provision of Supports for Students Experiencing Homelessness



Families and Youth in Transition Program Resources

Transportation Assistance:

- Schools must provide students experiencing homelessness with transportation assistance at parent or guardian request.
- Homeless students should be provided with a registered **Kids Ride Free SmarTrip Card** (for free trips on the bus and train in DC, MD, and VA).
- Homeless parents or guardians who accompany young students to school can also receive SmarTrip Cards.
- Students can also receive temporary SmarTrip Cards if there is a delay in receiving the Kids Ride Free Card at the school.

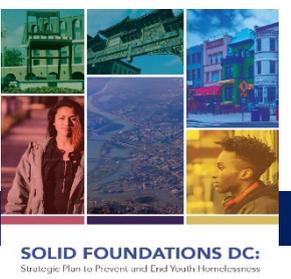
Families and Youth in Transition Program Resources

- **Uniforms, Emergency Clothing, Shoes, Toiletries, Bookbags and School Supplies:**
 - Title 1 schools **must** use Title 1 funds to pay for uniforms and educational fees for students experiencing homelessness
- **Coordinated Donations:**
 - The FYIT program annually coordinates donations from community partners and area businesses (i.e., Soles4Souls, Undies4All, and Safeway/Giant)
- **Graduation Fee Reimbursement:**
 - Graduation fees (cap, gown, diploma cover) for graduating high school students can be covered through the FYIT Program
- **Social-Emotional/Mental Health Screenings**

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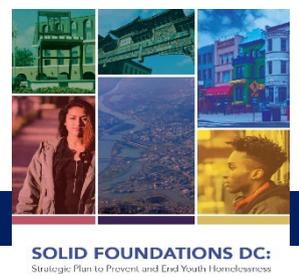
Agenda Review



SOLID FOUNDATIONS DC:
Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness

- I. Welcome & Agenda Review (5 mins)
- II. Proposed Budget Presentations (80 mins)
- III. **Governance & Updates (time permitting)**
 - a) ICH Legislated Mandates & Approach
 - b) Homeless Youth Census Presentation
- IV. Announcements & Reminders (time permitting)
- V. Summary & Adjournment (5 mins)

Overall ICH Planning and Trajectory



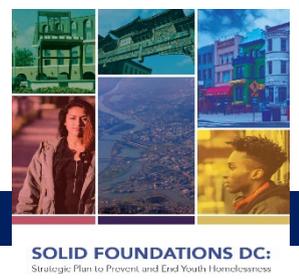
❖ Legislated mandates/duties and our approach:

Legislated Mandate	Approach and Progress
Comments to Mayor's Proposed Budget	Underway: leveraging April Committee meetings
Annual updates to HWDC 2.0	Underway: leveraging annual KPIs & Homeless Youth Census
Evaluate service needs of LGBTQ+ homeless youth	TBD: evaluating if we can leverage annual KPIs

❖ Call for new committees/workgroups:

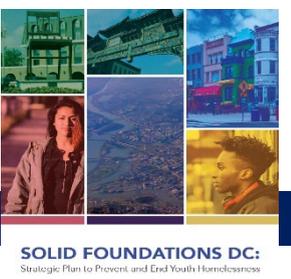
- Income, employment and entrepreneurship
- Healthcare x Homeless Services to include
 - ✓ Behavioral Health x Homeless Services
 - ✓ Hospitals x Homeless Services

Proposal for Youth Subsystem



- ❖ Consolidate Youth mtgs to 1 monthly Youth Committee mtg
 - Fold monthly Youth Outreach WG into a monthly Front Door WG for Single Adults, Veterans, and Youth Subsystems
 - ✓ Appropriately recognizes that 40% of the youth experiencing homelessness access the Single Adult Subsystem
 - Consolidate monthly Youth CAHP WG and quarterly Youth Committee into one monthly Committee meeting
 - ✓ Focused on ending and preventing youth homelessness
 - ✓ Fully leveraging youth-specific resources
- ❖ Allows us to host 2 additional Committee/Workgroup meetings that are critical to Youth Subsystem
 - see slides on call for new CMTEs/WGs on the previous slide

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 - a) Proposal to streamline & integrate Youth Committee w/ Youth CAHP Policy WG
 - b) Youth CAHP Policy: 18 April & 16 May 2023 from 12:30 – 2 pm

