Youth Action, A Way Home

Alameda County’s Coordinated Community Plan to Support, Prevent and End Youth Homelessness 2022
Acknowledgements

This Coordinated Community Plan represents community efforts in Alameda County that came together to address the experience, expertise, passion, and wisdom of youth with lived experience of homelessness. Youth were seen and heard and supported to investigate the root barriers and solutions of ending youth homelessness. We would like to thank our service providers, stakeholders, and community members and most importantly our youth with lived experience of homelessness who helped lay the foundation of this plan.

This partnership was led by the Youth Action Board and the YHDP Core team which included:

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Community Development Agency/Collaborative Applicant and Homeless Information Management System (HIMS)
ALL IN Alameda County
EveryOne Home (COC)
Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, Office of Homeless Care and Coordination
Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, Center for Healthy Schools and Communities
University of California, Berkeley School of Public Health; i4Y (Innovations for Youth)
Alameda County Social Services Agency, Family and Children’s Services
Alameda County Social Service Agency, Child Welfare

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- Covenant House California
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- Alameda County Probation Department
- Transition Age Youth Services Division Director for Alameda County Behavioral Health
- Alameda County Public Defender
- Alameda County Office of Education
- REACH Ashland Youth Center
- Bay Area Community Resources
- Bay Legal
- Alameda County BOS Office Sup Dave Brown
- Alameda County BOS Sup Nate Miley
- First Place for Youth
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- Fred Finch Youth & Family Services
- Beyond Emancipation
- East Oakland Community Project
- Caminos (Center for Healthy Schools and Communities)
- Coalition for TAY CTE HUB
- Ruby’s Place
- City of Oakland Health & Human Resources
- Alameda County Social Services, Child Welfare Agency
- East Bay Children’s Law Offices
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Introduction

In August 2021, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) selected Alameda County to participate in the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP). This prestigious opportunity provided $6.5 million in project funding and significant technical assistance. It required us to complete a coordinated community plan demonstrating what actions the community wants to take to end youth homelessness, including detailing how YHDP funding will be used.

Youth Action, A Way Home is a Coordinated Community Plan (CCP) to prevent and end youth and young adult (YYA) homelessness in Alameda County, California. It was the work of our partners and stakeholders from across our community who came together to create this Coordinated Community Plan—from the worlds of homelessness, government, child welfare, education, workforce development, business, justice, affordable housing, advocacy, and out of school time activities—whose commitment will determine its successes and failures. The CCP was led by a Planning Committee of core partners, including the Youth Action Board (YAB) with lived homelessness experience and their adult allies. All of our stakeholders met weekly and participated in both short and day-long convenings to build this comprehensive plan to end youth and young adult homelessness in our community. They supported an effort that clarified our needs and prioritized the actions that we believe will ensure that experiences of homelessness among YYA in Alameda County are rare, brief, and non-recurring.

Mission & Vision

The purpose of our mission and vision is to play key important roles throughout the process such as a guide towards practices of social innovation and an equity centered Lense. To provide our community with a clear and effective statement to ensure our values are carried throughout the work. While the mission statement ensures that all the decisions made are properly aligned with what our team hopes to achieve. Our vision, developed through a facilitated conversation of our core team is what guides this entire plan. It reflects our goals as informed by our statement of need and leads us to action steps based on these goals.

Our mission is to build a responsive, collaborative, and ethical homeless services system that empowers youth to make their own decisions and provides relevant and impactful resources.

Our vision is to make youth homelessness brief, rare, and one-time for all youth and young adults in Alameda County. We will achieve this by strengthening cross-sector collaboration, improving system navigation, and supporting flexible and responsive housing and income opportunities.
Executive Summary

Notes:

• 6 month planning process
• Engaged stakeholders across the county
• Focus on improving access and service delivery
• Innovative solution to address high rent costs in the area
Governance

The community will launch a new YYA homelessness governance and decision-making framework to manage, monitor, and steer the implementation of Youth Action, A Way Home. The Office of Homeless Care and Coordination in the County's Health Care Services Agency will hire a Youth Development Program Manager to lead the effort. The Program Manager will coordinate among partners, facilitate regular meetings, manage contracts, build and maintain community relationships, and track implementation progress. The existing YHDP core team will transition into the Youth Action, A Way Home Executive Committee, responsible for implementing the plan, supporting the Program Manager, and updating the plan as needed. The Executive Committee members will include representatives from the Youth Advisory Board, Alameda County's Office of Homeless Care and Coordination in the Health Care Services Agency, the CoC, Alameda County's Child Welfare Office in the Social Services Agency, the County's Community Development Agency and ALL IN Alameda County.

YHDP decision-making processes included the Core team providing ideas and discussion. Open dialogue between the YAB and the core team happened weekly, with final plans presented to the Continuum of Care for final approval.
Needs, Goals, & Action Steps

Alameda County currently has many programs that support youth experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness. The Alameda County Continuum of Care includes thirteen cities and six unincorporated areas. There are 306 units dedicated to youth and young adults in the continuum, including 58 emergency shelter beds, 153 transitional housing units\(^1\), and 95 permanent housing units. Current services available to youth include connection to mainstream benefits, disability-related services, drop-in centers, community-based outreach, education and job training programs, financial and transportation assistance, legal help, medical and mental health services, substance use services, support for LGBTQ+ youth, and support for pregnant and parenting youth.

Youth Action, A Way Home was developed at the same time as Alameda County’s Office of Homeless Care and Coordination (OHCC) and CoC partners were generating the Home Together 2026 Community Plan, a 5-year strategic framework to dramatically reduce homelessness and racial disparities in the county’s efforts to end homelessness. The Plan recommends specific action steps in four categories:

1) Prevent Homelessness for our Residents  
2) Connect People to Shelter and Needed Resources  
3) Increase Housing Solutions  
4) Strengthen Coordination, Communication and Capacity

The Home Together 2026 Community Plan identifies the housing programs and shelter inventory needed in Alameda County to fill existing gaps and meet the needs of all of Alameda County’s homeless populations. Homeless Response System Modeling conducted to inform the Home Together 2026 Community Plan (Alameda County’s five-year plan to end homelessness) focused on households with only adults (including TAY) and families with minor children in the county’s homeless response system. Home Together identifies housing needs for TAY, but does not specifically address the variety of pathways and resources that would be most beneficial and responsive to youth experiencing homelessness.

The Youth Homelessness Response System Modeling conducted as part of the YHDP CCP process will inform the implementation of the Home Together 2026 strategies and YHDP funded programs will align with and help the community to meet the Home Together 2026 Community Plan’s goals.

Alameda County has a rich and complex history. A history of vibrant arts and culture and a history of racist and discriminatory housing policies and practices like redlining. Racial inequity in housing and

\(^1\) Refers to data from HMIS.
homelessness is highlighted by the fact that 63% of unhoused transition-age youth are African American. Yet, with a profound legacy of organizing for racial equity and justice, the birth and work of the Black Panther Party continue to inform how young people engage in local politics. In this context of Alameda County, one of the most expensive housing markets with one of the highest cost of living in the country, we understand the work to prevent and end youth homelessness as a collaborative process that must be youth-led and with a racially and ethnically diverse set of stakeholders.

While Alameda County already has many services available for youth at risk of and experiencing homelessness; there is a need to improve service delivery and increase the resources available to youth. Access to services needs to be expanded in the unincorporated areas and throughout the county, and coordination between service providers strengthened. Additionally, there is a critical need to create flexible housing options for youth. Youth report a need for greater access to all resources, increased supports to maneuver through and transition from program to program within the homelessness response system, and increased youth development trainings for service providers.

Youth and providers have indicated that the homelessness system should be improved to be more welcoming to youth, that stronger housing and employment connections for youth are needed so that youth can find and sustain housing, and that increased access to youth-dedicated permanent housing and long-term subsidies would significantly build capacity to serve youth.

The following issues were identified as contributing to youth homelessness in Alameda County:

- Lack of affordable housing
- Lack of supports and resources to successfully transition out of institutional systems such as foster care and the juvenile justice system and into permanent housing

**GOAL 1: Enhance Systems**

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<th>Objective: Create a homeless response system that is responsive to the needs of YYA</th>
<th>Currently, the youth homeless response system in Alameda County is inadequate. Youth may not be aware of available programming, and providers do not find the coordinated entry system efficient. Some youth-serving projects are underfunded, making it difficult for them to provide comprehensive services to youth. Additionally, most staff are not trained to work effectively with all youth. There is a need to increase staff cultural competency so they can better serve youth of color, LGBTQ+ youth, undocumented youth, and youth who have experienced violence. Staff also need more information on the different resources available to youth, especially on the resources available to minors.</th>
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<td>Action Steps:</td>
<td>• Provide trainings to enhance staff knowledge to work with YYA</td>
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## GOAL 2: Youth Collaboration

**Objective:** Imbed youth collaboration into the youth homeless response system

Youth voice is often not present in existing programs. Input from youth is needed to determine how the system can best serve youth across the County.

**Action Steps:**

- Create a peer navigation project as the front door to the homeless response system and integrate peer navigation supports throughout all front door system access points.
- Create a process that supports matching youth with navigators whose expertise and experience fits their needs.
- Increase the number of people with lived experience working across the system in both YYA-supporting and system-level roles.

**Responsible Entity(ies):**

- Youth Development Program Manager
- Youth Action Board
- Health Care Services Agency, Office of Homeless Care and Coordination

## GOAL 3: ECONOMIC MOBILITY

**Objective:** Provide youth experiencing homelessness with flexible and rapidly deployable resources that they can quickly direct to their unique needs

Alameda County is one of the most expensive communities in the United States. Youth need flexible options to increase their income and access housing. Direct cash transfers are one way to support youth working to gain employment skills and education that will help them obtain employment that provides a living wage. Direct cash transfers also support youth in accessing innovative and supportive housing options.

**Action Steps:**

- Provide youth expertise to community-based Direct Cash Transfer programs to enhance the efficacy and efficiency of these programs.
- Partner with an organization providing Direct Cash Transfers for homeless youth to ensure youth are provided with the supportive services necessary to obtain and maintain stable housing and achieve self-sufficiency.

**Responsible Entity(ies):**

- Youth Action Board
- Youth Development Program Manager
GOAL 4: Legal Advocacy

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<th>Objective: Provide legal services support that helps minors gain independence. Support youth navigating legal systems relates to youth navigating the immigration process</th>
<th>During the planning process, the YHDP core planning team held community brainstorming sessions to help identify the needs of youth across the County. During these sessions, a need to provide better legal support for minors and un/under documented youth was identified. The availability of housing resources for unaccompanied minors is limited, and the community identified the need for long-term shelter and community-based housing for this population. However, providing housing to minors is complicated due to their legal status. Additionally, there are insufficient low or free resources for legal representation to serve unaccompanied immigrant youth (UIY). UIY must navigate challenges related to housing, immigration status, employment, and education. Homeless projects need to have resources and partnerships in place to support the needs of UIY.</th>
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<td>• YHDP-funded projects will partner with legal advocates with the expertise to support unaccompanied minors and/or un/undocumented.</td>
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GOAL 5: Cross Systems Partnerships/Collaborations

| Objective: Increase cross system partnerships to support YYA gain self-sufficiency, attain education and employment goals, and obtain and maintain stable housing | The community brainstorming sessions identified a need for better collaboration and communication between all systems that youth experiencing homelessness encounter. Better collaboration supports service delivery and more efficient use of resources. Youth with a child welfare history have resources available to them that they are sometimes unaware of or need help to access. Youth with justice system involvement need more housing access and trauma-informed care. And students need support with housing and school expenses. Improving collaboration between these systems supports better communication and knowledge sharing, providing youth with access to the resources they are eligible for, which will better serve their needs. |

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### Action Steps:
- Increase the number of in-system program (ex: Chabot College program for inmates)
- Fund EOPS/Scholar programs for homelessness/low income youth to receive grants & additional aid
- Provide training that educates homeless services staff understand all the resources and programs available to youth

### Responsible Entity(ies):
- Youth Action, A Way Home Executive Committee
- Youth Development Program Manager
- Social Service Agency
- Child Welfare Agency
- Health Care Service Agency
- Probation Department
- Alameda County Office of Education

### GOAL 6: Increase transportation (mobility) support for YYA experiencing homelessness

**Objective:** Connect youth experiencing homelessness with free transportation services

During the YHDP planning process, youth identified the need to provide access to transportation to support accessing homeless services, employment, and other community-based resources that support housing stability and overall well-being.

**Action Steps:**
- Build a transportation network that helps YYA access shelter, and other services.
- Work with YHDP-funded projects to build transportation options into programming.

**Responsible Entity(ies):**
- Youth Action, A Way Home Executive Committee

### GOAL 7: Continuous Quality Improvement

**Objective:** Monitor and maintain effectiveness of YHDP-funded projects

**Action Steps:**
- Create and implement a continuous quality improvement plan to ensure YHDP-funded projects are effective and efficient.

**Responsible Entity(ies):**
- Youth Action, A Way Home Executive Committee
- CoC Board / CoC Lead Agency
## Projects to be funded by YHDP:

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HUD Required Signatures

Appendix B Section C of the FY 2019/20 YHDP NOFO requires that representatives of the Continuum of Care, Public Child Welfare Agency, a Local Government Agency, and the Youth Action Board, participate in the planning process, approve the coordinated community plan, and provide a signature verifying their approval. As representatives of these entities, we verify that our agencies have participated in the planning process, reviewed this document, and approve of Youth Action, A Way Home, Alameda County coordinated community plan to support, prevent and end youth homelessness.

Signatures:

- Continuum of Care: C'Mone Falls - CoC Committee, Moe Wright - Leadership Board
- CoC Board Vote: Katie Barnet
- Public Child Welfare Agency: Michelle Love or Andrea Ford
- Youth Advisory Board Members/Peer Mentors
- Runaway & Homeless Youth Providers: Covenant House Ami Rowland
The Youth Action Board

VISION & MISSION OF THE YOUTH ACTION BOARD

VISION: Youth About Action envisions an inclusive world where young people of all backgrounds and identities thrive through equity and generosity. Where all youth are affirmed as their authentic selves in community.

MISSION: Youth About Action seeks to encourage and uplift youth representation to identify barriers to increase housing stability. We strive to support self-sufficiency by building an equitable community using transparent means.

Signatures
Appendix A: Homeless Youth Data

Multiple sources of data exist to help understand youth homelessness in Alameda County. These are the main sources of data used for this report:

- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- Point-in-Time (PIT) counts
- Community Brainstorming Sessions
- Community Stakeholder Survey
- California Coalition for Youth 2021 Homeless Youth Survey

The most recent data available was used for this analysis. Most data used in this report is specific to Alameda County. These data sources are used to better understand the needs of and resources available to youth experiencing or at-risk of homelessness in Alameda County. Findings were presented to the YHDP Core Planning Team and the Youth Action Board (YAB) for review and discussion. The roles of the Core Planning Team and the YAB are explained in the Governance section.

**Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)**

Alameda County CoC providers enter data into a shared HMIS system: Clarity, by Bitfocus. The CoC actively engages homeless youth providers to participate in HMIS, regardless of funding source for the project. Support is provided to HMIS users to increase participation and maintain data quality.

**Snapshot of the HMIS: Annual Performance Report (2020)**

In 2020, HMIS records show that 1488 young people accessed homeless services. The majority of them were between the ages of 18-24 years old. Of those 1488, 126 young people were parents themselves.

![Bar graph showing youth: 12-17 years old and young adults: 18-24 years old]

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![Bar graph showing parenting and non-parenting]

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Less than 2% of young people identified as Transgender and/or Gender Nonconforming. This is likely an undercount.
At the time of their HMIS intake, the majority of young people were staying in homeless situations such as places not meant for human habitation (tents, parks, sheds, etc) or at shelters or transitional housing. “Other Locations” include staying with family or friends, in a hotel or motel, or in a rental.

Point-in-Time (PIT) Counts

The most recent PIT count was conducted in 2019. The full report, prepared by Applied Survey Research, can be found here: https://everyonehome.org/main/continuum-of-care/everyone-counts/. As compared to the annual HMIS data, the PIT count is a snapshot in time. However, because Alameda County conducted a survey with the 2019 PIT count, there is a depth of information that is not available with HMIS data.

On January 30, 2019, every census tract in Alameda County was covered with the support of 164 individuals with lived experience of homelessness and 489 community volunteers, staff from various city and county departments, and law enforcement. This resulted in a peer-informed visual count of individuals and families residing on the streets and in vehicles, makeshift shelters, encampments, and other places not meant for human habitation. Emergency shelter, safe haven, and transitional housing facilities also reported the number of individuals and families who occupied their facilities on the night prior to the morning of the count.
A specialized count of unaccompanied children and transition-age youth under the age of 25 was conducted on the same day. This dedicated count was designed to improve the understanding of the scope of youth homelessness. Trained youth enumerators who currently or recently experienced homelessness conducted the count in specific areas where young people experiencing homelessness were known to congregate. The dedicated youth count methodology was improved in 2019 to screen for age and to better ensure unaccompanied children and transition-age youth were not included in both the general street count and youth count.

In the weeks following the street count, an in-depth survey was administered to a sample of 1,681 unsheltered and sheltered individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The survey gathered basic demographic details as well as information on residency, housing history, personal characteristics, and intersections with the service system.

**Summary of PIT Count Data and Analysis for TAY (2019)**

In the 2019 PIT Count 702 young adults between the ages of 18-24 were identified as experiencing homelessness; 29 youth under the age of 18 were identified. The term Transition-Age Youth (TAY) refers to young people between the ages of 18 and 24 years old who are not accompanied by a parent or guardian, and are not a parent presenting with or sleeping in the same place as their own child(ren).

The majority of young adults experiencing homelessness were unsheltered, while the majority of youth were sheltered.
There is no one clear reason that young people are experiencing homelessness.

Though generally healthier than the adult homeless population, mental health is still an issue for young people experiencing homelessness. Sheltered TAY report mental health concerns at a higher rate than unsheltered peers.

A greater percentage of sheltered young people identify as LGBTQ+.
● Stigma, trauma, and marginalization that creates barriers to accessing resources and maintaining housing
● Risk of return to homelessness from time-limited programs, especially for African-American and parenting youth
● Symptoms related to PTSD or other mental health issues that make it difficult to navigate the homelessness system and maintain stable housing
● Lack of safety at home or in home communities due to gender identity or sexual orientation
● High risk for commercial and sexual exploitation
● Unique challenges affecting the ability for Unaccompanied Immigrant Youth to maintain safe and stable housing
● The impacts of racism, discrimination and institutional racism for youth of color and Black and Native American youth in particular.

Resources for Youth
Resources currently available for TAY in Alameda County include the THP Plus program and dedicated Continuum of Care grants. The State of California requires that communities’ set-aside at least 8-10% (in different funding rounds) of their Homeless, Housing Assistance Program (HHAP) funds for the needs of Transition Age Youth. Alameda County and the CoC have used initial HHAP funding on increasing system access, additional interim housing, and services paired with housing subsidies dedicated to TAY. The interventions outlined in this plan aim to address these challenges to ensure that youth homelessness in Alameda County becomes rare, brief, and one-time.

In 2019, 14% of PIT survey respondents (of all ages) self-reported a history of foster care. Eighteen percent (18%) of youth under age 25 reported that aging out of the foster care system was the primary cause of their current homelessness.
Appendix B: USICH Core Outcomes

The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) has identified core outcomes that a community must achieve to end youth homelessness. With this community plan, we aim to achieve these outcomes with our work across Alameda County to end youth homelessness.

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Appendix C: Impact of Covid-19 on Youth Homelessness

Impact of Covid-19 on Youth Homelessness

Since March 2020, when jurisdictions across the country, including California, began issuing shelter in place orders to slow the spread of the Covid-19 virus, unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness in Alameda County have faced increased hardships. The California Coalition for Youth released a report detailing the needs of youth experiencing homelessness during the Covid-19 pandemic. Following is a summary of their findings.

California Coalition for Youth 2021 Homeless Youth Survey

In 2020 the California Coalition for Youth surveyed 312 young people, ages 15-25 across the state. Key findings include:

- BIPOC and LGBTQ youth are overrepresented and most significantly impacted by housing instability and homelessness and COVID-19.
- 32% of youth had 3 or more different sleeping locations in the last week because they could not stay in their home or did not have a home. The top 3 locations youth slept in during the last week are: car (58%), tent (41%), outdoors (40%).
- COVID-19 has exacerbated the fight for young people to access even their most basic needs.
  - 66% of youth indicated they were in need of more than 5 resources during the pandemic.
  - Employment was the number one resource young people indicated they were in need of (81% listed employment). Other high ranking needs: Physical health (61%), Housing (58%), Distance Learning Support (42%), Mental Health (38%).

Isolation, increased vulnerability, and loss of connections have negatively impacted the mental health of young people.

Appendix D: Special Activities

A. The following YHDP activities may be exercised by YHDP recipients with notice to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs, subject to requirements governing grant agreement 24 CFR 578.105:

Alameda County YHDP “Special Activities” list:
The special activity list is a reflection of what the YAB identified as a need with the following programs and services:

1. Leasing, sponsor-based rental assistance, and project-based rental assistance in RRH
2. Use of administrative funds to support youth stipends
3. Use of administrative funds to attend conferences and trainings that are not HUD-sponsored or approved (subject matter must be relevant to youth homelessness)
4. YHDP recipients may employ youth who are receiving services
5. Moving assistance more than one-time
6. Gas and mileage costs for a program participant’s personal vehicle for trips to and from medical care, employment, childcare, or other services eligible under the transportation section
7. Legal fees, including court fees, bail bonds, and required courses and equipment
8. Up to 36 months of Rapid Rehousing rental assistance
   - Must demonstrate method to be used to determine which youth need extended assistance
   - Must demonstrate which services and resources will be offered to ensure youth are able to sustain their housing at the end of the 36 months of assistance
9. Supportive services for up to 24 months after participant exit programming
   - Must demonstrate the proposed length of extended services
   - Must demonstrate method used to determine whether services are still necessary
   - Must demonstrate how the extended period of support will result in self-sufficiency and ensure stable housing
10. Up to 36 months of extended services for FYI participants, etc.