

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program

Madison/Dane County

-Youth Action Board-

What is YHDP?

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project

Invests in communities to support the development & implementation of a community plan to prevent & end youth homelessness

- Madison/Dane County was awarded \$2.5 million to implement new projects:

Two Projects were selected by, and for, our community:

- System Navigation
- Joint Transitional Housing-Rapid Re-Housing



Why Do We Need YHDP in Our Community?

Throughout the year approximately 360 youth and young adults, aged 14 - 25, are sleeping unsheltered without adequate or safe alternatives.

This does NOT account for youth and young adults that do not have homes but are sleeping with friends and/or family (chosen or otherwise).

This is a problem that has solutions.

The Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program
provides resources to implement solutions.



Who are the Youth Action Board (YAB)?

The Dane County Youth Action Board is a diverse group of young people, ages 14-24 with lived expertise surrounding homelessness/housing instability.

The YAB leads the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program by leading through lived expertise and giving valuable opinions and perspectives needed to enact meaningful change.

<https://www.yabdanecounty.com>



Madison/Dane County YHDP Community History



YHDP Community Goals & Vision

Goals:

In Madison/Dane County we value Diversity, Youth and Young Adult (YYA) Leadership from those impacted by homelessness, community connections & partnerships, individual agency, and transparency. Our Youth Homelessness System fights to eradicate systems of oppression including but not limited to adultism, racism, ableism, transphobia, homophobia, and classism. We work to center equity and intersectionality throughout our systems. We advocate for the rights of young people, to ensure that youth homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring in our community.

Vision:

In Madison/Dane County, we envision a Response System that will enrich our community while ending disparities amongst youth and young adults experiencing homelessness, because it is designed and strengthened by our youth, for our youth.

This system will support all youth and young adults into adulthood, by;

- Collaborating, supporting, and partnering with our community members
- Self-actualization of chosen family and other natural and communal supports
- Valuing lived expertise as a form of knowledge
- Training and practicing comprehensive trauma-informed care
- Providing equitable, respectful and accessible assistance, health care, family care, shelter options and educational services, no matter who you are or how you go about seeking service

We envision a future where all youth and young adults are thriving through individualized and equitable support from our community. We envision a future where older adult partners trust our youth to lead Dane County FORWARD!



Big Picture of the Projects

We envision building a 24-hour Drop-In Center that provides immediate resources and navigation to services within the community. Within the Drop-In Center there will be an Emergency Shelter where youth and young adults can find relief from the elements, shower, eat and sleep safely.

If the youth are interested in securing housing through our Rapid Re-Housing services, they will be able to take advantage of that program through the Drop-In Center.

System Navigation

- Drop-In Center
 - Peer/System Navigators
 - Resource Center
 - On-Site Emergency Shelter
 - Transitional point into Rapid Re-Housing

Joint Transitional Housing - Rapid Re-Housing

- Rapid Re-Housing
 - Scattered Site Model
- Flex Funds for Assistance

Currently we only have 8 beds
dedicated to house minors

We have NO beds dedicated to 18-24
year olds who are not pregnant or
parenting

Project Needs

System Navigation

- Site Acquisition/Control
- Staff
 - System Navigators
 - 3 Shifts (24-HR)
- Remodeling/Construction
- Furniture
- Relationships/Connections to:
 - Education
 - Employment
 - Behavioral Health
 - Physical Health
 - Mental Health
 - Transportation

Rapid Re-Housing

- Staff
 - System Navigators
- Site Directory
 - Property Management Relationship
 - Realtor Relationships
- Access to rental vouchers
- Flex Funds

Contact Information

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