



Youth Team – Young Adults

(Late adolescence Ages 18-24)

Community Meeting

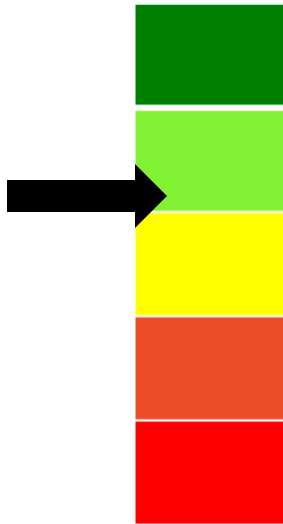
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Let us Introduce Ourselves!

- 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

Sub-Goal	Progress in 19 days
1. Develop a database to identify the number of young adults seeking shelter and monitor the time to placement.	Database is up and running! Ready for data input.
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.	Inventory layout is complete and has been revised once. By July 15 th the inventory will have it's first read of all programs.
3. Create 20 additional housing opportunities for young adults ages 18-24 seeking shelter.	We have secured a percentage of our 20 bed goal.
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.	
5. Work with DHS to develop their own internal transition unit for youth aging out of foster care to begin at age 14.	

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

