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SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Youth Homeless in SF

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- HSH coordinates and streamlines services to reduce homelessness
- HSH has a population-specific strategies to reduce homelessness
 - Youth (Unaccompanied Children & Transitional Age Youth)
 - Families
 - Adults
- HSH designs programs and systems by population
- HSH tracks outcomes by population

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Youth Homelessness Matters

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- Investing in youth has a deep impact on their future health, wellbeing, and economic indicators
- Demographic trends indicate that if we don't house youth experiencing homelessness, they will become chronically homeless
- Investing in youth will save public resources in the future

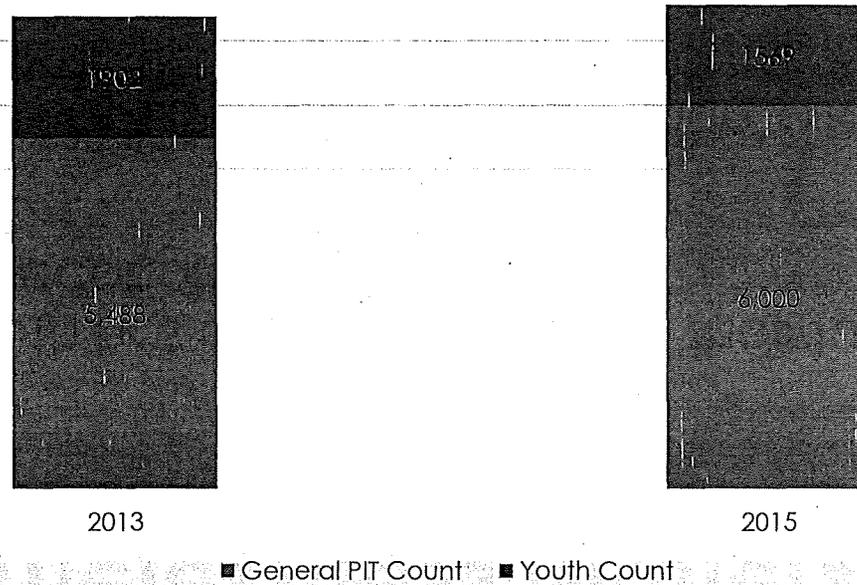
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San Francisco 2015 Point in Time Count



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Unaccompanied Children & Transitional Age Youth (TAY):

- 1,569 Unaccompanied Children & TAY
- 21% of the homeless population
- 89% of youth are unsheltered
- 27% have experience with the foster care system

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Unaccompanied Children & TAY:

- 48% identify as LGBTQ
- 40% have less than a high school diploma or GED
- 42% have been homeless for a year or more
- Leading cause of youth homelessness: Family conflict & abuse
- 13% are diagnosed with HIV/AIDS

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HSH Spending on TAY Programs

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Allocation of Service Dollars by Population

	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18
TAY	6%	6%	8%
Families	16%	15%	16%
Adults	78%	78%	76%

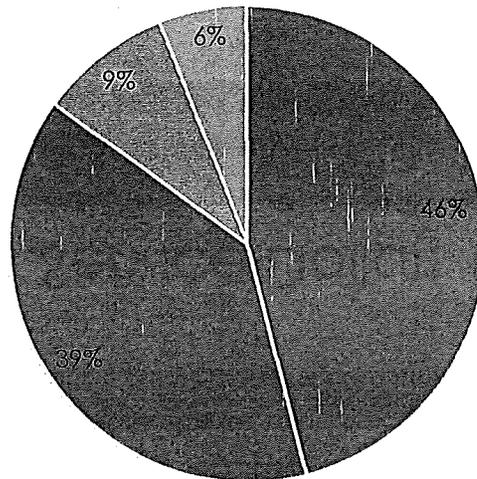
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HSH Spending on TAY Programs

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FY 16-17: Breakdown of TAY Spending
By Service Type



■ Transitional Housing
■ Shelter

■ Supportive Housing
■ Rapid Re-Housing

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TAY Focused Programs

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HSH Funded

- Street Outreach – 7 Neighborhoods
- Emergency Shelter - 66 beds
- Transitional Housing – 286 beds
- Supportive Housing – 127 units
- Rental Subsidies – 30 subsidies
- **70 New Supportive Housing Units**

Coming Soon!

Non-HSH Funded

- Drop-In Centers
- Employment Programs
- Health Care programs

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HSH Service Allocation

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- 7% of Supportive Housing serves TAY
- 15% of Temporary Housing serves TAY
- 10% of Housing Subsidies serve TAY

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HSH TAY Program Outcomes

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• Supportive Housing

- 98% stability rate over 12 months
- 75% in school or employed

• Transitional Housing

- 85% exit to stable housing
- Upon exit, 84% enrolled in education or employed

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HSH TAY Program Outcomes – break up

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• **Rapid Re-Housing**

- 93% housing stability
- 93% are employed or in school

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HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration

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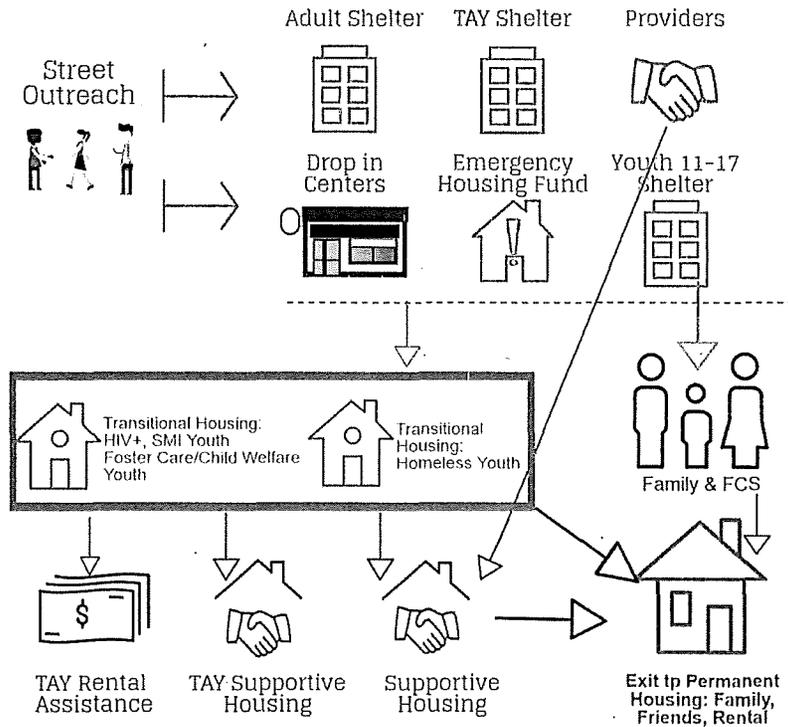
- **\$2.9 Million**
- Create a plan to prevent and end youth homelessness
- Fund innovative projects
- Planning process has begun
- \$1.5M in program funds will be renewable annually

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Current TAY System

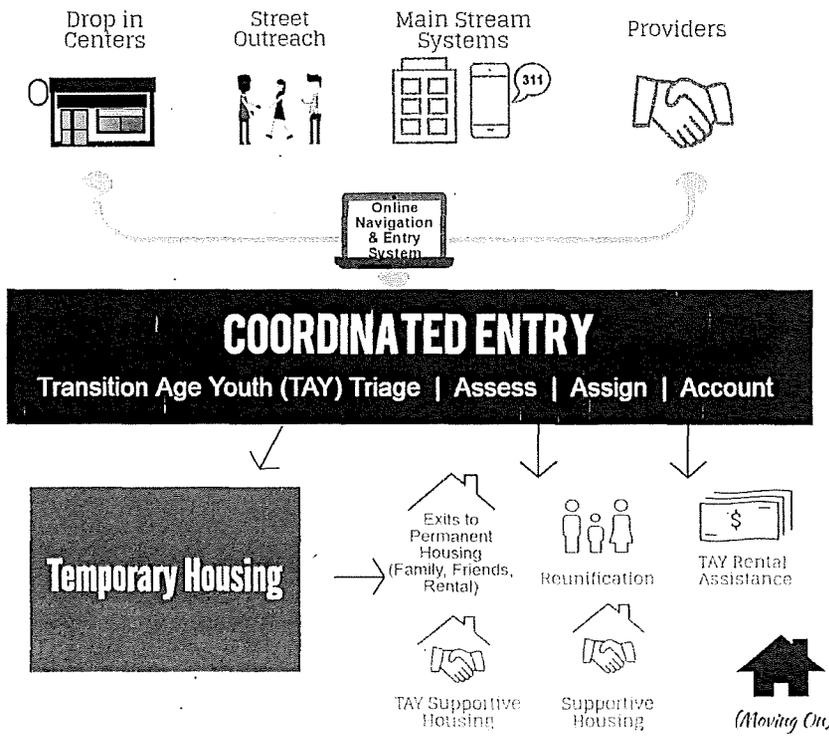
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Future TAY System



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Meeting the Needs of Homeless TAY

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• Emergency Services:

- TAY Navigation Center
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DPH)
- Mobile Crisis Support (DPH)
- TAY Drop-In Center

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Meeting the Needs of Homeless TAY

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• Housing:

- Create flexible and low-barrier housing assistance program
- Expand supportive housing for TAY, especially on smaller sites
- Explore a host-home model
- Explore creative cross-generational housing programs

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Meeting the Needs of Homeless TAY

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• Services:

- Expand programs to connect TAY with supportive family members
- Expand existing employment programs & explore job creation for TAY
- Develop specific services for the “traveler” population

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Youth Commission Priorities on Youth Homelessness and Transitional Age Youth

A presentation for the Public Safety & Neighborhood Services Committee
prepared by the San Francisco Youth Commission

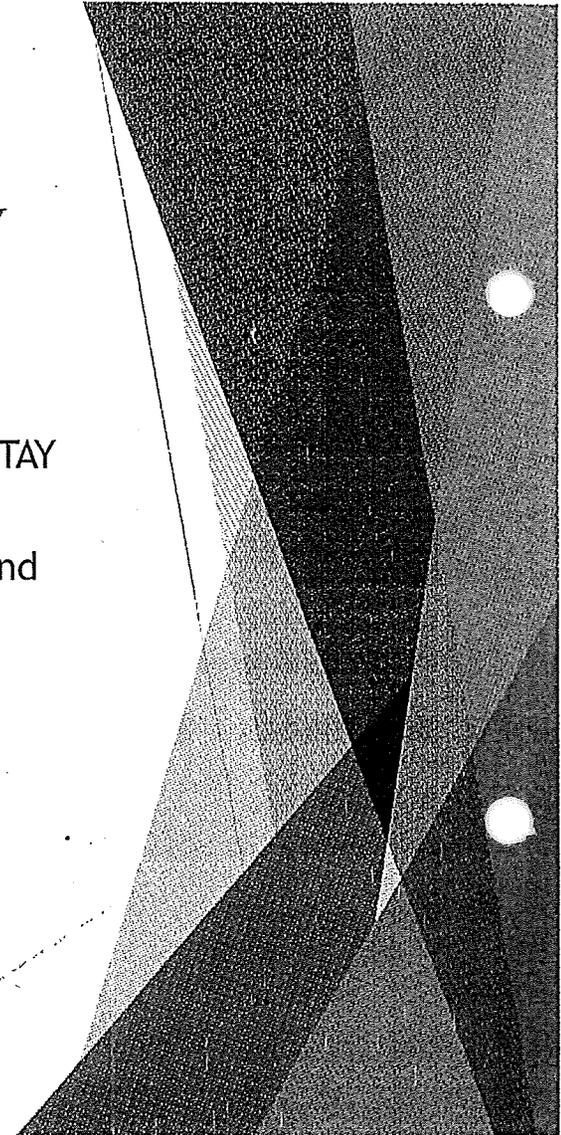


San Francisco Youth Commission History, Purpose and Duties

- ▶ Established 1995 by voters: Charter Sec 4.124.
- ▶ YC provide comment and recommendation on youth-related board legislation
- ▶ YC advise on budget and policy priorities to address the unmet needs of youth, and present annually to Budget & Finance
- ▶ The last presentation was May 25, 2016 and the upcoming presentation is May 25, 2017
- ▶ The following priorities are from Youth Commissioners last two annual presentations to BOS

“Fund and Complete the Transitional Age Youth Housing Plan Contiguous with a TAY Navigation Center”

- ▶ Complete the 2015 TAY Housing Plan Goal of 400 Units and establish a new TAY Housing Goal
- ▶ Plan for the on-site supportive service needs of TAY in supportive housing and address TAY emergency housing needs in the interim, including TAY-specific residential treatment programs
- ▶ Explore other ways to promote positive housing outcomes for TAY (i.e. rent vouchers, eviction prevention, tenant rights education)



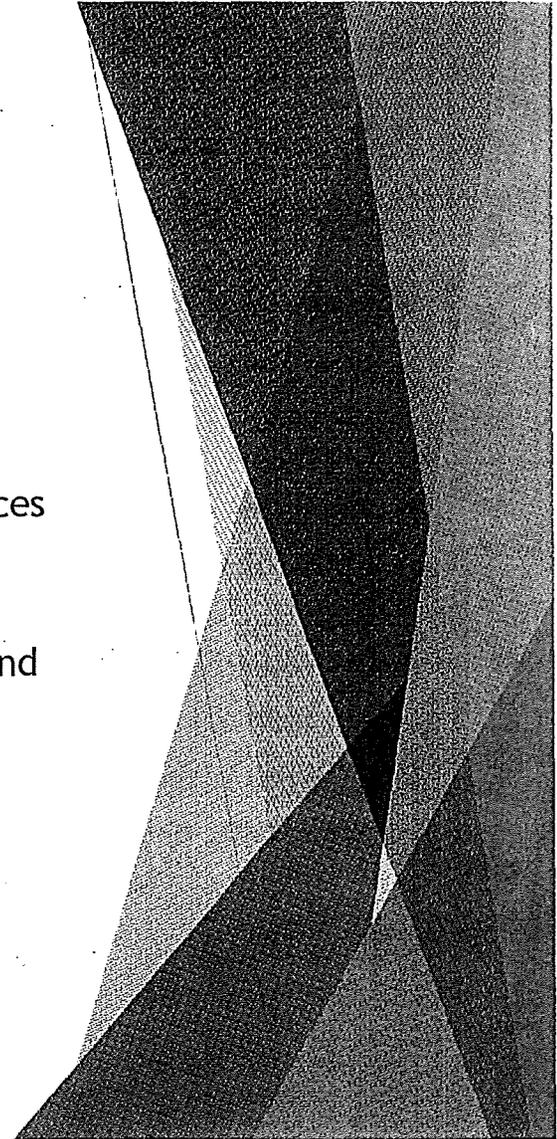
“Increase Supports for Vital TAY Services in the New Children and Youth Fund”

This priority includes focus on transitional age youth who are homeless or transitionally housed and included the following recommendations:

- ▶ Develop an interim allocation from the CYF growth funds for vital TAY services before DCYF’s 2018-2023 contracts
- ▶ Commit 1/3 of the Children & Youth Fund growth funds to transitional age youth to reflect TAY eligibility and inclusion in the new Children & Youth Fund

For 2018 and beyond:

- ▶ Develop a baseline TAY commitment within CYF for funding services specifically for disconnected 18-24 year olds in 2018-2023



“Increase Services and Supports for Homeless Youth and Declare 2017 the Year of Recognizing Homeless Youth in San Francisco”

Authored in partnership with the Larkin Street Youth Services Youth Advisory Board:

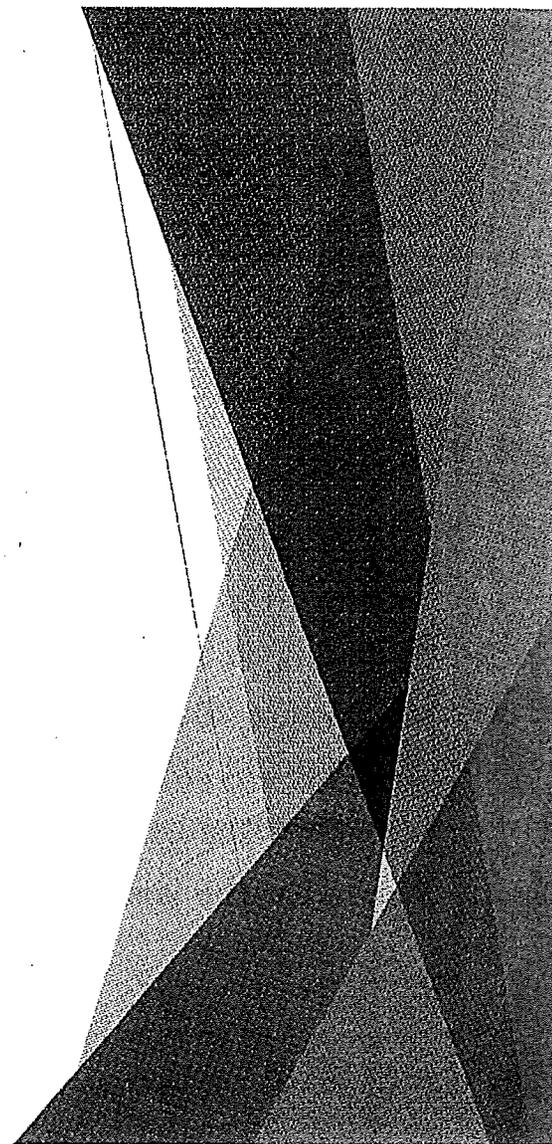
- ▶ Declare 2017 the Year of Recognizing Homeless Youth
- ▶ Dedicate staff to addressing youth and TAY homelessness in the new department of homelessness (FULFILLED)
- ▶ Revisit the youth homeless count methodology (PENDING)

THANK YOU!

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Overview

- This presentation provides information on **SFDPH programs and services with a focus on homeless youth.**
- However, SFDPH provides a comprehensive range of **health programs and services for all San Franciscans**, which may also serve homeless youth.



Key Issues in Serving Homeless Youth

- **Sexual health and behavioral health** are top clinical issues
- Supported **HIV prevention and care** are a priority
- **Open access** (e.g., drop-in model) for primary care and urgent care is necessary
- **Health assessments** are often needed for access to housing/shelter (e.g., tuberculosis clearances, mental health diagnosis, behavioral health support)



Homeless Transitional Age Youth Served by SFDPH (FY16-17)

- 680 homeless transitional age youth (18-24) have had contact with DPH in FY16-17
- 77% are between ages 21-24 years old
- 58% were in a shelter this FY, 10% spent some time in jail
- 24% used urgent or emergency care in the last 24 months
- 75% accessed medical services
- 50% accessed behavioral health services



Community Health Programs for Youth (CHPY)

Primary care, behavioral health care, and health education services for at-risk youth, ages 12-24 at 11 sites

- Larkin St Youth Services - Michael Baxter Clinic (Tenderloin)
- Huckleberry Youth Services - Cole St. Youth Clinic (Haight)
- 3rd St Youth Center & Clinic (Bayview)
- Balboa High School Teen Clinic
- Burton High School Teen Clinic
- Willie Brown Middle School Wellness Center
- Hip Hop to Health (OMI)
- Dimensions Clinic (Castro)
- Assisted Care/After Care (Tenderloin)
- 2nd Chance Tattoo Removal Clinic at CARECEN(Mission)
- Special Programs for Youth (clinic at Juvenile Justice Center)



Homeless Youth Health Services

Primary/Urgent Care

- Primary Care and referral to specialty
- Drop in urgent care/ acute care
- Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP – GTZ navigation at Cole and Larkin)
- HIV Rapid Start treatment (Cole St) and HIV care (AC/AC)
- Sexual Health (Family Planning, STI screening and treatment)

Clearance for Shelter/Housing Entry

- Physicals for new housing residents
- Tuberculosis tests for shelter placements
- Behavioral clinical assessments for specialized placements

Behavioral Health services

- Initial full social needs assessment
- Case management and therapy
- Emergency assessments/referrals for acute/severe behavioral issues
- *Recently applied for State funding for TAY-focused residential substance use disorder treatment*



Homeless Youth Experience at CHPY clinics

Patient experience surveys done at the Michael Baxter Clinic at Larkin St shows high satisfaction with provider relationships, access, and assistance.

I feel my primary care provider has spent enough time trying to get to know me.	3.57/4
This place helps me get care without missing meals or a place to sleep	3.52/4
This place tries to help me with things I might need right away, like food, shelter, or clothing	3.41/4
The people who work at this place seem to like working with people who have been homeless.	3.46/4



