



## Youth Committee Workgroup Overview

### Housing First and Resource Capacity Planning

**USICH Criteria 2:** The community uses prevention and diversion strategies whenever possible, and otherwise provides immediate access to low-barrier crisis housing and services to any youth who needs and wants it. The community helps youth avoid the need for emergency shelter whenever possible by connecting and/or reunifying them with members of their family or other natural supports (as defined by each young person), providing support to the youth's identified family to help them stay at or return home, or through other prevention or diversion strategies. Youth and young adults who are unsheltered, fleeing an unsafe situation, or experiencing a housing crisis, can immediately access developmentally appropriate safety services, emergency shelters, host homes, or other temporary housing settings, as well as other forms of emergency assistance. Access to shelter or other temporary housing in the community includes an adequate supply and range of options that are not contingent on school attendance, sobriety, minimum income requirements, absence of a criminal record, or other unnecessary conditions, including options appropriate for particularly vulnerable youth.

**USICH Criteria 4:** The community acts with urgency to swiftly assist youth to move in to permanent or non-time-limited housing options with appropriate services and supports. Using Housing First and low-barrier approaches that ensure youth safety (as defined by each youth), the community efficiently connects youth experiencing homelessness to permanent or non-time-limited housing and services opportunities to prevent future entries into homelessness. Time-limited housing and services programs also support youth to achieve safe and appropriate exits upon discharge. Youth may choose to first enter time-limited safe and stable housing options, such as transitional living programs, before securing a permanent or non-time-limited housing opportunity. This includes youth in unsafe situations, such as those fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual violence, or trafficking, or those with other significant risk factors or vulnerabilities. It is the expectation that these programs, like all programs, demonstrate strong outcomes related to exits to permanent housing.

**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.

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



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**Workgroup Action Item:** Provide recommendations on how to swiftly connect youth on the By-Name list resources to meet their need

**Workgroup Action Item:** Develop system resource map to identify housing solutions available to youth and Coordinated Entry

**Workgroup Action Item:** Provide recommendations on how to improve solution alignment with the Housing First approach.