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Today’s Presenters

• **US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**
  – Kymian Ray
  – Matthew Aronson

• **YouthLink Minneapolis**
  – Katelyn Warburton
Leveraging Public Housing-based Programs to Increase Housing Security for Justice-Involved Youth
ON ANY GIVEN DAY...

Approximately **60,000 youth up to age 24 are confined** in juvenile detention and correctional facilities.

**Hundreds of thousands** more are on **probation**.

**Juvenile and criminal records** often present **barriers** to housing, education, employment, health care, insurance, as well as serious immigration **consequences**.

**Social, emotional, and psychological consequences** such as **trauma**, a sense of **shame** and **humiliation** are also of significant concern.
OVERCOMING BARRIERS

POLICY

Myth Busters
Arrests v. Convictions guidance
Fair Housing guidance
Local Admissions & Continued Occupancy Policy

PROGRAMMATIC

Juvenile Reentry Assistance Program
Pay for Success Permanent Supportive Housing Demonstration Program
Local PHA Pilots and Demonstrations
JUVENILE REENTRY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (JRAP)

Funded by DOJ’s Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention
$2M awarded by HUD in 2016 to—

Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) in partnership with nonprofit legal organizations (e.g., legal aid, university law clinic, public defender’s office)

to assist youth up to 24 living in public housing or who would be living with a current public housing resident but for a record

with expunging, sealing, correcting juvenile and criminal records and providing legal services to mitigate collateral consequences of having a record.

The National Bar Association pledged 4,000 pro bono hours to support the program.
JRAP SERVICES

- Disseminating information regarding collateral consequences for justice-involved youth
- Modifying or resolving justice system-related financial obligations (i.e., fines, debts, fees, penalties)
- Helping with improper eviction proceedings and fair housing complaints
- Creating &/or modifying child support orders & other family law services
- Litigating violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act
- Providing guidance for readmission to school and college applications
- Providing advocacy to occupational licensing agencies
- Counseling regarding legal rights and obligations in searching for employment
- Helping at-risk youth and their families access public benefits
- Reinstating revoked and suspended drivers licenses
JRAP PARTNERS

- **Akron** Metropolitan Housing Authority & University of Akron School of Law (OH)
- **Albany** Housing Authority & Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York (NY)
- **Boston** Housing Authority & Greater Boston Legal Services Inc. (MA)
- **Chicago** Housing Authority & Northwestern University School of Law (IL)
- **City of East Chicago** Housing Authority & Indiana Legal Services, Inc. (IN)
- **Columbus** Metropolitan Housing Authority & Legal Aid Society of Columbus (OH)
- **Cuyahoga** Metropolitan Housing Authority & Legal Aid Society of Cleveland (OH)
- **Housing Authority of Cook County** & LAF (IL)
- **Housing Authority of the City of Camden** & Rutgers University School of Law (NJ)
- **Housing Authority of the City of Hartford** & Center for Children’s Advocacy, Inc. (CT)
- **Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles** & Public Counsel (CA)
- **Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee** & Legal Action of Wisconsin (WI)
- **Housing Authority of the City of Paterson** & Northeast New Jersey Legal Services (NJ)
- **Housing Authority of the City of Providence** & Rhode Island Legal Services, Inc. (RI)
- **Housing Authority of the City of Shreveport** & Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. (LA)
- **New York City** Housing Authority & Youth Represent, Inc. (NY)
- **Philadelphia** Housing Authority & Community Legal Services of Philadelphia (PA)
- **St. Louis** Housing Authority & St. Louis University School of Law (MO)
- **Syracuse** Housing Authority & Center for Community Alternatives (NY)

- **New Orleans** & Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (LA)
LOCAL PHA REENTRY-BASED PILOTS

Some PHAs have . . .

Set aside vouchers for returning citizens.

Give vouchers to 3rd party organizations who have housing for returning citizens.

And a number of PHAs have signed onto a program that allows returning citizens to reunite with their families who already live in public housing, for e.g.,

Community-based organizations that work with returning citizens pledge to screen and provide case management and other services to individuals who have families in public housing willing to add them to their household.

The PHA reviews the list of referred individuals.

The individuals are allowed to live with their families, in some cases for up to two years.

If the individual commits a crime, the family is not evicted.
SAMPLE OF PHA REENTRY-BASED PROGRAMS

It Starts with Housing, highlighting models of PHA Reentry Programs
RESOURCES

- Local Public Housing Agency
- Legal Aid and Pro bono assistance
- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
- Second Chance Act funding supports reentry transitional services
- Department of Labor
- Reentry Employment Opportunities
- USICH tip sheets and resources
- Philanthropy

You’re Invited! Upcoming convening in NYC co-sponsored by HUD and the Vera Institute of Justice on November 15 on increasing access to public housing for returning citizens.
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A Coordinated Community Response to End Youth Homelessness

A federal perspective on youth homelessness and how cities can help transform the fight

Matt Aronson
HUD Youth Homelessness Subject Matter Expert
Take Aways

- Youth homelessness is **traumatic, big, multifaceted, and expensive**
- The **Coordinated Community Response** requires **committed partnerships, governance, data, and innovation**
- There is **a lot of momentum** for it and a **number of ways to fund** it

**We won’t end youth homelessness without our cities**
The Experience

Traumatic

Everything

Everyone

Anyone
The Data

60,000 PIT

95,000 EdFacts

550,000 NAEH Estimate
The Data

FY 2017 Baseline PIT

More refined data EdFacts

Voices of Youth Count Chapin Hall
The Data

**Populations specific affects**

LGBTQ, Minors, Parenting Youth, Minorities, Youth Exiting Foster Care, Justice-Involved Youth, Immigrants

**Prevalence, Experience, Systems, Solutions**
Expensive
no matter how you cut the data
$35,000 to $150,000
$4.2 to $7.2 million
$20,000 (TLP) vs $150,000 (JJ)
The old youth homelessness system...

Providers

Connection, System, Funding, Data, Innovation
The Coordinated Community Response...

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Coordinated Community Response
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*Throughout the provision of services, assessment will be ongoing.*
Key Components

1. Partnerships
2. Resources
3. Governance
4. Needs Assessment
5. System Values
6. Modeling
Funding the Response

Dedicated
  CoC  ESG  RHY  EHCY

Demonstration
  YHDP  YAR

Non-Dedicated
  CDBG  PHA  Title IA
  Chafee  Fostering Connections

Private
  AWHA  Local Philanthropy
Learn More

https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/resources-for-homeless-youth/
Planning Guides, YHDP NOFA, and more

Primer on the Coordinated Community Response
safe healthy hopeful

Q&A

YouthLink

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YouthLink

• **Location:**
  • Downtown Minneapolis, MN
  • Drop-in center
    • ~85-105 visits per day

• **Youth Opportunity Center (Home of)**
  • 2011
  • 30+ collaborative partner agencies onsite
  • “One-stop-shop” under one roof

• **Population:**
  • 2,000 young people per year
  • 16-24 years old
  • 93% youth of color
  • 9% identify LGTBQ
Platform for Change

• 9 Guiding Principles:
  • Journey Oriented; Trauma-Informed; Non-Judgement; Harm Reduction; Trusting Youth-Adult Relationships; Strength-Based; Positive Youth Development; Holistic; Collaboration

• Learning and earning approach:
  • Intentional bundled services *

• Community Connectors

• Evidence Based

*Example:
• Street peer outreach team (Minneapolis Downtown Council, Downtown Improvement District, Minneapolis Community and Technical College and YouthLink);
• Thor Construction – PPL-YouthLink Project Employment Cohort
Housing Services Model

• **Currently:**
  • 143 units of permanent, supportive housing (16-21)
    • Including scattered sites (Hearth Connection)
• **Future:**
  • 46 units of permanent, supportive housing (18-24)

**Housing Outcomes (2015):**
• 169 youth were housed through YouthLink’s site-based housing
  • Of those,
    • 90% were employed at some point during 2015
    • 85% made progress toward and/or achieved an educational goal
    • 61% participated in on-site classes/programming (e.g. financial literacy, parenting courses, cooking classes, etc.)
Driven by data and strategy

- **Break-even analysis and return on investment project**
  - Dr. Steven Foldes, Dr. Kristy Piescher, Dr. Kirsten Hall-Long
  - University of Minnesota School of Social Work (Minn-LInK)

- **Study on sexually exploited youth**
  - University of Minnesota Urban Research and Outreach Engagement Center (UROC)

- **9 Guiding Principles**
  - Dr. Nora Murphey and Dr. Michael Quinn Patton
  - Book coming out by Dr. Michael Patton on evidence based principles integrated in organizations (YouthLink featured in chapter)

- **Unique, organizationally specific database created for YouthLink**
  - Designed by Clientek
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