

Colorado Rural Collaborative – A Collective Impact Initiative



Workshop Agenda

- Overview of the Rural Collaborative
- Overview of Collective Impact
- Deeper Dive: Common Agenda & Mutually Reinforcing Activities
- Lessons Learned



Poll

- Show of Hands – Who are currently serving youth who are homeless in rural areas?
- What are the challenges to serving youth who are homeless?



Rural Collaborative for Runaway and Homeless Youth



About the CO Rural Collaborative

- Established in 2008
 - FYSB Supportive Services for Rural Homeless Youth (SSRHY) grant
 - 6 demonstration sites covering 11 counties –
Today covering 22 counties



Rural Collaborative Map

More Partners

- Collaborative Management Programs (HB 18- 1021 included option to add service provider for youth who are experiencing homelessness)
- Children’s Bureau - Youth At Risk of Homelessness (YARH) demonstration called Pathways to Success
- SAMHSA System of Care – COACT Colorado
- Education - McKinney Vento
- Balance of State Continuum of Care and the Division of Housing



The RC Current Program Activities

- Basic Center Program: Youth 12 -18 up to 21 days
- Division of Housing: Youth 18 - 24 up to 6 months
- Caring for Colorado– COVID: Youth 18 - 25



Comprehensive Service Model

- Outreach
- Screen & Assess
- Intensive Case Management
- Culturally Appropriate Interventions
- Monitor Progress
- Aftercare



Host Home Models

Family Model



**Boarding
House Model**

**Community House
Model**

Coop Model



The Basics – Host Homes - Shelter

- Emergency shelter for youth under 18 for 21 days
- Reunification with families, whenever possible, or appropriate alternative placements.

Key Services:

- Food, clothing, counseling & referrals for health care
- Trauma-informed individual, group and family counseling
- Recreation programs
- Aftercare services



The Basics – Host Homes – DoH

- Homeless youth ages 18 to 25 for up to 6 months.
- Safety net support, services, and emotional support system for young people to transition to self-sufficiency.

Key Services:

- Service coordination
- Transition to stable living arrangement



The Basics – Host Homes – TLP or ILA

- Longer term residential ages 16 to 24 – commonly 18 months.
- Safety net support, services, and emotional support system for young people to transition to self-sufficiency.

Key Services:

- Service coordination
- Transition plan
- Basic life skills and coaching



Resources

- Results of support systems for rural homeless youth (ssrhy) demonstration projects 2008-2015, Family Youth Services Bureau retrieved at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb/resource/results-of-ssrhy-demonstration-projects-2008-2015>
- Contact Kippi Clausen at kippi@unfoldingdirections.com to request an electronic copy of the Rural Collaborative's Host Home Guide Book as well as other resources.



Collective Impact



What is Collective Impact?

Research based approach to promote large scale social change!

Key Components

- Common Agenda
- Shared Measurement System
 - Backbone Organization
- Mutually Reinforcing Activities
- Continuous Communications



Collective Impact: Common Agenda

- Shared Common Vision for Change
- Common Understanding of the Problem
- Joint Approach to Solve it through agreed upon actions



Collective Impact: Shared Measurement System

- Without, the common agenda is illusory
- Requires timely data collection and analysis
- Report results based on a short list of Indicators
- Provides accountability
- Shared learning



Collective Impact: Shared Measurement System

- Snapshot of the Rural Collaborative's Dashboard Report



Collective Impact: Backbone Organization

- Separate organization with skilled staff
- Manage & support the initiative
 - Facilitation
 - Technology & Communications
 - Data Collection and Reporting
 - Braiding Funds
 - Logistical & Administrative details



Collective Impact: Mutually Reinforcing Activities

Diverse Group of Stakeholders Work Together BY

- Undertaking Specific Set of Activities
- Supporting & Coordinating with Others



Collective Impact: Continuous Communications

Why

Build trust among participants
Appreciate the common motivation
Fair Treatment

How

Monthly “All Sites” Meetings
Semi-Annual Retreats
Monthly Individualized TA Calls & As Needed
Shared Google Drive



Deeper Dive: Common Agenda & Mutually Reinforcing Activities



Deeper Dive: Common Agenda

- Serve rural homeless youth (and those at-risk) in their home community or community of choice
- Serve all subpopulations with a focus on youth with prior foster care and juvenile justice involvement
- Partner with
 - State and local departments of human services/child welfare
 - Federal and Colorado initiatives
 - Balance of State COC
- Sites can opt in or opt out of the Rural Collaborative



Large Group Activity: Common Agenda

- Who are the stakeholders?
- Why are they important?
- What are the engagement strategies?

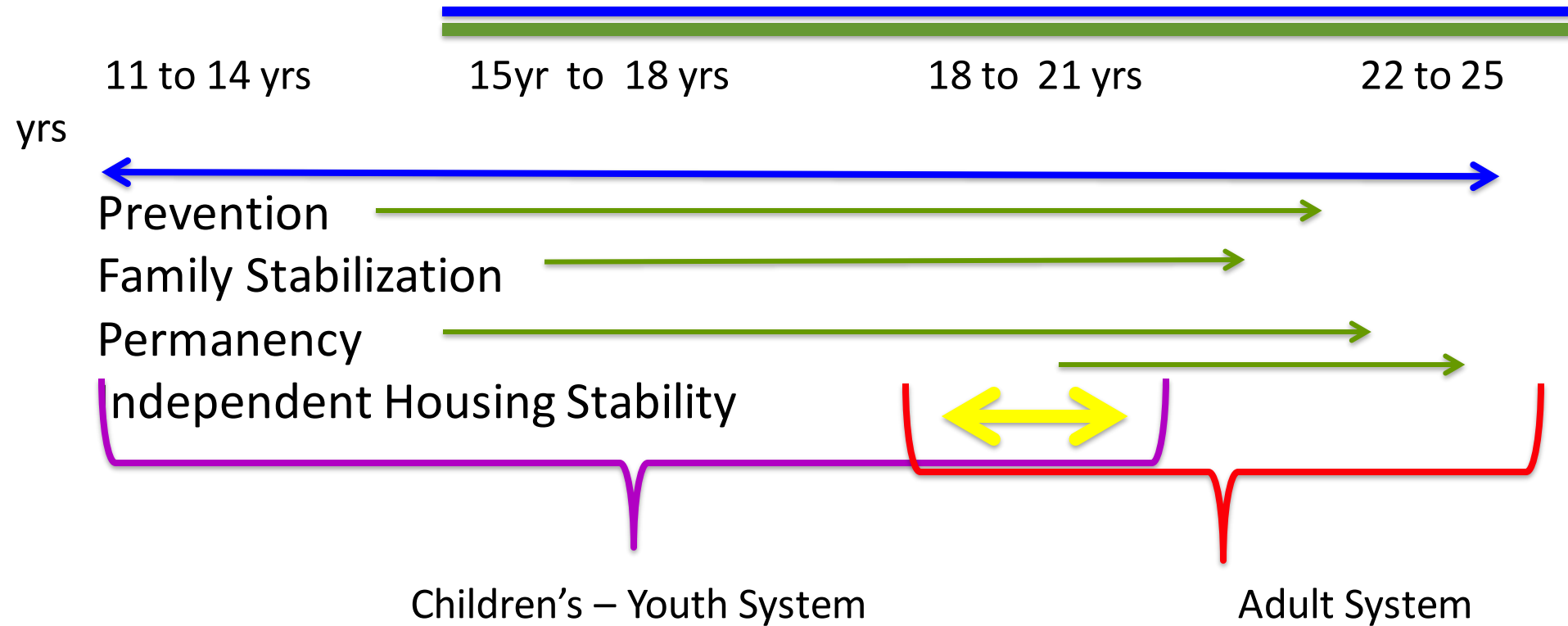


Collective Impact: Mutually Reinforcing Activities

- Hub System
- Coordinated Continuum of Care
- Host Homes
- Mobile Teams & Community Drop-In Centers
- Safety Net Partners



Getting the Lay of the Land . . .



- Developmental Approach
- Blended process to identify young people who are homeless/runaway, doubled up /couch surfing, unsheltered and sheltered in the youth and adult systems
- Coordinated entry works best when it includes a broader continuum of strategies.

Intersection of Child Welfare, RHY, HUD

Basic Center – RHY Funding

Age 12 to 18 Road Map to Success
Child Welfare Foster Care
JJ/DYS

Age 16 to 18 RHY Transitional Living Program
Chafee

Age 18 to 21 Independent Living Arrangements
(FUP) Family Unification Program

Age 21 to 23 Rapid Re-housing
Housing Choice Vouchers

Age 23 to 25 Host Home Program
Tenant Based Rental Assistance
Permanent Supportive Housing



Access and Enrollment

Community Referral Sources



Access Points

Standard Activities Conducted

Local Program Intervention Plan & Decision Meeting



TAY Triage

TAY-SPDAT

Program Interventions

Youth 16 -21, precariously housed or at risk due to family disruption

Youth 16 -21 are homeless or at risk of homelessness

Youth 22 - -25 and score higher than 4 & meet HUD definition of

Family Reconnection – Stabilization

Service Array

Developmentally appropriate care

Link to Housing Resource

Site Coordinator & Youth Panel

Centennial BOCES (CBOCES)

- Why did CBOCES join the Rural Collaborative?
- Who are CBOCES partners?
- How does CBOCES coordinate with these partners?

Youth

- What are strengths and challenges homeless youth face?
- How did you become involved with the Rural Collaborative?
- What was your experience?



Take Away(s)!

- Rural youth deserve to be served in their home communities
- Grow rural capacity by building on what already exists in the community
- Partner! Partner! Partner!
- Youth are “naturally creative, resourceful and whole”

