

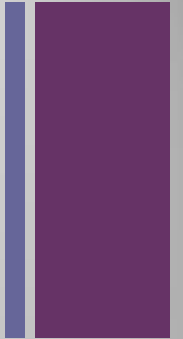
Youth at Risk of Homelessness Planning Project (YARH)

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- Overview of grant proposal
- What we know about youth and young people
- Discussion of collective impact
- Planning project framework
- Next steps

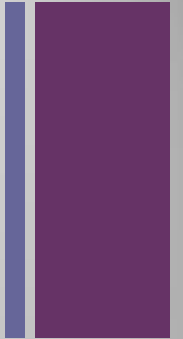


Can we agree...?

- That all youth and young adults should have the opportunity to excel to their fullest potential
- That youth and young people deserve a sense of belonging and to have adults in their lives that are truly invested in their success
- Youth and young adults “at-promise” need targeted supports and services to avoid negative outcomes



Grant Information

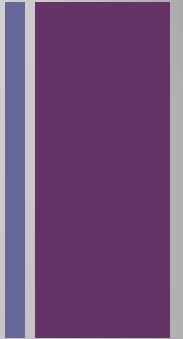


- Grantor: US Department of Health & Human Services-Administration for Children and Families
- Lead Grantee Agency: Clark County Department of Family Services
- Grant term: 24 months



Phase 1-Planning

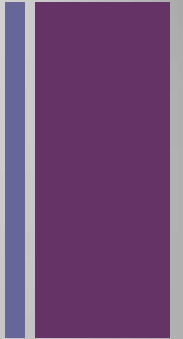
- Purpose of funding is to build intervention strategies for youth and young people who are most likely of experiencing challenges in transition to adulthood
- Target population:
 - Youth entering foster care between the ages of 14-17
 - Youth aging out of foster care
 - Young adults (under 21) accessing homeless support services with former child welfare history.





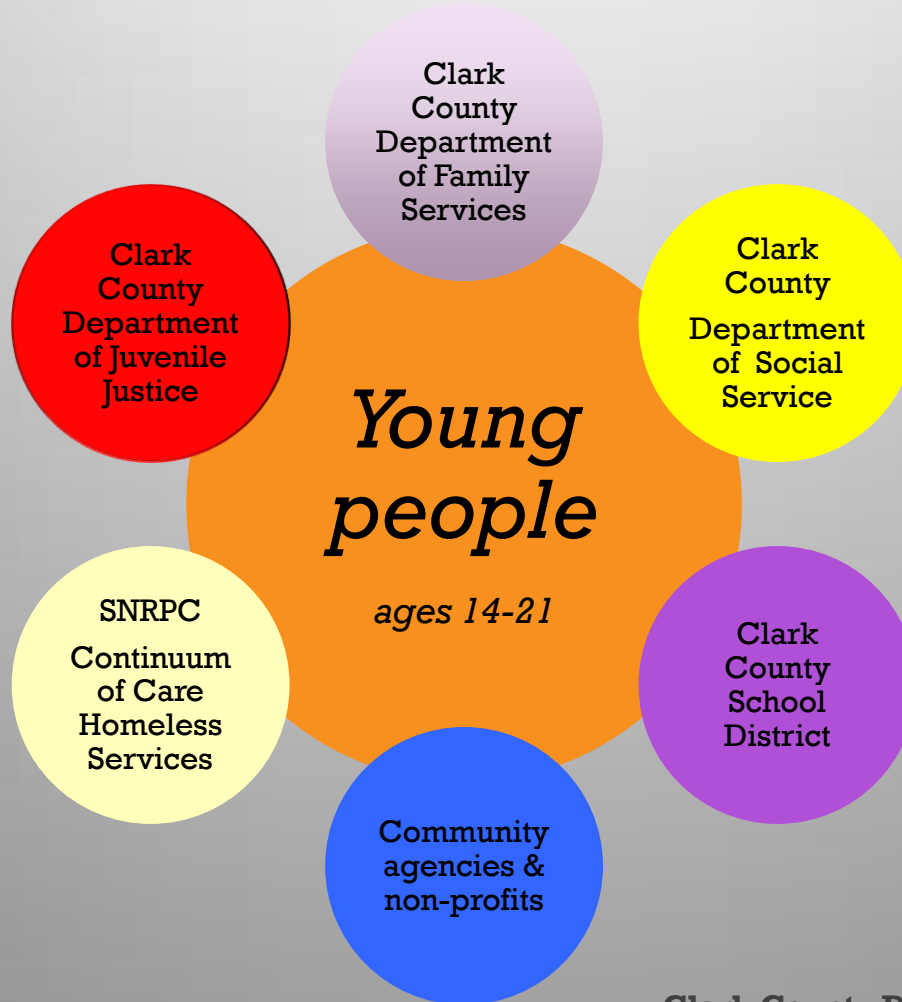
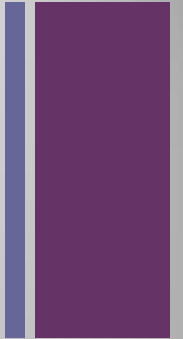
Phase 2

- Funding opportunity for the implementation of:
 - Promising practices and evidenced based interventions
 - Augmentation of existing services where necessary
 - To support the re-programming of Chafee and other federal funded programs to better support this population





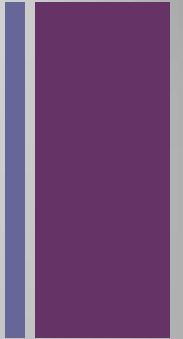
Who are these youth and young people?





Most at risk?

- Youth and young adults appear to be at heightened risk for negative outcomes if any of the following characteristics are present:
 - Youth in foster care,
 - Youth aging out of foster care,
 - Youth involved in the Juvenile Justice system,
 - Youth and young adults that are victims of human trafficking
 - Youth and young adults that are parenting
 - LGBTQ youth and young adults
 - Others...?





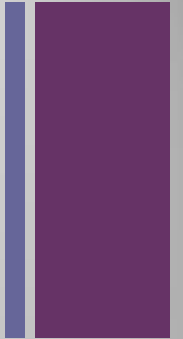
Our work

■ Phase 1 objectives include:

1. To identify strategies to actively involve youth and young adults in all levels of this planning in a meaningful manner
2. To convene a consortia of relevant partners to engage in this planning demonstration project to identify effective interventions to reduce risks of homelessness
3. To critically assess existing data systems and existing system capabilities to inform and advise the planning and selection of appropriate interventions



Our work cont.



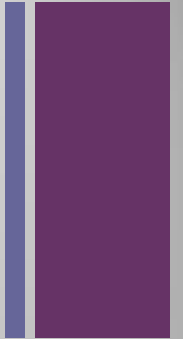
4. To select culturally appropriate, evidenced-based intervention strategies for core outcome areas
5. To identify interventions addressing risk/protective factors relevant to core outcomes such as stable housing, permanent connections etc.
6. To participate in process evaluation of Phase 1

+ The Planning Strategy

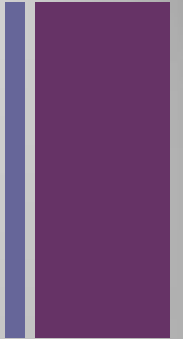
- Leadership Steering committee-to meet on a monthly basis and is responsible for the overall planning direction and guidance
 - Comprised of
 - Core project partners
 - Key community entities
- Planning sub-committees
 - Data strategy
 - Capacity
 - Stable housing
 - Education/Employment
 - Well-being to include;
 - Permanent Connections
 - Social and emotional well-being



+ Resources



- Evaluation-the Children's Bureau has contracted with Mathematica to conduct evaluation/descriptive study for all 18 grantees
- Data Strategy, research and other support-Nevada Institute for Children's Research
- Facilitation support-Linda Lewis
- Grant funded positions-2 positions at DFS



Thank you for your time and interest in working on this project.

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