Dane County Youth Count 2019

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What is Dane Co Youth Count 2019

- 1st comprehensive survey targeting youth to understand, address, and prevent youth homelessness in our community
- Recommendation from the Youth Summit
- Planned and carried out by the HSC End Youth Homelessness Committee
- Aiming to measure all forms of youth homelessness in Dane County
- Using broader definition of homelessness
Who are we including?

- Youth Age 12-24
- Places not meant for human habitation (storage units, cars, abandon buildings, garages, streets, tents, empty apartments and the like)
- Emergency shelters and transitional housing
- Doubled up / couch surfing
  - Staying w/relatives, friends without custodial family
  - Staying w/custodial family & not on lease
- Staying in hotel/motel, including self-pay
- Running away, kicked out
- Imminent risk of homelessness
Why do we need a separate survey from the Point in Time Count?

- Existing counts do not accurately capture the population of youth experiencing homelessness.

**2018 January PIT**

Out of total 614 persons counted,

- 5 unaccompanied youth age under 18 (0.8%)
- 39 young adult age 18-24 (6.3%)

**National Estimate**

- One in 10 young adults ages 18-25 --> **at least 5,519 in Dane County (55,190 age 20-24)**
- One in 30 adolescents age 13-17 experience some form of homelessness unaccompanied by a parent or guardian over the course of a year (Missed Opportunity: National Estimates, Chapin Hall at University of Chicago, 2017)
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Youth homelessness is a broad and hidden challenge

- Youth are good at hiding the fact that they are experiencing homelessness and may not self-identify as homeless.
  - nearly 1 in 5 youths under the age of 18 will run away at least once
  - ~50% of homeless youth identify as LGBTQ+ in Dane Co (higher than nationally reported trends)
  - Over 50% of young people in shelters and on the streets report that their parents told them to leave or knew they were leaving and didn’t care
  - 21-40% of homeless youth had been sexually abused compared to 1-3% of the general youth population
  - 41% have been abandoned by their parents for at least 24 hours and 43% have been beaten by a caretaker
Our community has focused on ending veteran, chronic, and family homelessness.

It is time to address youth homelessness in our community.
Timeframe & Survey Tool

Jan 24th 2019 through Feb 15th 2019

YOUTH COUNT 2019
HMIS Partner Agencies

- The Beacon
- Briarpatch Youth Services
- CAC
- Porchlight
- The Road Home
- Salvation Army of Dane Co.
- Tenant Resource Center
- YWCA Madison
Prospective Non-HMIS Partners

- Anyone in our community who interacts with youth 12-24!!
Collection of Completed Surveys & Reporting of Results

- Collecting surveys following the last day of the count (2/15)
- Email any questions to: eyhdane@gmail.com
- Results to be presented at April HSC membership meeting
Questions / Comments