

**Orange County Continuum of Care
Transitional Aged Youth Collaborative Committee
Governance Charter**

At the meeting dated October 23, 2019, the Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) Board approved the creation of the Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Collaborative Committee. TAY Collaborative Committee was created to coordinate services, enhance collaboration, and recommend best practices for TAY experiencing homelessness in Orange County. This includes recommending policies, procedures and sharing input on improving the quality and types of services provided to the Orange County CoC Board.

1. Name

The technical name of is the Transitional Aged Youth Collaborative Committee hereinafter referred to as the “TAY Collaborative”.

2. Purpose

The TAY Collaborative will function as an advisory group to the CoC Board and will align its efforts to those of the Orange County CoC Board Vision. The TAY Collaborative will support the CoC Board in recommending policy, establishing best practices, and providing feedback to create a youth homeless response system to prevent and end youth homelessness. The TAY Collaborative will ensure that housing interventions within the purview of the Orange County CoC for Orange County’s youth provide stable housing, permanent connections, education, employment, and well-being so Orange County’s most vulnerable youth and young adults can enjoy a healthy transition to adulthood.

3. Responsibilities

The TAY Collaborative is key to enhancing collaboration and recommending policy that provides equitable and effective services to youth between the ages of 16 to 24 experiencing homelessness. The TAY Collaborative is responsible for the following functions in support of the Orange County CoC and in coordination with the CoC Board:

- a. Recommend best practices and policy related to preventing and ending youth homelessness
- b. Utilize data to evaluate gaps in youth homelessness response system to support the development of new policy
- c. Develop a shared understanding of evidence-informed practices to address youth homelessness, current Orange County and national resources, and what interventions increase positive outcomes
- d. Support system mapping efforts to better integrate services targeted to youth to create an effective youth homelessness response system in Orange County
- e. Develop a method to effectively coordinate services and enhance collaboration among youth service providers
- f. Ensuring housing interventions for youth address stable housing, permanent connections, education, employment, and well-being.
- g. Supporting the planning and implementation efforts of the Point in Time (PIT) Count, especially TAY-focused efforts
- h. Support the creation and ongoing work of the Youth Action Board (YAB).
- i. Committing to advancing equity in the Orange County CoC, specifically addressing TAY populations who have been most disproportionately impacted by homelessness, to ensure all people in Orange County experiencing homelessness and those at-risk will have equitable access to navigation, housing,

and supportive services in ways that ensure equitable outcomes including overall well-being and long-term housing stability.

4. Recommendations

Matters referred to the TAY Collaborative by the CoC Board and/or the Policies, Procedures and Standard Committee shall be placed on the calendar for consideration and action at the first meeting of the TAY after such reference. If there is an issue of importance to the TAY Collaborative, the TAY Collaborative may submit recommendations to the Policies, Procedures, and Standards Committee and/or CoC Board for their consideration in coordination with the CoC Collaborative Applicant. The CoC Board may adopt, amend, or reject the recommendations of the TAY Collaborative.

5. Chair and Vice Chair

The TAY Collaborative shall be chaired by the CoC Board member elected to serve in the seat designated for expertise on homeless services of TAY, ensuring continuity and alignment with the CoC Board. The Chair will serve the duration of their CoC seat term. The Chair may appoint a Vice Chair to assist in the planning of the TAY Collaborative functions and assist with planning, facilitation, and coordination of the TAY Collaborative meetings. The Vice Chair term will mirror the Chair's CoC Board term.

6. Membership

Additional membership of the TAY Collaborative shall be comprised of CoC General Members, including service providers, youth providers, representatives from the K-12 school district, representatives from local colleges, and McKinney Vento Liaisons.

The TAY Committee is open to the CoC General membership and CoC-funded agencies for active and ongoing participation as the matters for consideration and action impact policies, procedures, and standards for the CoC.

7. Meeting Schedule

Regular meetings will be held on a bi-monthly basis on the odd months of the year. Meetings will be held at a time of day agreed upon by members as most convenient.

8. Voting

A majority vote of those members present and voting is required to take any action. Each CoC General Member will be entitled to one vote; no proxy votes will be accepted.

9. Conflict of Interest

Membership of the TAY Collaborative shall abstain from voting on any issue in which they may be personally vested to avoid a conflict of interest in accordance with County, State and Federal laws, regulations and ordinances and shall refrain from engaging in any behavior that conflicts with the best interest of CoC.