Welcome!

Community Plan to End Youth Homelessness in Polk County
Meeting Objectives

• Progress Report—What have we done so far?
• Initial Findings
• Plan Outline
• Timeline
Progress:

• 3 Youth Advisory Board meetings

• 22 youth engaged in process, including 2 youth facilitators

• Name

• Engaged over 60 stakeholders

• 25 meetings with individuals
Progress, cont.

• 10 work group meetings

• Articulated population

• Polkcares.org

• Attended/presented at Omaha Homeless Symposium--Met with HHS and HUD regional directors who offered support
Progress, Cont.

• Engaged with Technical Assistance through HomeBase in San Francisco

• Read through hours upon hours of research, data, and other community plans

• Developing systems map

• Solutions are forming
Findings

Youth want:

• More beds
• Mentors who can relate to their experiences
• Opportunities to develop skills, strengths, and relationships
• Safety from violence and sexual assault
• People who truly listen and follow through
Findings, cont.

• Our community is strong in many ways

• Causes of youth homelessness are complex and often intersectional- strategies must be comprehensive

• Young people are exiting institutions without permanency
Findings, cont.

• Providing support and services to youth looks different than providing to adults

• Often youth need more time with supportive services

• Youth experience different barriers to housing
Findings, Cont.

• There are few housing options available that meet needs of developing youth—particularly true for youth who are most vulnerable.

• People of color and people who identify as LGBTQ are overrepresented in homeless population.
Findings, Cont.

• Strategies to end youth homelessness must be comprehensive and include the whole community
Plan Outline

Introduction
  Background on youth homelessness
  How plan was developed
  Purpose and scope of plan

Key Findings
  Data
  Causes
  Characteristics/subpopulations
  Strengths and Gaps
Plan Outline, cont.

The Plan

Vision and Principles
Indicators
4-6 Sets of Strategies with action steps
Benchmarks and timelines
Additional recommendations
**Timeline**

- Work groups develop set of strategies: **July - August**
- Outline of plan presented to stakeholders: **July 24**
- Rough draft of plan presented to stakeholders: **September 25**
- Draft systems map presented to stakeholders: **September 25**
- YAB and work groups meet to revise plan based on stakeholder feedback: **October - November**
- Final draft of plan submitted to stakeholders, CoC Board, YAB for approval: **December 4**
- Unveil final plan to community: **late Dec/early Jan**

**Ending Youth Homelessness**
Stakeholder Meeting Dates

Monday, September 25, 12- 1:30 p.m.
Monday, December 4, 12 – 1:30 p.m.
Final Thoughts

• Please jot down any thoughts, questions, ideas or recommendations that will help us keep moving forward
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