



TAY ATX strategic planning session

December 5, 2017

@ Upbring, 8305 Cross Park Dr, Austin TX 78754

NOTES

Result: All 150,000 youth transitioning to adulthood in Travis County are stably housed, engaged in school/work, and socially connected.

Indicators:

- # Youth aging out
- # Homeless youth
- # Opportunity youth
 - % Racial/ethnic disparities

Meeting Results:

By the end of the workshop attendees will:

- Understand the facts about transition-aged youth in Travis County.
- Adopt targets for Travis County for youth homelessness, opportunity youth, and youth aging out.
- Understanding dynamics behind these and explore promising strategies.
- Decide next steps for strategy workgroups and action commitments.

Make progress toward answering the following questions:

1. Where are we now?
2. Where do we want to be?
3. How do we get there?

Handouts

- Agenda
- Data Packet

Data Walk

What surprises you? What other data do you want? Comments? Questions?

- Comments from Post-Its:

1. Results- Analysis of 2016 Census data for Travis County
 - *How do we measure socially connected?*
2. Indicators
3. Baseline: Youth Aging Out- DFPS Data Book
 - *Is this too high? Some youth don't WANT permanency.*
4. Baseline: Youth Homelessness- Texas Education Agency / Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project
 - *What is the relationship (if any) between DFPS and YHDP/TEA datasets?*
 - *Disheartening how these numbers have increased*
 - *Increase may be due to better identification*
5. Baseline: Opportunity Youth- Ready by 21 Dashboard
 - *All unemployed or just job seekers included in "opportunity youth"?*
 - *As an employer I believe a more comprehensive work training program is necessary – Hope G.*
6. Travis County Permanency Outcomes- DFPS Data Book
 - *What are numbers of youth in the system compared to those who are aging out? So we can see how those numbers relate.*
 - *I am curious the outcome of these permanency outcomes. A lot of the kids who do not age out of care lose a lot of their benefits, is this a barrier?*
7. Travis County Youth Aging Out by Race/ Ethnicity – DFPS Data Book
8. Travis County Child Welfare Disparities by Race/ Ethnicity- DFPS Data Book
9. Homeless Youth in Travis County- Austin YHDP Ending Youth Homelessness Plan
10. Travis County- Homeless Students – Austin YHDP Ending Youth Homelessness Plan
11. Map: Total unaccompanied homeless students in Travis County
 - *What is currently being done for the unaccompanied homeless youth? To connect with services.*
 - *How are these youth IDed in schools and what is done for them?*
 - *Ages of "unaccompanied" youth counted here?*
12. Table: Age Breakdown of the Total Population Experiencing Homelessness
 - *How do we continue to connect + reach the population of 25+? The lack of resources continue to diminish after the age of 21 + youth age out of foster care.*
13. Characteristics of Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness in Travis County
 - *82% with inadequate access to healthcare (this seems high)*
 - *82%<-- This is far too high! What ends up being the costs to the community, let alone the youth?*
14. Youth (16-24) Not in School or Work, Travis County- Ready by 21
 - *14930 crazy high, should be priority*
15. Travis County – Attrition in Public High Schools, by Race/ Ethnicity – KIDS COUNT
 - *Struck by the large disparities between different race/ethnicity*
16. High school dropouts, by Race/ Ethnicity – KIDS COUNT

Welcome

- Thanks for Data walk
- Introduction of Frank, Amy, Raj, Alesia, Jacie
- Shannon Mann-Butler- TAY ATX co-coordinator:
 - Opening statement, things to accomplish today.

Check-in

Name:

Org/Agency:

How are you?

What is one thing you can contribute?

[Facilitator Team: Amy Knop-Narbutis, Frank Lopez, Jacie Minnick, David Wylie, Raj Chawla, Alesia Frerichs]

Table 1: Murray Chanow, Hope Green, Renee Calder Price, Casey Soberon, Debbie Okrina, Shannon Sandra, Jessica McKay, Stephanie Bernal

Table 2: Cara Fox, Andrew Fike, Julie Baker, Angelica Cancino de Sandoval, Gabriella McDonald, Jessica Murry Zellers, Susan Hunt, Molly Young

Table 3: Will Rice, Megan Etz, Jordan Scott, Veronica Anaya, Denise Lange, Shannon Mann-Butler, Amy Ponder

Table 4: Mary Katherine Matalon, Tym Belseth, Knox Kimberly, Camille Clark, Anaya Tegroen, Suzanne Hershey, Peggy Cope, Theresa Medrano, Fernanda Santos

All - Contributions: Bridge the gap between theory and practice, passion, curiosity, understanding of resources, partnerships, on-the-ground, subject matter expertise, foundation resources, outreach knowledge, youth-centered care, lived experience, research

Discussion of Baselines:

Small group discussions to Affirm/Modify Baseline Data Presented

Group 1:

First indicator - Aging out and emancipation – same or not?

Aging out – not all youth want permanency, some want to age out

What can we do prior to aging out to change thought process

How do we help youth become self-sufficient

Second indicator - Other employer resources? Are we comparing apples/oranges

Third indicator - Ready by 21 dashboard?

Affirm #1,2,3

Group 2:

Aging out – modify to one meaningful adult connection

Youth homelessness use McKinney Vento 1944 – can we splice to get 14+ only?

Opportunity youth – modify, need to measure connectedness. Consider # youth connected through AOYC instead.

Group 3:

What is the relationship to the final goal? Is it strong enough / average of last 3 years, How to compare to all foster youth

More clarification before accepting, seem like different groups

Group 4:

Aging out can happen on a whim. More nuance needed around “aging out” – extended care?

Geography of placement? Numbers seem low

Affirm data on youth homelessness. How to interpret point in time count.

Affirm data on opportunity youth. Point in time or annual?

Look at permanency outcomes as a group!

Large group - questions about the data:

- Youth Homelessness- data collection annual vs. point in time?
- Aging out- emancipation (court ordered) vs. aging out (age of majority) – different types of guardianship; 18+ leave or extended care?
- Emancipated youth- aging out in Travis County or from Travis County?
- Homeless youth vs. homeless students?
- One suggested strategy is to create a resource list - *suggested by Youth Aging Out Group*

Group Options for Baselines:

Table	1	2	3	4
# of youth aging out	55 from DFPS	New data set	55, but rolling 3yr average	55 youth, but also extended care + <u>kinship</u> baseline
# of homeless youth	607 (point-in-time)	1944 homeless students – but disaggregate for age 14+	Use the 3 metrics (total, unaccompanied, point-in-time), but both # & %	Affirm (interpretation of point in time?)
# of opportunity youth	(whatever is group consensus)	Non-duplicated # of connected to AOYC	# & % as listed	Affirm

Small Group Check-in:

Table 4- Ready to move forward- use some of the data

Table 1- Concurs with Table 4

Table 3- The more indicators the better for confidence level; complex problems – multiple indicators

Table 2- Focus on systems and not always numbers; remove barriers; does not want to get bogged down by quantitative and remember to be in tune with qualitative measures

*Full consensus about data measures was not reached but the group expressed a desire to move forward. Amy suggested the larger group break down into indicator groups (youth aging out, homeless youth, opportunity youth, and miscellaneous) that people felt most invested in to begin to answer the questions “Where are we now, where do we want to be, and how will we get there?”

Indicator Work Groups:

Youth Aging Out-

Group Members: Mary Katherine Matalon, Jessica McKay, Stephanie Bernal, Peggy Cope, Theresa Medrano, Fernanda Santos, Tym Belseth, Amy Ponder, Megan Etz, Jen Collins, Suzanne Hershey, Anaya Tegroen

1. Working group commits to agenda/action items moving forward (January): see notes below (no assigned names)
2. (Jen Collins) Chart transition plan pathways, understanding specific barriers, service provision understood; example: 5 case studies in all domains/ systems

Small Group Notes:

Transportation = “silent sabotage” of success. Not good public transport. Transportation could be indicator.

Who will be aging out in a year – create a plan – combined coordinated effort in conjunction with partners.

Identify population, placement demographics. → group commitment as a whole

Make housing resources list for those aging out.

Stronger collaborations, e.g. DFPS and ___ school.

Make SIL a priority

Homeless Youth-

Group Members: Will Rice, Denise Lange, Veronica Anaya, Casey Soberon, Camille Clark, (add Gabriella McDonald!)

1. 607 is a good baseline as it is “literally homeless” youth served by the system, would like to also use 1944 number (student data) which is important for prevention. Propose both as baselines.
2. Still need predictors. Youth not in school harder. Peer identify and self-reporting.
3. Tool or outreach for youth outside education/juvenile justice who are doubled up/couch-surfing – how to identify these individuals
4. #'s on LGBQA – 22% is half the national average – why is this?
5. January- bring prevention representatives to the table - YHDP vs TAY (focus on bigger scope for preventive, figure out where prevention rep time is best spent)

Opportunity Youth-

Group Members: Cara Fox, Hope Green, Shannon Mann-Butler, Jessica Murry Zellers, Susan Hunt, Molly Young, Shannon Sandra

1. Barrier: outside systems
2. Propose focusing on foster youth within opportunity youth sub set (not larger extrapolated #)
3. Propose to flip and increase the # we DO serve
4. Propose Austin opportunity youth collaborate with AOYC
 - 22 organizations
 - Increase alignment
 - Reports service provision numbers
 - AOYC will extend targeted invites to February meeting
5. Hold baseline until February

Miscellaneous-

Group Members: Murray Chanow, Debbie Okrina, Jordan Scott

1. Group should commit to bringing new indicator/ baseline suggestions as new ideas arise over time
2. How do we measure social connectedness? Should it be relational permanency?
[Texas Youth Permanency Study aka TYPS]
3. Task: further define social connectedness

Data development agenda:

- Emancipation in data- how does this work? Definitions, specific list (Jen for TBD)
- ACTS data consideration (Andrew / Tym - for January)
- Measure of connectedness indicator (Tym – for January)
- # of homeless youth by age – age 14+ disaggregated data (Casey will ask – for January?)
- Opportunity youth data positive vs. negative flip - sources - collaborative partners (Molly AOYC)
- Number of youth having a driver's license – *suggested by Homelessness Group, needs a volunteer*

General Action Commitments:

1. Tym Belseth – get extended care data for Travis County from national youth in transition database (NYTD). Tym has snapshots he will share of this federal study, better understand how kids transition out of the system and the services received during that transition, federally funded services; Tym will also bring TYPS definitions for relational permanency
2. Andrew Fike- ACTS data for January meeting
3. Molly Young – AOYC invites and data options.
4. Casey Soberon - look into # of homeless youth age 14+ disaggregated data, overlap of opportunity youth, through YHDP data in Homeless management information system (HMIS). Bring prevention representatives to the table.
5. Jen Collins- charting youth adults transition plan, understanding specific barriers, service provision understood; case study

Individualized Action Commitments:

See attached Excel spreadsheet / scanned forms

TAY ATX Next Meeting:

@LifeWorks

Friday January 19th, 2018

12-1:30pm

Check-out: One word that describes this morning?

Awesome	hopeful	telling	informative	motivational	collaborating
Teamwork	focused	affirming	connections	potential	thought-provoking
Organized	tenacious	research	inspiring	multifaceted	enlightening
Noodling	overwhelming				