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# Youth Homelessness in Madison/ Dane County

— HSC Committee to End Youth Homelessness —

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## Available services

- Briarpatch youth shelter for 12-17yo's
- Briarpatch street outreach/case management for 24 and under
- Homeless liaison support services in all Dane County schools
- Street outreach for 18+
- Adult shelters for individual women, men and families (Salvation Army and Porchlight)
- Priority List housing programs for 18+ families and individuals (RRH and PSH)
- Couple transitional housing programs for single moms with young kids

## Identified service gaps

- Coordinated Entry does not itself provide crisis intervention (does give referrals), only literally homeless applicants get on Priority List
- No shelter for parenting minors
- Almost all adult services are only for "literally homeless" individuals/families
- Adult shelters require a lot of independence
- Adult shelters require you to be very independent, consistent and long-term shelter stayers are more likely to get crisis resolution/case management services
- Not great communication between homeless services and County services

## Housing challenges facing youth

- Lacking stable parent/adult and home life or having major conflict with parents
- Can't sign lease if they aren't 18 or emancipated
- No experience renting
- No experience building credit
- No co-signer
- Usually 1st time they are homeless - less likely to know how to access services
- Less likely to qualify for services (ex. under 18, 18-24 not prioritized, not parenting)

## Challenges facing our system

- No temporary shelter for parenting minors
- No permanent housing options for minors
- No widespread prioritization of 18-24 yr olds in adult shelters/housing programs
- Minimal resources devoted to individuals-especially men
- Don't share data efficiently across systems

## How our system is responding

- \*2018 formed HSC Committee to End Youth Homelessness for YHDP\*
- HSC Youth Action Board and HSC Board seat
- Building better relationships with other systems
- Improving data collection
- Briarpatch has taken on leadership role in organizing big picture efforts
- Attempting to develop more youth housing

## What we still need to do

- Consolidate information across systems (not only data, also reported issues with access, referrals, communication, etc.)
- Develop a shared vision
- Get more young people involved
- **We need a more organized effort to raise awareness and create the community will to address service gaps and the needs of unaccompanied minors and young adults 18-24**

# Answering your questions

**Q: *Is there any rural data available?***

A: Main source of rural data comes from the schools. Little to no data on out of school 18-24 year olds. National data says rates of youth homelessness are not significantly less than urban homelessness

**Q: *How many youth in college are experiencing homelessness? (and other info about homelessness among college students)***

A: Don't know - so far the college reps we spoke to report they don't track housing data. Briarpatch reports there is a significant number of housing insecure MATC students.

**Q: *Are there Coordinated Entry points for youth? How are youth getting connected to services?***

A: Main CE points for youth are shelters and street outreach. CE screens individuals/families for the Priority List, the main issues for youth are the Priority List is generally for ages 18+, must be literally homeless, there are much fewer resources for individuals, youth are (generally) not prioritized, and there is minimal follow up after they're on the list.

**Q: *Update on Youth Homeless Demonstration Project (YHDP), and what help would you need to submit a successful grant application?***

A: Currently waiting for 2019/2020 application, talk about foundational [YHDP requirements](#):

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# Local Numbers on Youth Homelessness

- 2018-19 Dane County School District data - **one school year**
  - **82 total unaccompanied youth**, 584 total homeless youth accompanied by parent
- FY 2019 Annual Report on Homelessness (LSA) - **one year period**
  - **309 total unaccompanied or HOH youth**: 72 unaccompanied minors, 159 youths age 18-24 in households without children (singles), 78 youths age 18-24 in households with children (parenting youth)
- 2020 Point in Time Count - **single night snapshot**
  - **44 total unaccompanied or HOH youth**: 3 unaccompanied youths under age 18, 13 youths age 18-24 in households without children (singles), 28 youths age 18-24 in households with children (parenting youth), 27 in emergency shelter; 14 in transitional housing; 3 unsheltered
- 2020 Youth Count - **2 week period**
  - **65 total all household types**: 30 literally homeless, 35 housed but temporary, unstable or unsafe

## 2018-2019 School District (Grade 6-12)

School District	Unaccompanied youth	Youth in families	Total # of homeless youth
Madison Metro	32	406	438
Sun Prairie	21	57	78
Middleton/Cross Plains	12	56	68
Stoughton	6	36	42
Waunakee	5	13	18
Monona/Cottage Grove	6	5	11
Deerfield	0	6	6
Wisconsin Heights	0	5	5

**Please note: data is incomplete and does not include all Dane County school districts**

## 2020 Youth Count

- Total 65\* surveys completed, youth ages 12-24 in all household types. \*30 youths were considered “literally homeless”
- 16 said it was first time experiencing homelessness, 4 were chronically homeless
- Length of homelessness 3 days-14 months
- 8 reported fleeing from domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking

Where did you sleep last night?		
Location	Number	Percentage
<b>Emergency Shelter*</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>37%</b>
Other relative's home	11	17%
Parent's home	6	9%
Home of a boyfriend/girlfriend	5	8%
Friend's home	4	6%
<b>Vehicle*</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5%</b>
Own apartment or house	2	3%
Hospital or emergency room	2	3%
<b>Streets*</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3%</b>
Home of someone I am having sex with or working for in exchange for a place to stay	1	2%
Foster family home	1	2%
Home of someone I don't know very well	1	2%
Hotel or motel	1	2%
Don't know/prefer not to answer	1	2%
<b>Transitional Housing*</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2%</b>

## What other info can we get from local data?

- **Overrepresented groups**

- Black or African American identifying persons - Varies across data points, data coming from homeless services is 50-60% compared to 6-8% Dane County population
- LGBTQ+ identifying persons - Varies across data points, between 16%-24%
- Parenting youth - Varies across data points, between 12%-24%

- **Dane County Voice of Youth Assessment consistent with national data**

- Nationally: About 1 in 10 experiencing some type of homelessness in the last year, Dane County Voice of Youth Assessment was 11% (includes ALL types and lengths of homelessness: homeless with family, on their own, run away from home for at least one night, been kicked out by parents for at least one night)
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# Thank you!

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Committee to End Youth Homelessness meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 10:00-11:50AM, next meeting April 21st

