Youth Task Force

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Workgroups / Subcommittees:

➔ YHDP Lead Team
➔ Community, Resource, Education
➔ Youth Coordinated Entry
➔ Youth Action Board
Today

- Announcements
- Project updates / referral info
- YTF Workgroup / subcommittee updates
  - YHDP Lead, CER, CE, YAB
- Youth Action Board activities and updates
New Project Updates

- Updates from each program:
  - Compass House TH-RRH / Resource Center
  - CMI TH-RRH / Resource Center “Falls Street Station”
  - Pinnacle Family Engagement Team
  - BestSelf Family Engagement Team
  - BestSelf - Drop-In Center “Safe Space”
YHDP Lead Team

● Quarterly with whole team, bi-weekly with projects

● Whole team - Cross-system referrals and data sharing
  ○ Strengthening partnerships to identify youth

● Projects - YHDP Written Standards
  ○ YHDP TH-RRH guide complete - *will send out today for feedback*
  ○ Family Engagement Team guide in progress
Community, Education, Resources Workgroup

- Working toward Coordinated Community Plan goals and educating the community
  - **Action Item:** Increase community education so community members can self-identify or refer other people to services. This includes training non-social service entities, such as law enforcement or 24-hour businesses on how to identify and respond to youth experiencing homelessness.
Community, Education, Resources Workgroup

- Utilizing the Homeless Awareness Task Force Model
  - 1st step: Members are working on gathering data & info for training materials
  - Resource Guide *(ready in a few weeks - will send out)*
    - Send your info to peters@wnyhomeless.org to be included
  - Next step: Reach Out: End Youth Homelessness!

*Thoughts or feedback?*
Youth Action Board

- **Social Media Training**
  ○ YAB members leading us in social media marketing

- **Entry/Exit Survey**
  ○ Gathering qualitative data on YYA’s experiences

- **Food Equity**
  ○ Beginning partnership with West Side Promise Neighborhood / Blue Cross Blue Shield on a food security response

- **Leadership Development**
  ○ Acceptance into the True Colors United Youth Action Society

- **Funding Development/Consulting**
  ○ Funding Youth Action Board members to collaborate on projects
Youth Coordinated Entry

- By Name Meeting updates
- Coordinated Youth Outreach and Family Engagement Team
- Coordinated Entry in Niagara Falls
Community and Youth Task Force Accomplishments

- **Hidden Homeless Video - Raising awareness of youth homelessness**
  - 1/2013

- **9/2016**
  - Youth Task Force first official meeting

- **2016**
  - BeCounted! End Youth Homelessness Campaign begins with youth point in time count

- **2015**
  - Advocated to place a special priority on youth in the PIT

- **4/2016 & 10/2016**
  - Hip Hop for Homeless - Raising Awareness of youth homelessness

- **2017**
  - 2nd BeCounted! End Youth Homelessness Point in Time Count
Community and Youth Task Force Accomplishments

2018
Youth Task Force and Youth Action Board continue to meet and strategize - identifying gaps and needs

2019

9/2019
Speak Out! End Youth Homelessness event

10/2019
Youth Task Force kicks off Coordinated Community Plan

Summer 2019
Erie and Niagara Counties awarded Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project Grant from HUD
Community and Youth Task Force Accomplishments

- **2020**
  - Youth Task Force completes CCP 5/2020
  - Summer 2020: New projects selected

- **2021**
  - Fall/Winter 2020: YHDP Lead Team and Youth Action Board finalize project details
  - 1/2021: Youth Action Board accepted into Youth Action Society
  - 2021: Projects getting off the ground and YTF working toward CCP goals
What's Next

➔ Next quarterly YTF meeting - Friday June 11th

➔ We will send to you:
  ◆ Referral forms, TH-RRH standards, resource guide

➔ Let's End Youth Homelessness!