



## Youth Committee Workgroup Overview

### Voices of Youth Count Planning

**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: A1:** The community's census of youth experiencing homelessness includes all unaccompanied youth under 25 that meet any federal definition of homelessness, including youth identified by local education agencies and runaway and homeless youth programs.

**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:** Identify a date and begin planning for the 2019 Youth Count-building upon the 2018 Voices of Youth Count completed on 10/3/2018.