



USICH Framework for Ending Youth Homelessness

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Making Meaningful and Measurable Improvements in Outcomes

Anticipating the **challenges** that youth have when they are at risk of homelessness; will bring with them when they become newly homeless; or struggle with when they are chronically homeless

Improving the **data** and **rethinking** the **structure** across federal program areas and across services delivered by homeless providers

Maximize existing federal capacity by **scaling back** practices that are not achieving desired results while concurrently **scaling up** evidence-based interventions and practices



Federal Framework for Ending Youth Homelessness

- **Strategy I: Getting to Better Data**
 - A confident estimate of youth homelessness
 - Data coordination, youth PIT strategy, and household survey
- **Strategy II: Building Capacity for Service Delivery**
 - A research-informed intervention model
 - Review research and apply to intervention strategies
 - Increased evidence of effective interventions
 - Identify and scale-up evidence-based practices and increase rigorous evaluation
 - Gaps analysis
 - Investigate funding and capacity needs of programs

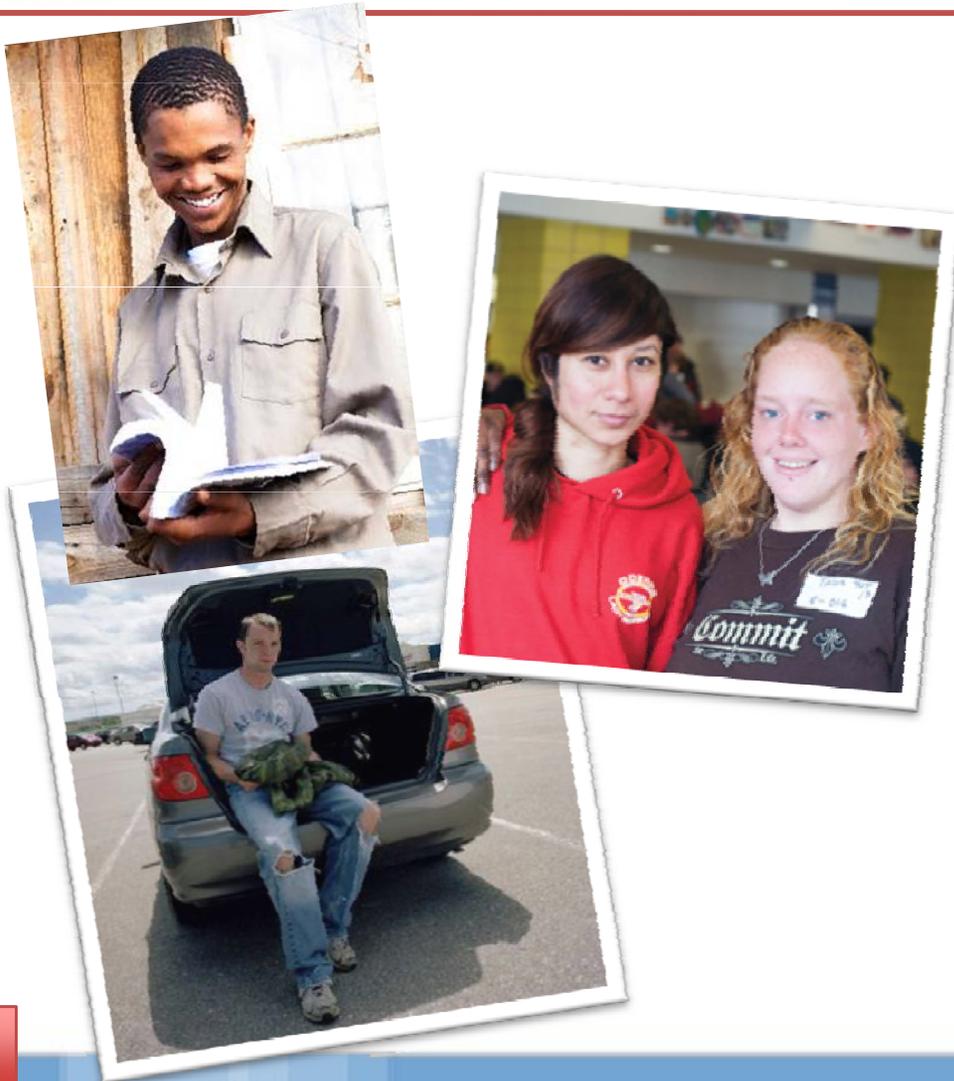


STRATEGY: Getting to Better Data

- A confident estimate of youth homelessness
- Better data on needs and characteristics of youth experiencing homelessness
- Better data on vulnerable subpopulations



Counting the Hard-to-Count



Youth experiencing homelessness

- Shelter/program
- Couches/precarious housing
- Schools
- Public spaces



Getting to Better Data

Actions

Coordinate RHYMIS and HMIS

Align data standards
Assess integration

Local Youth PIT Counts

Collaboration of schools (LEAs), RHY providers, and CoCs
Pilot methods in volunteer sites

National Study

Youth Inclusive National PIT Count
National Household Survey

Periodic Estimates

Integrate National Study methods with coordinated data systems

Outcomes

Improved data
Reduced burden on grantees

Lessons for capturing youth data in PIT counts
Improved data in participating sites

Confident estimate
Improved data on needs and characteristics

Longitudinal counts and data on characteristics
Better intervention models



HUD Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

- A youth PIT strategy includes:
 - Youth-centered methods for counting unaccompanied homeless youth
 - Involvement of youth in the count
 - Participation of LEA homeless liaisons and RHY agencies to identify homeless youth and hard-to-reach youth
 - Specific data on characteristics of unaccompanied youth



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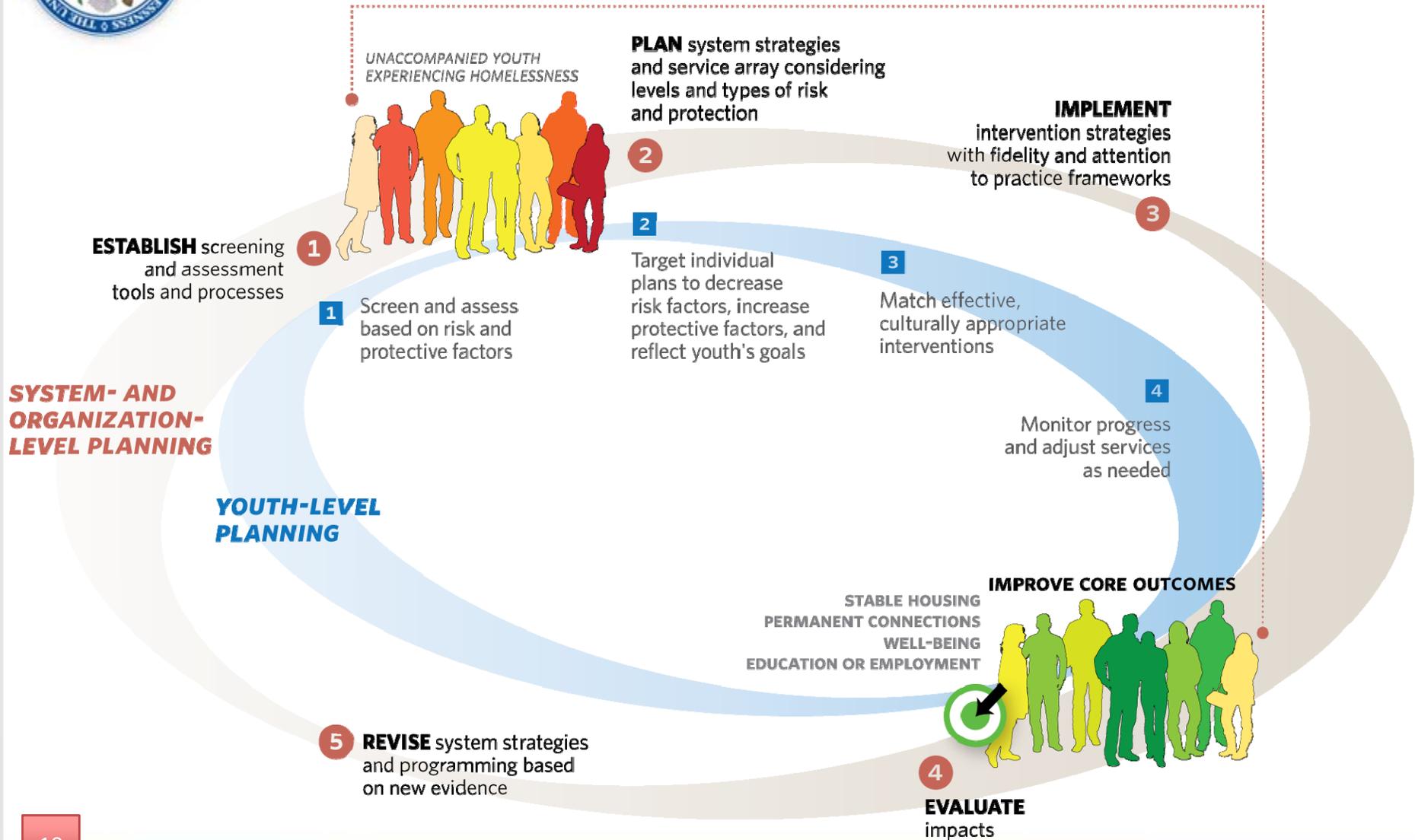
Key Points About the Intervention Model

- Research-informed—i.e., its contents are informed by existing, empirical research involving youth experiencing homelessness
- Preliminary—further data should inform better, updated intervention models
- Outcomes-driven
- Centered on risk and protective factors to encourage targeted intervention strategies
- Illustrates multiple areas of risk, protection and outcomes. This reinforces the need for contribution and coordination among multiple services and systems



Unaccompanied Youth Intervention Model

FOCUS BASED ON RISK AND PROTECTIVE FACTORS





Clusters of Newly Homeless Youth

<i>Lower Risk Group</i>	<i>At-Risk Group</i>	<i>Risky Group</i>
High* or Medium	High* or Medium	High* or Medium
Risk Factors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Low 	Risk Factors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emotional distress • Unprotected sex* • Smoking* • Alcohol use • Drug use* 	Risk Factors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emotional distress* • Unprotected sex • Smoking • Alcohol use* • Drug use • Sexual/Physical abuse*
Protective Factors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School connection* • Positive friends* • Health* • Survival skills* 	Protective Factors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment* • Positive friends 	Protective Factors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School connection • Employment • Health • Survival skills

Likelihood of becoming chronically homeless increases



Standardized Screening and Assessment

- Not all youth experiencing homelessness are the same
- Assessment identifies risk and protective factors that can be the focus of intervention strategies
- Assessment informs service decisions:
 - at the **program level** (the service array)
 - at the **youth level** (case planning)
- Assessment shifts the focus from outputs to outcomes:
 - Assessment provides a baseline for periodic follow-up assessments to measure outcomes over time



Vulnerable Subpopulations of Youth

Foster Care
Youth

LGBTQ Youth

Juvenile Justice
Youth

Pregnant/
Parenting Youth

Implications for Culturally-Appropriate, Effective Interventions

- Higher levels of risk and trauma on average
- Evidence-based interventions are available to:
 - Treat substance abuse and mental health issues
 - Promote healing and recovery from trauma
 - Build key skills and capacities in youth
- Increase the capacity of service providers to:
 - Accurately identify service needs
 - Match those needs to appropriate interventions



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Each year, thousands of U.S. youth run away from home, are asked to leave their homes or become homeless. Through the Runaway and Homeless Youth Program (RHY), FYSB supports street outreach, emergency shelters and longer-term transitional living and maternity group home programs to serve and protect these young people.

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Harm reduction can help youth experiencing homelessness

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State Resources

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