



TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH HOUSING IN ORANGE COUNTY

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PROBLEM DESCRIPTION

TAY experiencing homelessness a growing problem

- 2018 LAHSA: approximately 2,389 TAY experiencing homelessness
- 2020 LAHSA: approximately 4,775 TAY experiencing homelessness

Voices of Youth Count

- Sleeping on streets
- Shelters
- Couch surfing

LGBTQ+, BIPOC overrepresented in TAY experiencing homelessness

US Interagency Council on Homelessness

- Federal Framework to End Youth Homelessness by 2020



PROBLEM RESPONSES DESCRIPTION

Interventions

- Transitional Housing
- Emergency Housing
- Section 8 Housing Vouchers
- Sober Living
- Permanent Supportive Housing
 - Housing First Model

Barriers

- Cultural attitudes
- OC is working towards accessing available funding
- TAY experiencing homelessness are not prioritized by those in charge



ORIGINAL HYPOTHESIS

There will be a permanent supportive housing using the housing first intervention to reduce the number of TAY experiencing homelessness by 2025



INTERVIEW RESULTS

Homelessness is a problem for young adults

There is no one-size fits all model for TAY housing

Educate and advocate was apparent in both service provider and youth interviews



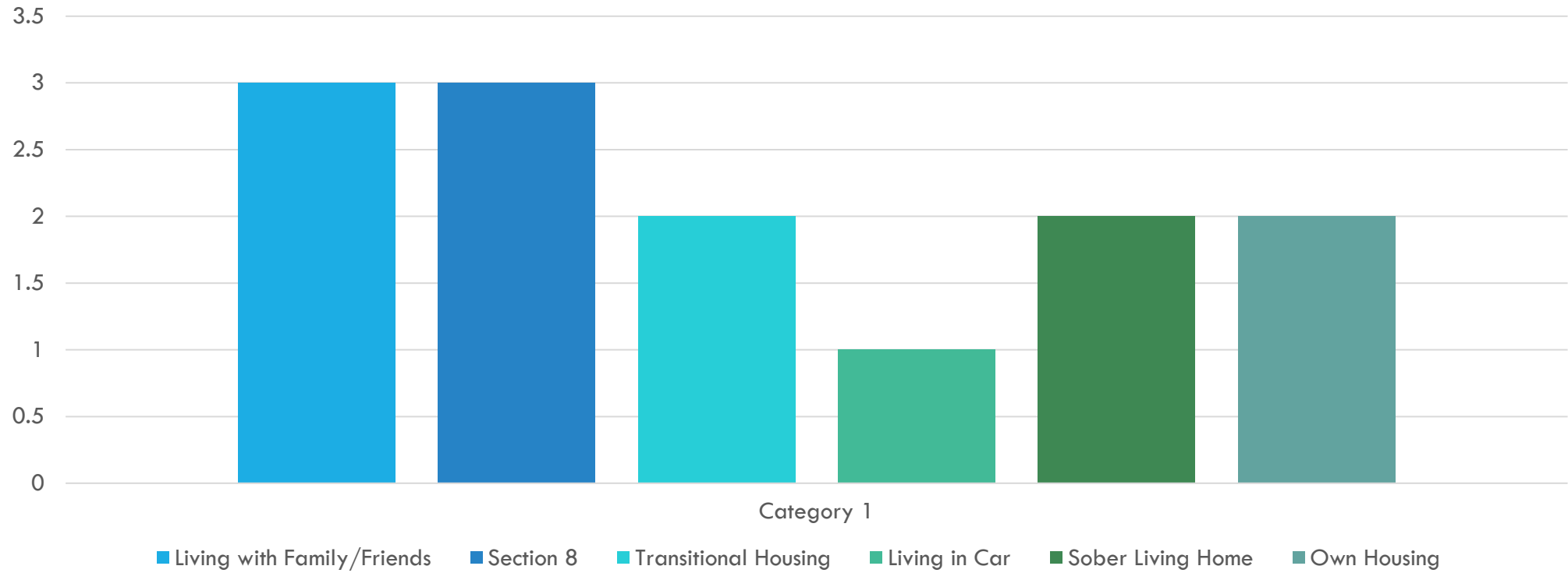
SERVICE PROVIDER INTERVIEW RESULTS

Service Providers

- Passion for helping youth evident
- Expand existing programs to reach more TAY
- Continued collaboration with other agencies/local government
 - TAY committee

YOUTH INTERVIEW RESULTS

Interviewees Types of Housing



YOUTH INTERVIEW RESULTS

“I’ve been through it all-the streets, a car, couch surfing. Now I live back with my sister.”

“I sleep in the back of a van. I have to come to Orangewood to shower.”

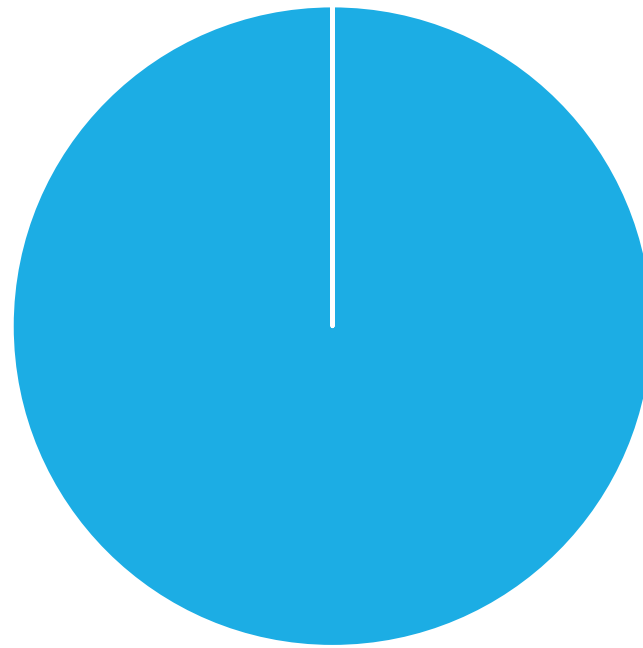
“Now that I have my own apartment, I’m thriving and enjoying life.”

“It’s a struggle to get and maintain housing.”

“The system does not make it easy.”

YOUTH INTERVIEW RESULTS

Is Homelessness a Problem for Young Adults?



■ Yes ■ No

YOUTH INTERVIEW RESULTS

“Yes, I was homeless and would sleep at friend houses, my car, or the bus stop.”

“Yes, because we are not getting enough income to keep up with cost of living here.”

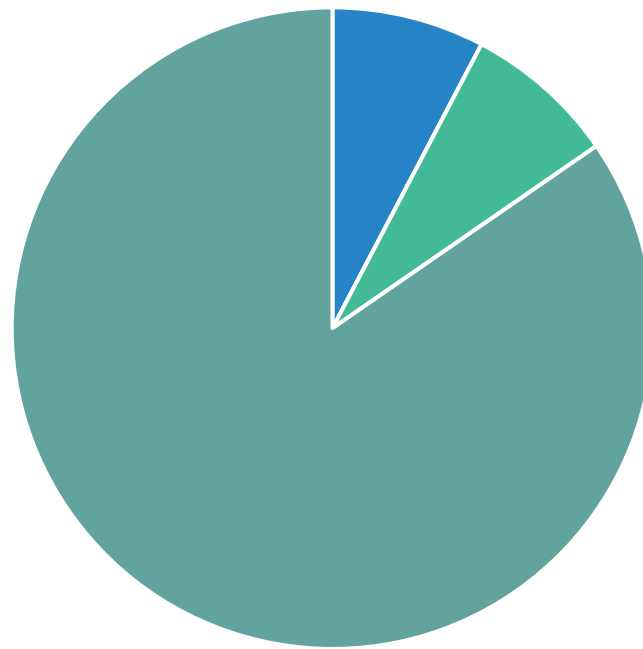
“Sometimes we don’t come from the best environments and it takes forever to get housing.”

“Yes, I see a lot of people my age who are homeless.”

“It’s easy to be homeless again when it has happened before.”

YOUTH INTERVIEW RESULTS

Do People in Charge Understand What Young Adults Need?



■ Yes ■ Sometimes ■ No

YOUTH INTERVIEW RESULTS

“I think they do, but there is not enough leverage and change is a process.”

“I don't feel like they understand the reality we are facing right now.”

“No, they are not in the same position as us.”

“I want to say yes, but they may not understand if they haven't been in this position.”

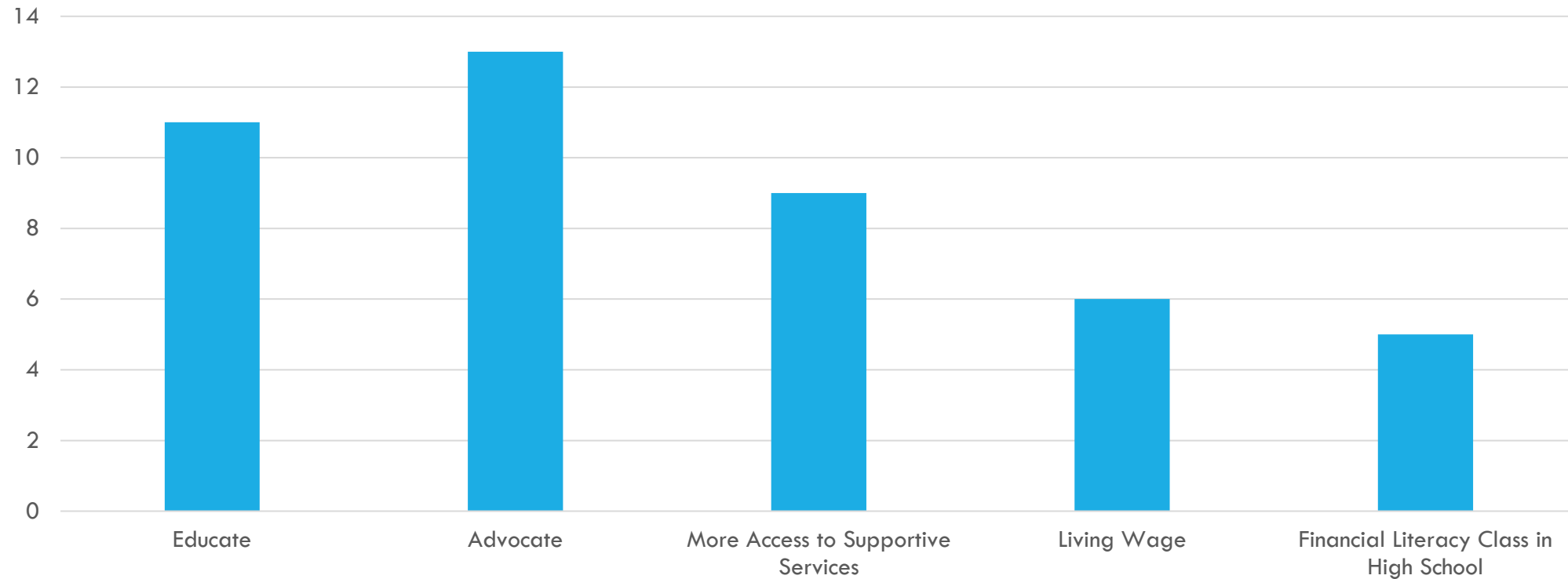
“No, they are people with money and already have their opinions.”

“No, they try to solve problems with money but have no follow through.”

“No, I think they expect too much from 18 year old's.”

YOUTH INTERVIEW RESULTS

How Can People in Charge Help Solve Youth Homelessness?



YOUTH INTERVIEW RESULTS

“Pay us a living wage.”

“Start in high school...schools could do a better job at offering life skills.”

“Help more kids at a younger age get good services.”

“Advocate for us.”

“More people need to talk about this and educate society.”

“We want to contribute to society. We just need help.”

“Keep building programs to help young adults with housing, more options would be good.”



RECOMMENDATIONS

Service Providers

- Youth reported feeling supported and happy with services and programs
- Continue to advocate alongside youth

Proposed Project

- Educational program to provide information on available OC housing options and other supportive services for TAY
 - Developing and presenting a resource guide to youth, service providers, and county-level officials

TIK TOK

<https://vm.tiktok.com/TTPdA82Fmp/>

Stats: 559 Views in 2 days

Feedback from youth

- “It’s not too informative which is good and just focuses on the options.”
- “It shows and explains pretty much everything that a person in need of housing needs.”
- “Half of the organizations you listed I’ve never heard of.”
- “I really like how you gave out other options in the video instead of only mentioning the housing programs.”
- “It’s really cool that you gave the names of places that can help.”
- “It’s cute and creative. A good follow up will be a video showing people how to apply for housing”

QUESTIONS? FEEDBACK?





Youth Action Board (YAB) Role Description

What is the Youth Action Board?

The Youth Action Board (YAB) is a group comprised of talented young leaders, ages 18- 24, who join the Orange County Continuum of Care's (CoC) efforts to implement a strategy to address Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) homelessness in Orange County. YAB members meet with CoC staff monthly to contribute their voices to help address some of the most pressing issues facing youth experiencing homelessness. YAB members will work to improve TAY services under three main categories: Community Engagement, Policy Development, and Political Advocacy.

What are the responsibilities of a YAB member?

- Attend YAB Committee and CoC Board meetings
- Build community awareness of the needs of youth experiencing homelessness
- Provide resources and assist in developing recommendations as it relates to youth experiencing homelessness
- Participate in programs, events and opportunities including but not limited to:
 - Outreach to peer groups
 - Focus groups and surveys
- Act in an advisory capacity by making recommendations to the CoC in matters pertaining to TAY related services, programs, policies and/or legislation
- Reviewing material related to the Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) planning process

What are the benefits of being a YAB member?

- Develop and/or improve your leadership, personal and professional skillset
- Serve your community contribute to implementing strategies to address homelessness in Orange County
- Receive compensation of _____

Time Requirement

- The YAB will meet for regular meetings with a time commitment of one (1-2) hours per month
- Members of the YAB should allot additional time to review agendas, minutes, and other supportive documentation when distributed

Term of Appointment

The YAB term is limited to a 12-month period, and members must re-apply every year to renew their term.

How to Apply

If you are interested in applying, please complete the [Youth Action Board \(YAB\) Candidate Interest Form](#), and email the application to CareCoordination@ochca.com.