



## Youth Committee Workgroup Overview

### HMIS and Data Evaluation

**USICH Criteria 1:** The community identifies all unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness. The community uses coordinated outreach, in-reach, multiple data sources, and other methods to identify and enumerate all unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness, spanning the community's entire geographical area. Specifically, while recognizing that youth experiencing homelessness may move among a variety of settings: a. The community literally identifies every unaccompanied youth who is unsheltered, in shelter, or in transitional housing settings or other residential programs for youth experiencing homelessness; and, b. The community coordinates a comprehensive set of strategies, spanning schools, the child welfare system, including child protective services, the justice system, drop-in centers, hotlines and 2-1-1, and other youth-serving agencies and programs to identify unaccompanied youth who are doubled up or couch-surfing and considered homeless under any federal definition. The community's efforts are tailored to the unique needs of particularly vulnerable youth.

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

**USICH Indicator 5:** The number of unaccompanied youth currently experiencing sheltered homelessness (including emergency shelter, basic center program, and time-limited or temporary housing) demonstrates the community's capacity to address emerging needs through exits to permanent or non-time-limited safe and stable housing destinations, including reunification with family. Specifically, the number of unaccompanied youth experiencing sheltered homelessness is:

- a. Less than or equal to twice the monthly average number of unaccompanied youth newly identified as experiencing sheltered homelessness, AND
- b. Less than or equal to twice the monthly average number of unaccompanied youth exiting sheltered homelessness to permanent or non-time-limited safe and stable housing destinations.

**USICH Indicator 6:** The community's census of unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness is not increasing over time. Specifically,

- For unaccompanied youth ages 18-24: the average number exiting to permanent or non-time-limited safe and stable housing from sheltered or unsheltered homelessness each month is greater than or equal to the average number newly identified as experiencing sheltered homelessness (including emergency shelter and time-limited safe and stable housing), AND
- For unaccompanied youth under 18: the average number exiting to safe and stable housing (including transitional housing or transitional living programs) from sheltered or unsheltered homelessness each month is greater than or equal to the average number newly identified as experiencing sheltered homelessness (including emergency shelter).

**USICH Benchmark B:** Youth experiencing homelessness are swiftly connected to safe and stable housing opportunities and to permanent housing options.

**USICH Indicator 1:** Unaccompanied youth identified as experiencing unsheltered or sheltered homelessness (including emergency shelter or basic center programs) exit to permanent or non-time-



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limited safe and stable housing within a community-wide average of 30 days, and no longer than 90 days from the point of identification.

a. It is expected that an initial offer of assistance to access permanent or non-time-limited safe and stable housing shall be made immediately upon assessment of the need for such assistance. There shall be periodic recurring offers of assistance to the youth, and youth shall receive assistance to access permanent or non-time-limited safe and stable housing as soon as they express a desire for it.

b. In the case of those youth who have chosen to first enter a time-limited safe and stable housing program (including transitional housing or transitional living programs) or to access another residential placement, this calculation begins when the youth requests assistance in attaining permanent housing to exit the program or accepts an offer as described in (a) above.

**Workgroup Action Item:** Provide recommendations on how to increase HMIS utilization by providers to increase data collection on the above listed indicators. Set time specific targets for bringing new providers online to the HMIS system.

**Workgroup Action Item:** Provide recommendations on how to align data between multiple data systems

**Workgroup Action Item:** Provide recommendations on timeline and process for review of data sets related to above listed indicators