

## **Youth and Young Adult Services Committee - 6/14/23**

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### **Hampden County Youth Report** (3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report to EOHHS)

- From July 2022-Mar 2023
  - 236 YYA served through Coordinated Entry
    - 32 YYA housed
  - 82 served in YYA housing projects
    - 12 exited to PH (55% of exiters)
  - 7 served in College pilot
- Current Beds: YYA shelter full, TH full, RRH full – a few waiting for apartments, PSH full
  - Providers have had more success in IDing units for TH & RRH
    - Thinking of branching out to other landlords in more cities
- Finalized FY24 EOHHS budget
  - Increase YAB Executives hourly wage
  - CoC putting out RFP for staffing for new 18-unit TH program for pregnant and parenting YYA (housing costs paid by CoC grant)
  - Still planning to hire dedicated YAB Coord but waiting until MA budget has been approved to see if we have funds for part time or full time
- YAB:
  - April: YYA led presentation on self-care
  - May: last minute YYA led presentation on healthy eating including how to apply for SNAP and information about HIP (Healthy Incentives Program)
  - June: CPR training
  - 3 of our YAH Execs are attending the PSY conference in NYC next week
  - 3 YAH members gave testimony in support of the MA ID bill
  - At least 3 members interested in applying for AWWA's Youth Policy Team
- Successes:
  - 2 YYA who had been our BNL for 15 months were housed in May due to the combined efforts of 5 CoC providers.
    - Navigator from CHD helped get FYI
    - NNCC helped YYA get and maintain job
    - CSO researched & paid rent arrears
    - CCA paid for hotel stay
    - Gandara took over hotel payments when ESG funding ended
    - CHD navigator advocated for YYA w/ landlord and helped secure apartment. Also stayed on top of all the paperwork for the lease and the housing voucher
    - CHD navigator put out a call for beds, Gandara said they could provide but not deliver, so NNCC p/u from Gandara and delivered to apartment
    - CHD navigator took YYA to sign lease and moved them in

- NNCC helped YYA apply for MassHealth MATCH to help with move in costs like furniture
- Exemplifies the intent of the Continuum to pool resources rather than duplicating services. No one organization had the staff or resources to do it all

**Three County Youth Report** - July 2022 – March 2023 (3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report to EOHHS)

- 92 served in YYA housing/TH/ES projects (including YYA and children of parenting YYA)
- 23 exited to PH, 68% of exiters
- 86 YYA served through Coordinated Entry
- 21 YYA housed through CE
- Increased staffing for YAB supporters/coordinators
- Increased Landlord Incentives for Berkshire County
- Funding for short-term emergency housing options for Franklin/Hampshire County-4 apartments in a single building for YYA needing 1 month -1 yr to find permanent housing.
- Funding to help support new YYA dedicated PH in N Adams (which EOHHS has contributed Capital Funds to help renovate)
- MA Three County served 86 YYA this quarter via outreach, case management, and housing services
- 16 youth received emergency housing
- 5 plus moved into stable housing
- 2 youth were able to maintain housing for at least 3 months with our case management and/or flex funds support.
- An additional 3 youth maintained stable housing after receiving prevention support in the prior quarter.

**Q3 YAB Highlights and Successes:**

- YAB hosted a Building Bridges meeting to build relationships and trust among members of the YYA Homelessness Committee. This quarter, YAB brought together the folks behind 413 Cares and Look4Help to navigate the oncoming shutdown of Look4Help and make sure service providers are able to share resources moving forward.
- YAB volunteered doing food prep at Stone Soup Café.
- YAB members supported Community Action's Fuel Assistance department with filing and stamping to speed up the processing of applications.
- YAB members served on the planning committee for the Summer Point in Time Count.
- YAB representatives attended the monthly YAB Collab meetings to connect with YABs from across the state, and reported back to the group.

**Other news and updates:**

- 3 County Summer PIT count starts today - see link [here](#)

- DIAL/SELF at full capacity; 1/2 in RRH still in housing search
- Seeing increased need among pregnant and parenting youth – assessing allocation of units based on this need.
- The use of the Days Inn in Greenfield for EA family shelter has impacted available short-term stays for YYA – the hotel is assessing whether they can identify additional rooms to still utilize for this purpose
- CHD is hosting a resource fair for youth – June 29, 11:30-1:30 – will follow-up with partners

**Next meeting date: Wed., 9/20, 11 am**