

Youth Homelessness /Forum

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Roles of USICH

- **Coordinates** the Federal response to homelessness
- **Maximizes** the effectiveness of 19 Federal agency partners
- **Shares** best practices
- **Drives** collaborative solutions



Opening Doors

No one should experience homelessness and no one should be without a safe, stable place to call home.

The Plan sets forth four bold and ambitious goals:

1. Finish the job of ending chronic homelessness by 2017
2. Prevent and end homelessness among Veterans by 2015
3. **Prevent and end homelessness for families, youth, and children by 2020**
4. Set a path to ending all types of homelessness



Themes of Opening Doors

1. Increase leadership, collaboration, and civic engagement
2. Increase access to stable and affordable housing
3. Increase economic security
4. Improve health and stability
5. Retool the homeless crisis response system



Federal Framework to End Youth Homelessness

JUNE 2012

2020

INVOLVES FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL PARTICIPATION AND COLLABORATION

PHASE I MILESTONES

May require new resources

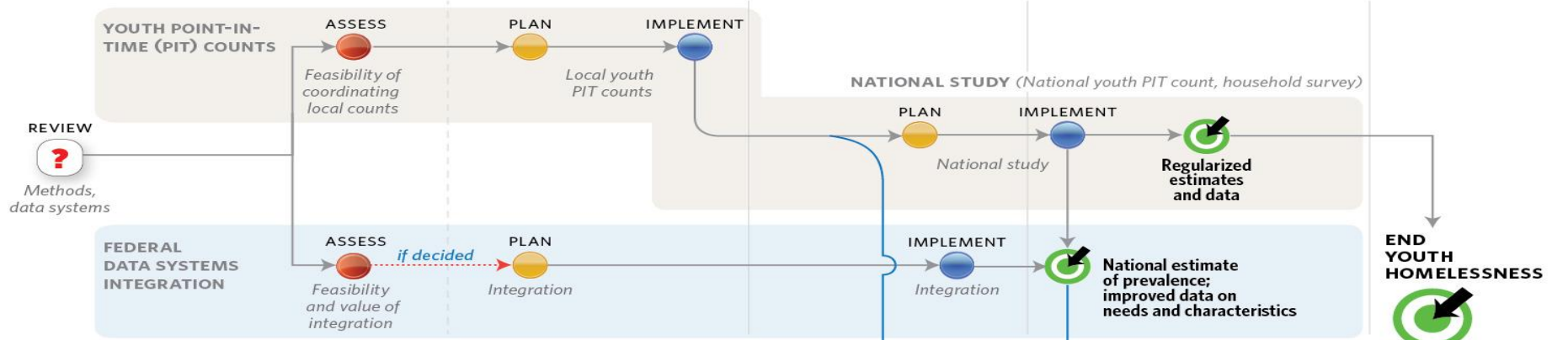
PHASE II MILESTONES

May require new resources and/or legislative authority

PHASE III OUTCOMES

DATA STRATEGY

To understand prevalence, characteristics, and needs of homeless youth



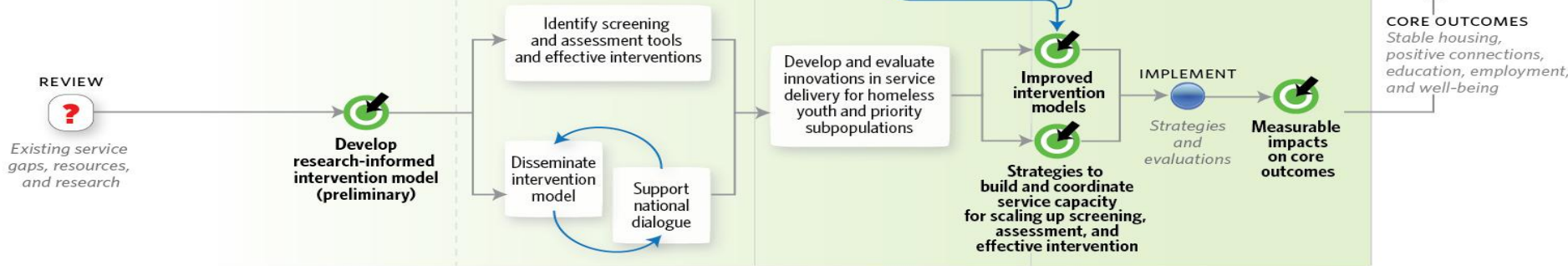
END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS



CORE OUTCOMES
Stable housing, positive connections, education, employment, and well-being

CAPACITY STRATEGY

To support improved service delivery





Federal Framework to End Youth Homelessness

Strategy I: Getting to Better Data

- A confident estimate of youth homelessness
- Data coordination, youth Point in Time (PIT) count strategy, and household survey

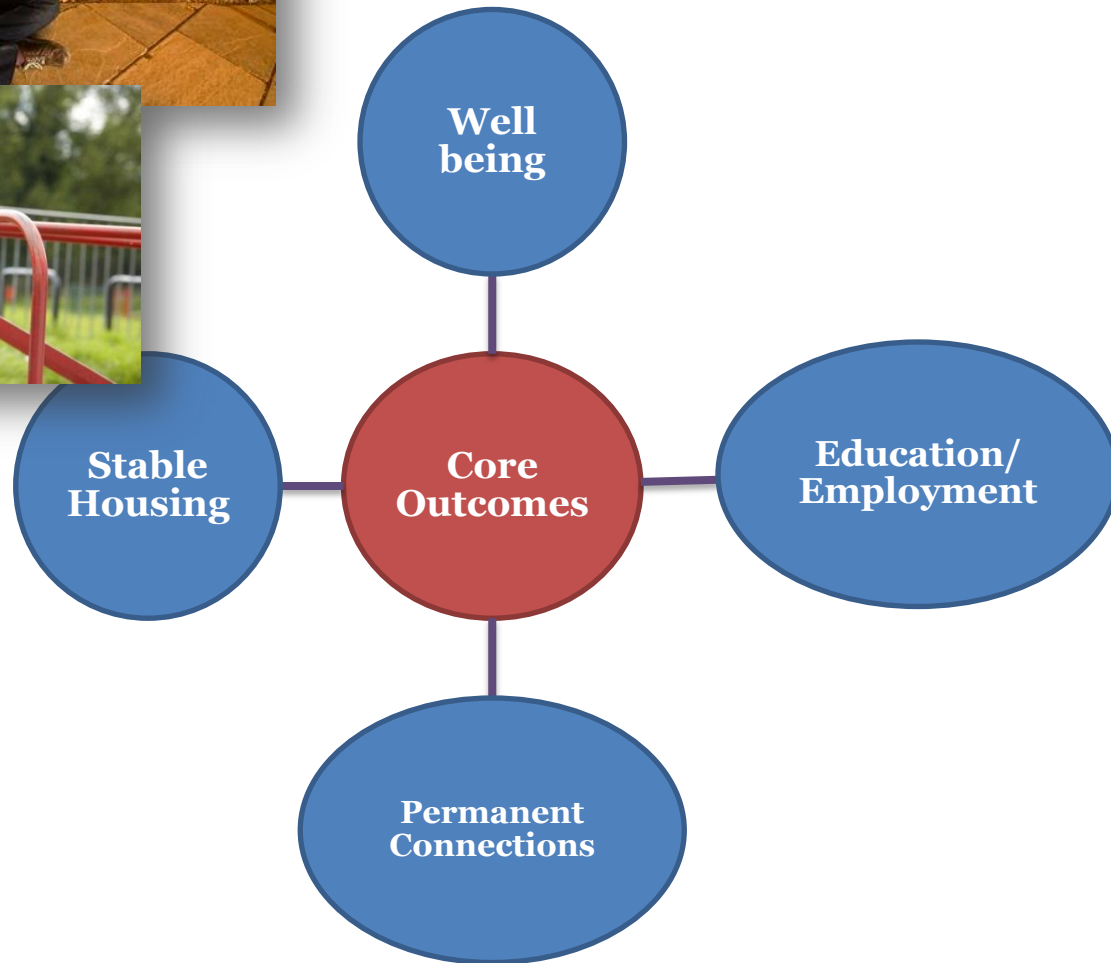
Strategy II: Building Capacity for Service Delivery

- A research-informed intervention model
- Review research and apply to intervention strategies
- Increased evidence of effective interventions
- Identify and scale-up evidence-based practices and increase rigorous evaluation
- Gaps analysis
- Investigate funding and capacity needs of programs



Why a Youth Intervention Model?

- Provides a consistent, collaborative approach to ending youth homelessness
- Shifts the focus from individual programs to coordinated systems
- Allows for flexibility to local context and circumstances
- Shifts the focus from outputs to outcomes





Vulnerable Subpopulations of Youth

Youth in Foster Care
LGBTQ Youth
Juvenile Justice Youth
Pregnant/Parenting Youth

Implications for Culturally-Appropriate, Effective Interventions

- Higher levels of risk and trauma on average
- Evidence-based interventions are available to:
 - Treat substance abuse and mental health issues
 - Promote healing and recovery from trauma
 - Build key skills and capacities in youth
- Increase the capacity of service providers to:
 - Accurately identify service needs
 - Match those needs to appropriate interventions



What we're doing now

- USICH Report to Congress on Federal Programs
- Integrating Runaway and Homeless Youth program data with HUD's Homeless Management Information Systems
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
- ACYF Planning Grants
- LGBTQ Youth Homelessness Prevention
- Capacity Building for LGBTQ Youth: 3/40 Blueprint
- Performance Partnership Pilots (P3)
- HUD Demonstration on Improving Self-Sufficiency



Child Welfare and Youth Homelessness: *Planning Grants to Develop A Model Intervention for Youth/Young Adults With Child Welfare Involvement At-Risk of Homelessness*

Goal: build the capacity of child welfare systems to prevent long-term homelessness among the most at-risk youth/young adults with child welfare involvement.

Target: 1) youth in child welfare who are the most at-risk of homelessness; 2) youth aging out of foster care; and 3) youth/young adults who are homeless and were involved with child welfare.

- Phase I: 2-year planning grants (2013-2015) – 18 sites
- Develop, refine, and test the core components of the USICH **Intervention Model**
- Activities developed expected to produce outcomes in the area of: stable housing, permanent connections, education/employment, and social-emotional well-being
- Phase II: 3-year implementation grants (2015-2018)



LGBTQ Youth Homelessness Prevention Initiative

Pilot Sites: Houston and Cincinnati

Implementation began in October 2014

Objectives:

- Facilitate better local collaboration between stakeholders working with youth.
- Inform national strategies for preventing homelessness among LGBTQ youth.



FY 2016 Budget - \$5.5 billion in targeted homelessness assistance

- 67,000 new Housing Choice Vouchers
- \$345M increase to Homeless Assistance Grants includes RRH for 15,000 families with children
- \$177M in tenant-based rental assistance for families, Veterans, tribal families
- \$20M for new Family Unification Program (FUP) vouchers to serve youth and families
- \$120M allocated to Housing Trust Fund
- Upward Mobility Project: Combine HUD and HHS block grant
- Increases in RHYA and Head Start
- IVE flexibility and CAPTA opportunities - prevention

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Resources

- <http://usich.gov/population/youth>
- http://usich.gov/usich_resources/fact_sheets/the-presidents-2016-budget-homelessness-assistance



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