



Youth Committee Workgroup Overview

Coordinated Entry Planning

USICH Criteria 3: The community uses coordinated entry processes to effectively link all youth experiencing homelessness to housing and services solutions that are tailored to their needs. The community implements coordinated entry processes that include the full array of youth-serving systems and programs and uses assessment tools that are adapted for youth and appropriate for their circumstances. The provision of tailored housing and services solutions is driven by youth choice and includes a range of options, including: service-only interventions, such as family reunification; housing options with varying levels of services, such as transitional living programs, host homes, rapid re-housing, and supportive housing; and, other affordable, safe, and stable living situations. Youth have the right to refuse housing and/or services. Coordinated entry processes, housing options, and services are trauma informed, age and developmentally appropriate, culturally and linguistically responsive, provide fair and equitable access, reflect a positive youth development framework, and support the capacity of youth to achieve four core outcomes: stable housing, permanent connections, education and employment, and well-being.

USICH Benchmark: There are few youth experiencing homelessness at any given time

USICH Indicator: A1: No unaccompanied youth are experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

USICH Indicator: A3: No unaccompanied youth seeking emergency shelter are turned away unless they can be successfully diverted to another safe living environment of their choosing. (REVISED)

USICHA Indicator: A4: All youth identified as experiencing homelessness, including those who are doubled up (based upon federal definition) are offered connections to appropriate services on an ongoing basis to support sustainable exits from homelessness.

Workgroup Action Item: Provide recommendations on how to expand existing Coordinated Entry to more appropriately include youth and youth housing resources.

Workgroup Action Item: Advance strategies to support the capacity of communities to implement screening and assessment tools at the client and community levels to ensure youth at risk of or experiencing homelessness have access to the most appropriate options to address their needs through specialized programs for homelessness assistance as well as mainstream programs.