

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP)

As you may know, the Madison/Dane County Continuum of Care (CoC) was awarded about \$2.4 million through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) to go toward ending youth and young adult homelessness.

To decide how to use that money, we are speaking with people across the county to envision together what it will look like when we've ended youth and young adult homelessness and to plot out how we can get there.

In the next few weeks, we are hosting **9 public brainstorming sessions**. During these meetings, we will focus on specific groups of youth and young adults who have experienced or are at risk of experiencing homelessness to ensure our system and community are better equipped to more equitably respond to every young person in need of our support.

To kick off the week of brainstorming sessions, we will hold a kickoff meeting April 15 to share what we currently know about who is experiencing homelessness in our community and disparities in young people's options to quickly and safely exit homelessness. We will also be updating you on progress made since last Fall with the YHDP planning process and announcing the upcoming timeline for awarding the project funding locally.

Scheduled Session Details

Session #	Date, Time, & Meeting Link	Groups of Focus	Who should attend?
Introductory Session	Friday, April 15 1-3pm Meeting Link https://abtassociates.webex.com/abtassociates/j.php?MTID=m12075c2627fccfdd6f24941019a3e097	Overview of youth and young adults experiencing homelessness in Madison/Dane County.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone! This session will be recorded in case you can't participate live. Please try to watch before joining an upcoming session.
Session 1	Monday, April 18 Noon-1:30pm Meeting Link https://abtassociates.webex.com/abtassociates/j.php?MTID=ma4bd4ce5036959acc3ef205edf5815cb	Young people 18 – 24 years old at risk of or experiencing homelessness who are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parenting or pregnant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young people who are in these groups of focus Direct service providers who interact with young people in these population groups Caring community members
Session 2	Monday, April 18 1:30-3pm Meeting Link https://abtassociates.webex.com/abtassociates/j.php?MTID=m023de146c662a7b5712f100132701db4	Young people 18 – 24 years old at risk of or experiencing homelessness who are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> not part of a pregnant or parenting household. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young people who are in these groups of focus Direct service providers who interact with young people in these population groups Caring community members
Session 3	Tuesday, April 19 10:30-Noon Meeting Link https://abtassociates.webex.com/abtassociates/j.php?MTID=mcd546dcbd46141e102681e32f4002d11	Teens (17 or younger) who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness without an older family member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young people who are in these groups of focus Direct service providers who interact with young people in these population groups Caring community members
Session 4	Tuesday, April 19 4-5:30pm Meeting Link https://abtassociates.webex.com/abtassociates/j.php?MTID=m1e7976403ac24bb4ada992c9eee2b205	Young people (under 25) at risk of or experiencing homelessness who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are LGBTQ+ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young people who are in these groups of focus Direct service providers who interact with young people in these population groups Caring community members

<p>Session 5</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 20 10-11:30am</p> <p>Meeting Link https://abtassociates.webex.com/abtassociates/j.php?MTID=m018ba352957f210fce2a2deac1ac14e6</p>	<p>Young people (under 25) at risk of or experiencing homelessness who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have had experience with other systems— i.e., child welfare, justice involved, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people who are in these groups of focus • Direct service providers who interact with young people in these population groups • Caring community members
<p>Session 6</p>	<p>Thursday, April 21 10-11:30am</p> <p>Meeting Link https://abtassociates.webex.com/abtassociates/j.php?MTID=mc3f8eb7201891dd3fc008f549d2e7b61</p>	<p>Young people (under 25) at risk of or experiencing homelessness who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need or are enrolled in education and employment assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people who are in these groups of focus • Direct service providers who interact with young people in these population groups • Caring community members
<p>Session 7</p>	<p>Thursday, April 21 1-2:30pm</p> <p>Meeting Link https://abtassociates.webex.com/abtassociates/j.php?MTID=m55065ed1f71ea85721ae819f5ec6a4ea</p>	<p>Young adults (18-24) at risk of or experiencing homelessness who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are undocumented or underdocumented 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people who are in these groups of focus • Direct service providers who interact with young people in these population groups • Caring community members
<p>Session 8</p>	<p>Friday, April 22 11:30-1pm</p> <p>Meeting Link https://abtassociates.webex.com/abtassociates/j.php?MTID=m9bc841e818fddbcf0221a8cb1471f7e1</p>	<p>Youth and young adults (under 25) who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness because of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic violence, trafficking, or other forms of exploitation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people who are in these groups of focus • Direct service providers who interact with young people in these population groups • Caring community members
<p>Session 9</p>	<p>Friday, April 22 2-3:30pm</p> <p>Meeting Link https://abtassociates.webex.com/abtassociates/j.php?MTID=m7c3470cc3d67f3f169cee83def607966</p>	<p>Youth and young adults (under 25) at risk of or experiencing homelessness who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a disability • Physical, mental, or substance use health-related needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people who are in these groups of focus • Direct service providers who interact with young people in these population groups • Caring community members

Questions you may be wondering:

- **Whew, this is a lot!** Yes! We know this is a lot to ask, and your voice is needed! We hope by offering options focused on specific topics, it will allow people to opt into sessions that most closely resonate with their experiences.
- **What will these sessions look like?** We're hoping to set the stage Friday with an overview of needs that the YHDP Core Team and Youth Action Board members have already identified. We'll build on this information to dive into deeper conversation in each of the sessions. Here's how each meeting will be structured
 - **Level-setting:** why are we here today and what's important for everyone to know before we start brainstorming together?
 - **Together discussing:**
 - What does this group need that they're not getting? What are the challenges and barriers they face? What are the gaps in our community's response to meeting their needs?
 - What solutions would fill those gaps, meet those needs, help eliminate those barriers? What do we need to do to ensure every person in this group is equitably supported by our community?
- **What will I get out of attending?** A few things:
 - Your voice will be heard! You'll get to help build our communitywide plan to end youth and young adult homelessness, which will include:
 - Plans for the almost \$2.4 million in new programs to support
 - A comprehensive action plan
 - You'll hear from others what they're experiencing and seeing
 - You'll see where you and any organization or system you represent can be a part of the solution
- **How can I help make sure this is a success?**
 - Attend the session!
 - Make sure any young folks interested in joining the session are invited and supported to attend – that they have access to technology to join the meeting and can be in a location that feels safe to participate fully. **Youth and young adults with lived experience will be compensated \$15/hour in Visa gift cards for participating in any/all of these sessions.**
 - Please reach out to **Koleena Schmidt** email: **phone:** for more information on how to support young folks in joining these sessions and to connect with the Youth Action Board.