**Coordinated Community Plan to Prevent & End Youth Homelessness**

**Justice-Involved Workgroup: Notes**

**Wednesday, September 26th 2018, 9-12pm**

**Host: Michael W. Daniels**

**Location: 373 S High St, 25th floor, Meeting Room B**

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

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| **Attendance** | Michael Daniels, FC – Office of Justice Policy & Programs  Doug Althauser, Capital University Law School  Kysten Palmore, FCRC  Judge Laurel Beatty Blunt, FC Common Pleas  Melanie Gunther, Huckleberry House  Becky Westerfelt, Huckleberry House | Tom Albanese, CSB  Aubre Jones, CSB  Caleb, YAB  Destiny, YAB  Subha Lembach, JJ Detention Alternative Initiatives  Marcus Salter, Community Mediation Services of Central Ohio  *(please excuse any spelling errors and provide the correct spelling for future)* |

1. **We reviewed the needs assessment data discussed the following about the current Justice System in Franklin County:**

* Juvenile Justice Detention: Facility has 132 beds, about 48 in-use currently; Successful in diverting (in FY2017 about 4200 admitted to JD; last year just under 1000 admitted)
  + Those who end up in JD tend to have much more serious offenses
  + Go through single exit point/release – opportunity to build out housing plans, info, support
  + Some released on probation, some not
  + About 1000 kids adjudicated every month
  + About 1000 assisted through Reception Center annually
* Discussed re-entry and learning about housing options for this population
* Capital Law center: serves 16-24 y.o., including those who age out of foster care, help with credit, ID theft, debt, legal clinic staffed by law students
* Care Coordination – term used in court system that means something different than wrap-around, youth-centric services
* If a juvenile is on probation (up to age 21); the judge can put in place a Temporary Order of Custody (TOC) or Court-Ordered Protection (COP’s) to support and address that youth’s needs
* If the juvenile doesn’t have a plan upon exiting, then that should be an indicator that FCCS may need to be involved.
* If parents live in HUD communities youth may have trouble returning to their families homes as some HUD restrictions – sexual, drug production,
  + Not dictated by HUD, but CMHA – can set their own requirements and “look-back policy”,

1. **As a group we began to fill-in additional gaps captured in the Needs Assessment Worksheet (A.)**

**Planning Worksheet**

**A. NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

| 1. Relative to the workgroup topic area, what gaps, if any, currently exist for either all youth or specific youth sub-population(s) related to:    1. Identifying, assisting and preventing youth from experiencing homelessness?    2. Ensuring critical needs of youth are fully met while receiving shelter and re-housing assistance?    3. Ensure other critical stabilization and connection assistance is provided for at-risk and homeless youth? | | | |
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| **Population** | **Prevention, Coordinated Access** | **Shelter & Re-Housing** | **Other Stabilization & Connection Assistance** |
| All youth  *(as defined previously: “any person under the age of 25…”)* |  |  |  |
| Justice-involved, Under 18 | * Life skills – Helping the “launch” is not the expertise of FCCS but that is the system intervention | * Immediate need is safety | * Juvenile convictions are not considered crimes – education for community, service providers, etc. * Landlord education about restrictions |
| Justice-involved, 18-24 | * Adult Probation – Assessed on risk to commit another crime so intervention is based on those factors - System fall short on assessing housing/homelessness | * Immediate need is safety | * Community education about this population * Education on being a good tenant * Literacy and education deficits are very difficult for ex-offenders and high predictor of recidivism |

1. **As a group, we used the discussion on needs to steer the next portion, Opportunities (B.)**

**B. OPPORTUNITIES**

1. Relative to the workgroup topic area, what additional key program/interventions should be considered for all youth or specific youth sub-population(s) related to:
   1. Identifying, assisting and preventing youth from experiencing homelessness?
   2. Ensuring critical needs of youth are fully met while receiving shelter and re-housing assistance?
   3. Ensuring other critical stabilization and connection assistance is provided for at-risk and homeless youth?

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| **Proposed Program, Service or Initiative** | **Key performance/ success measures** | **Identify any targeted sub-population(s)** | **Key Actions/Next Steps** | **Key Entity/**  **Organization** |
| Special Court for Youth 18-24 (Long-term)  “Independence Court”  **OR**  May be better to start with **Probation programming** | * Opportunity * Landlords will be more likely to rent to YYA with supportive services |  |  | * [Red Hook Community](https://www.courtinnovation.org/programs/red-hook-community-justice-center) * [Center for Court Innovation](https://www.courtinnovation.org/programs/red-hook-community-justice-center) |
| Rapid Response Team – Family Stabilization and Unification | * Experts in the community – specialized staff trained to avoid juvenile justice and/or homelessness * Helping whole family * Alternative Care Placement – Licensed foster home (less than 5 days) |  |  | * [Austin, Texas](http://www.theotx.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/TX-STAR-Program.pdf) * Learning from Domestic Violence Respite Program |
| Identification, coordinated services, and linkage to services - Bring the experts to the youth | * Common/Universal Screening – that feeds into a “what to do” next pathway * Include law enforcement, FCCS, schools * Short list of questions re: housing status that would allow officers to divert people vs charging * Include standard diversion/disposition options and guidance |  | * Identify All Entry Points – Law Enforcement; Reentry; Probation; Mandatory reports; Intake at JDC; Reception Center; RnR; School Truancy Teams; Residential Tx; Prosecutors Intake; Diversion Intake; Restorative Justice; |  |
| Education to all, with specific targeted training – to providers, to youth, landlords, and to the community at-large | * Programs available * Rules and regs. * Youth rights and choice |  | * Expungement app/video with questions |  |
| Screening for Justice-Involved Youth for services when presenting in the homeless system | * Trauma-Informed Questioning * Getting information to justice-involved YYA (warrants, court dates, etc.) * May help Juveniles file dependency case when homelessness is imminent |  |  | * Public Defenders Office does expungement – (time varies because there is a wait time 1-3 years) * ODRC (Ohio Dept. of Rehab and Corrections) * Franklin County Re-Entry Coalitions (18-24) |
| 24 hr. Person Staffed Hotline OR App – Justice Navigator | * Navigation and access to services |  |  |  |

1. **The Group Discussed Next Steps** 
   1. **Open to meeting again**
   2. **All members should be asking themselves “Who else should be here?”**
2. **Meeting Adjourned**