



**WORKING TOGETHER TO PREVENT & END
YOUTH HOMELESSNESS IN SOUTH L.A.**

Community Planning Update

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Youth Driven and Focused



*Our mission is
to prevent and
end youth
homelessness
in the South
Los Angeles
region.*



Community Planning Purpose

Develop a strategic plan that is informed and developed by the community and stakeholders committed to addressing homeless transition age and foster care youth issues in South Los Angeles.

Community Planning Outcomes

- **Improved services** that are *culturally relevant* and *responsive* to the needs of Homeless TAY and Foster Care Youth.
- **Better coordination, increased accountability,** and an **effective partnership** among providers, the community, government.
- **Accessible** and **useful inventory of services** available to the community.

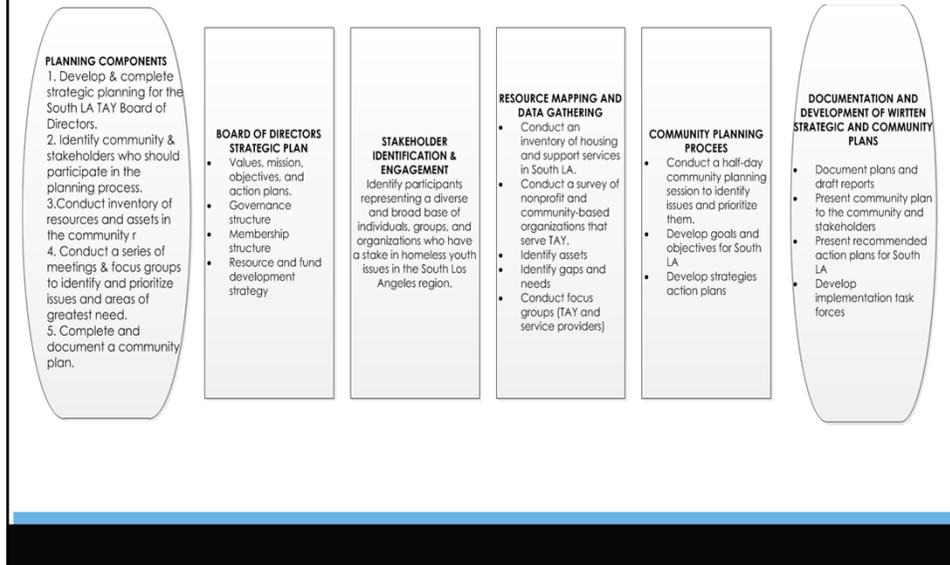
Community Planning Outcomes

- **Data** and **information** that **guides public policy, advocacy** and **services** that are reflective of the needs of youth in the South LA Region.
- A **foundation** that will lead to **effective organizational** and **service capacity building** in South Los Angeles.
- A **system** that **builds** the **leadership** and **service capacity** of the community and agencies who serve Homeless TAY and Foster Care youth

Community Planning Approach

- Community driven
- Interactive and engaging tools and techniques
- Leverage technology platforms and tools
- Leverage and build on the “people” and “relationships” who are the main assets in South L.A.
- Planning process will create synergy and effective collaboration

Planning Components



Partnering & Participating

- Every month, we will dedicate planning time at monthly collaborative meetings
- A community planning committee will be formed to help guide the planning process (*includes monthly calls or additional meetings*)
- Resource and asset mapping will include surveying the community and analyzing data (*we need partnerships with City and County agencies to map services and housing*)
- A half-day planning session will be scheduled in June or July to fully develop our plan with broader involvement from the community and other stakeholders.

Key Updates

- Completing a list of participants in this process. **In need of more participation from the business community.**
- A Community Planning Advisory Committee has been formed.
- A survey will be conducted of service agencies and organizations that impact homeless youth (March 2014)
- Launching an awareness and engagement campaign with formal materials to be released in March.
- Anticipate at least two half-day planning sessions over the next 5 months.
- We will use online platforms to engage the community and TAY
- We will be holding focus groups, primarily focused on TAY

Advisory Committee Members

- **Janet Kelly**, South L.A. TAY and Foster Care Collaborative and Sanctuary of Hope
- **Stephanie Inyama**, Community and Organizational Consultant
- **Angela Rosales**, Corporation for Supportive Housing
- **Ronald Williams**, Nonprofit and Faith-based Consulting
- **We will add two TAY to this committee!**

Advisory Committee Responsibilities

Overall Purpose: Ensure planning process keeps community and stakeholders engaged and involved.

- Provide oversight and guidance to the community planning process.
- Guide and inform the development of survey tools and processes.
- Oversee and guide awareness, outreach and engagement activities.
 - Guide the development of communication materials
 - Identify “ambassadors” and equip them with training and tools to educate the community about our community planning process.

Small Group Activity

Break up into groups based on your group type (Housing Provider, Supportive Service Provider, Government, TAY, Faith-based, Advocacy and Outreach, Other). Each group to answer two questions:

1. What needs do homeless youth have in South L.A.?
TAY: What services do you think homeless youth need?
2. What services do you currently provide?
TAY: When you need help, who do you go to first?



Questions or Comments

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