Youth Team – Young Adults
(Late adolescence Ages 18-24)

Community Meeting
July 11, 2016
Let us Introduce Ourselves!

- Agencies represented:
  - Administration for Children and Families/RHY
  - The Advocacy Institute
  - The Attic Youth Center
  - Covenant House
  - Department of Behavioral Health
  - Department of Human Services
  - Education Law Center
  - Juvenile Law Center
  - The Mazzoni Center
  - Northern Children’s Homes
  - Office of Homeless Services
  - PathwaysPA
  - Philadelphia Housing Authority
  - Project HOME
  - Valley Youth House
  - Youth Services Inc.

Team Sponsor – Maari Porter
Our 100 Day Goal: Today is Day 19!

Our 100-Day Goal:

*During the month of September, every 18-24 year old young adult who seeks shelter will receive and be connected to a safe and stable place to stay.*
## Sub Goals and our Progress to date

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<th>Sub-Goal</th>
<th>Progress in 19 days</th>
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<td>1. Develop a database to identify the number of young adults seeking shelter and monitor the time to placement.</td>
<td>Database is up and running! Ready for data input.</td>
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<td>2. Develop a running inventory of the housing opportunities available to young adults seeking shelter that is shared and updated regularly by participating youth service providers; the purpose of the inventory is to be sure no housing opportunity is overlooked.</td>
<td>Inventory layout is complete and has been revised once. By July 15th the inventory will have its first read of all programs.</td>
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<td>3. Create 20 additional housing opportunities for young adults ages 18-24 seeking shelter.</td>
<td>We have secured a percentage of our 20 bed goal.</td>
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<td>4. Develop a toolkit for shelter intake staff to respond to a young adult who cannot be housed at their specific site; the purpose of this toolkit is to prevent “there is nothing we can do” from being the final interaction between shelter staff and young adult.</td>
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<td>5. Work with DHS to develop their own internal transition unit for youth aging out of foster care to begin at age 14.</td>
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Key Accomplishments To Date

- Young adults are interested in joining our team
- Unity: we are all working towards the same goal
- Database is up and running, ready for data collection
- The running housing inventory has been created and evolving
- Discovered a percentage of additional beds
- Collaboratively applying for a proposal to provide housing (transitional)
- Secured funding for administrative support to begin development of a host home program
- Our team wanting to outlast this 100 days
Challenges

- The housing and supportive service needs of 18-24 year olds are **NOT** being addressed in the current system. Young adults ≠ Adults
- The lack of institutional knowledge and experience in developing services informed by YYA.
- Complying with regulations that interfere with effective programming
- Overwhelmed and under-resourced Institutions
- Burnout among front line staff
- Effective communication strategies among and between provider agencies
- Lack of funding alternatives
- Lack of affordable housing