

Youth Homelessness:

How our Community is Taking Action

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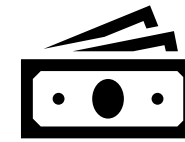
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Presentation Agenda:

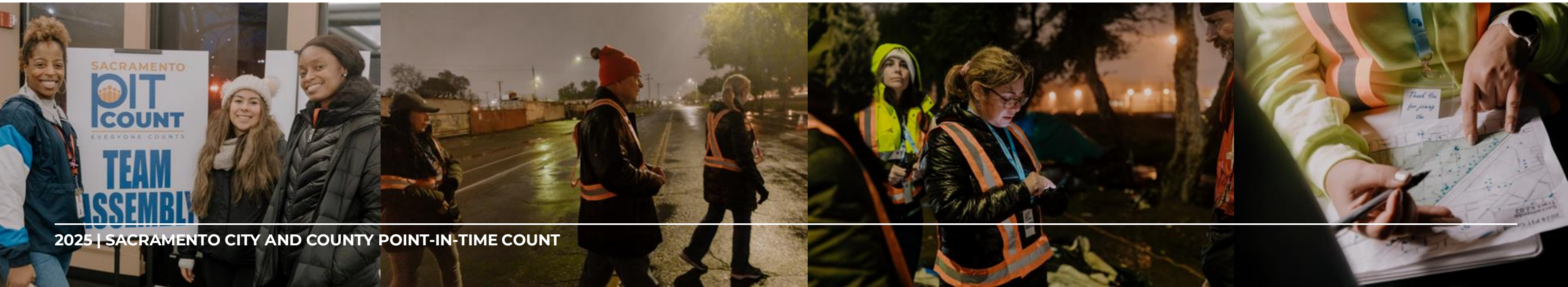
- Youth Homelessness & Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP)
- Overview of the Continuum of Care (CoC)
- Youth Action Board (YAB)
- How to Get Involved
- Q&A



Youth Homelessness: The Local Picture

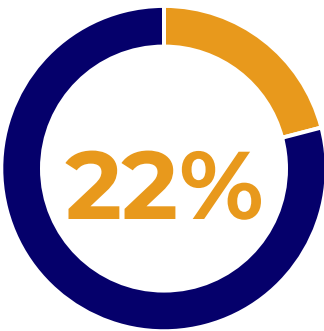
One Way We See Homelessness: The PIT Count

- A “point-in-time” snapshot used to estimate homelessness in our community and better understand those who are experiencing homelessness taking place annually for temporary sheltered counts and every other year for unsheltered counts in Sacramento County.
- Mandated by the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for federal funding and part of the national Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR)
- Implemented by Continuum of Care agencies across the nation
- Informs policy-making and funding and provides insight on community services and support

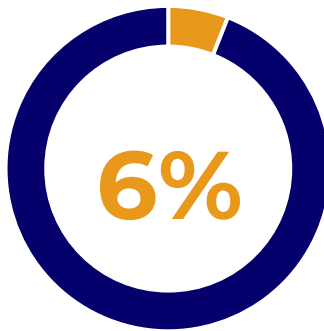


Demographic Snapshot

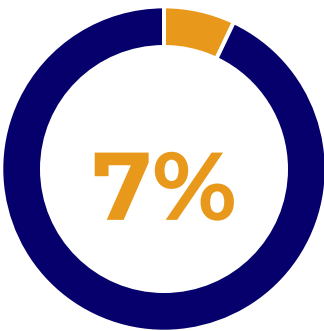
6,312 people in HMIS were homelessness on 10/1/2024



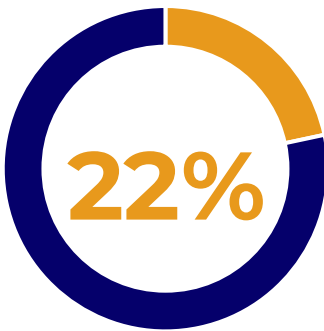
Families with Children
888 families



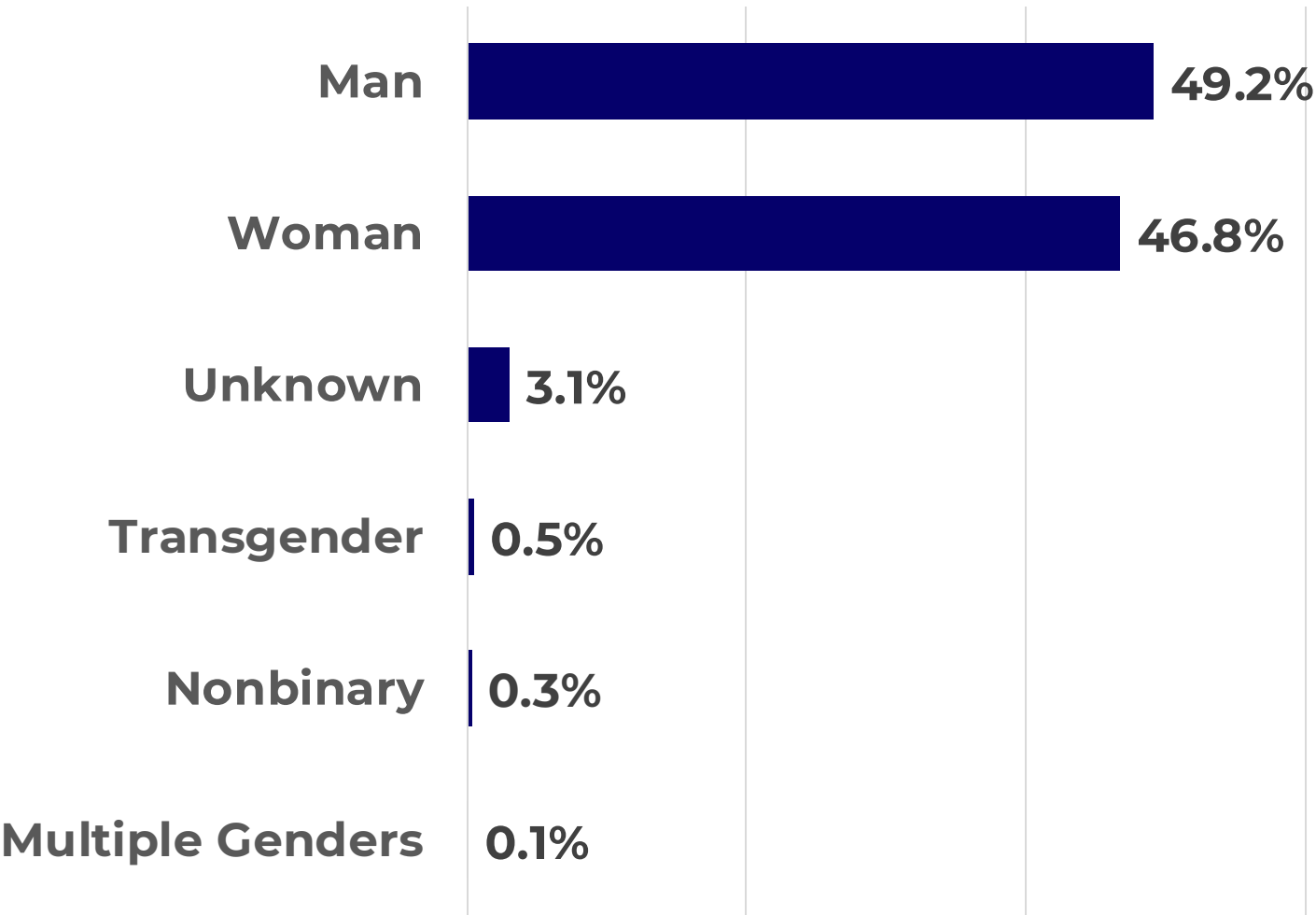
Veterans
378 people



Transitional Aged Youth (18-24)
463 people



Seniors (55+)
1403 people

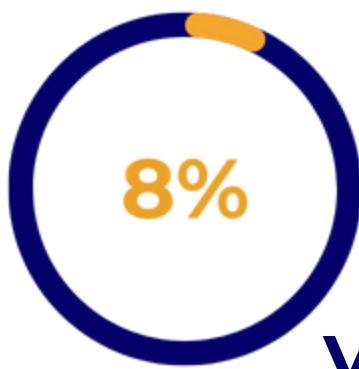


A Peak at Data from the Point-in-Time Count

 42 in every 10,000 residents were experiencing homelessness.



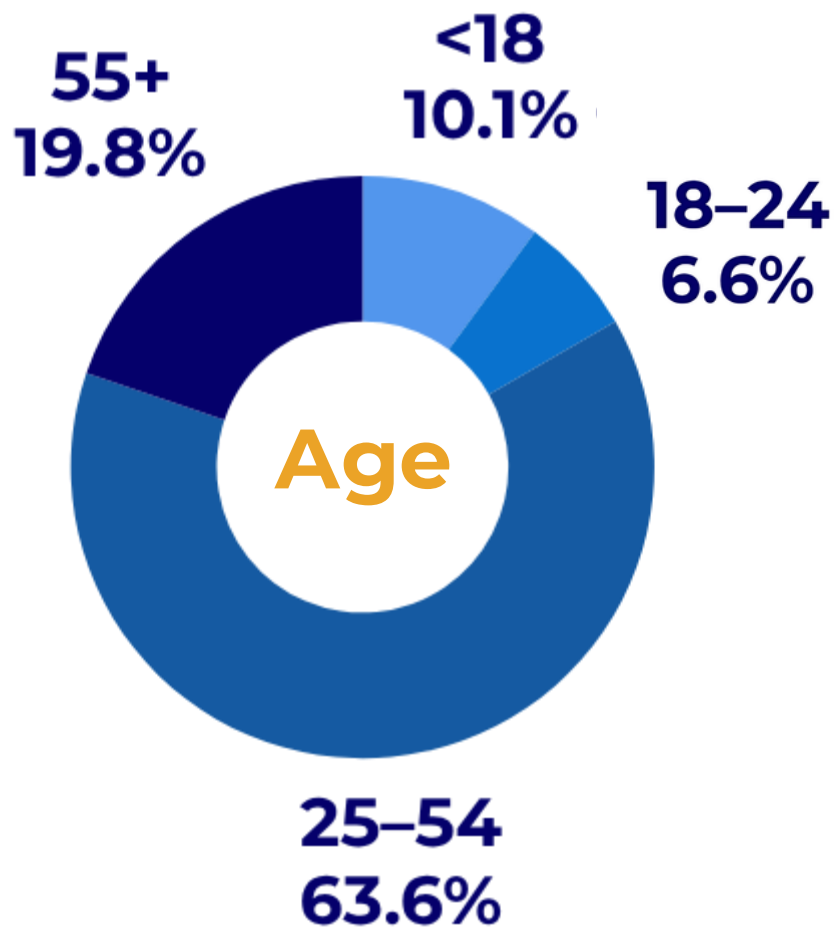
**Families
with Children**
347 families
297 fewer than 2022



Veterans
548 people
97 fewer than 2022



**Chronically
Homeless***
2,965 people
1,349 fewer than 2022



Approximate likelihood of experiencing homelessness:

 **Black:**
3–4x more likely

 **American Indian/Alaska Native:**
5–6x more likely

*Experienced homelessness for 1+ years and have a disability.

A Peak at Data from the Point-in-Time Count

What situations can you think of that might lead to someone your age experiencing homelessness?

Raise your hand and share!

What is YHDP?

YHDP = Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program

- Federal investment in youth homelessness to test innovative solutions.
- The Sacramento CoC successfully applied for and received YHDP awards in 2022, funding seven projects.
- Focus: Youth-driven, collaborative, coordinated services across the sector/community

Impact of YHDP in Our Community:

- \$6.5 million received in the initial award.
- New programs: RRH targeting youth with behavioral health needs, peer-mentor led street outreach program, early childhood educational support for parenting college students, a system navigation mobile phone application, & transitional housing to RRH targeting LGBTQ+ * BIPOC youth.
- Better data & coordinated plans to meaningfully address & end youth homelessness.

**What is a Continuum of
Care (CoC)?**

Continuum of Care (CoC):

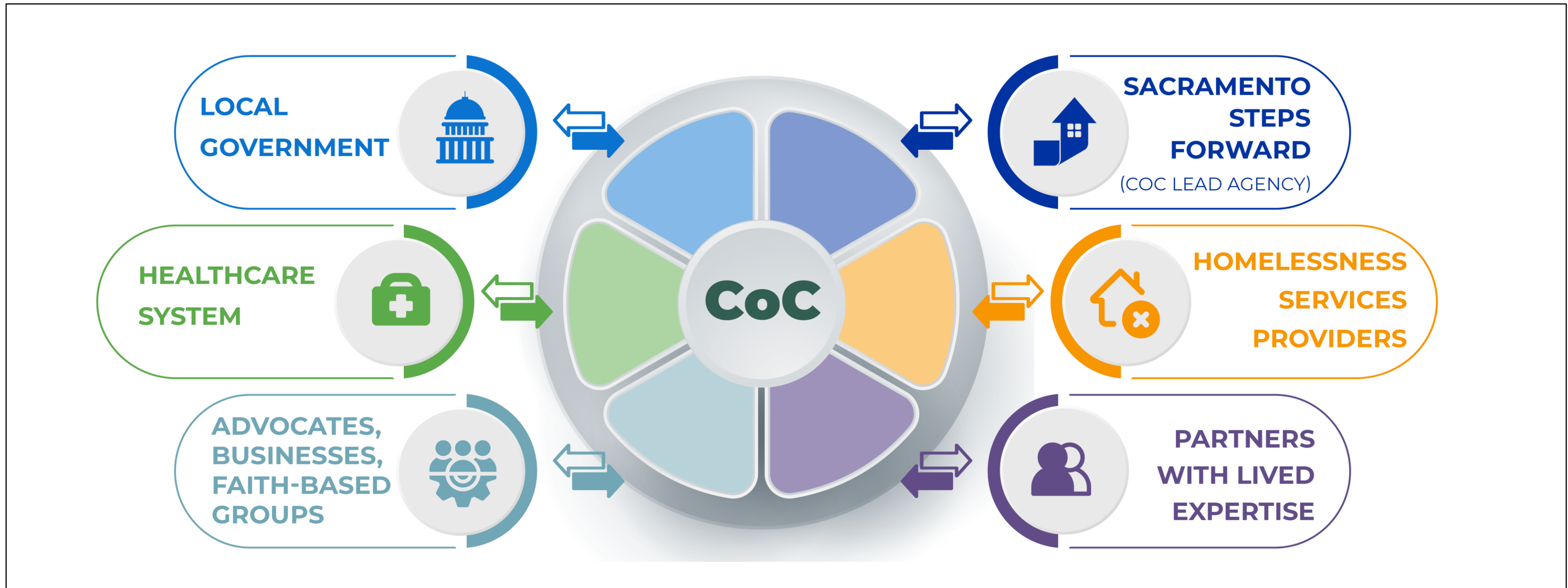
Definition:

- The local/regional body coordinating homelessness response.
- Federally funded, collaborative, & community-driven

Key Roles:

- Strategic planning
- Coordinated access
- Funding allocation
- HMIS data tracking

The Sacramento City & County CoC:



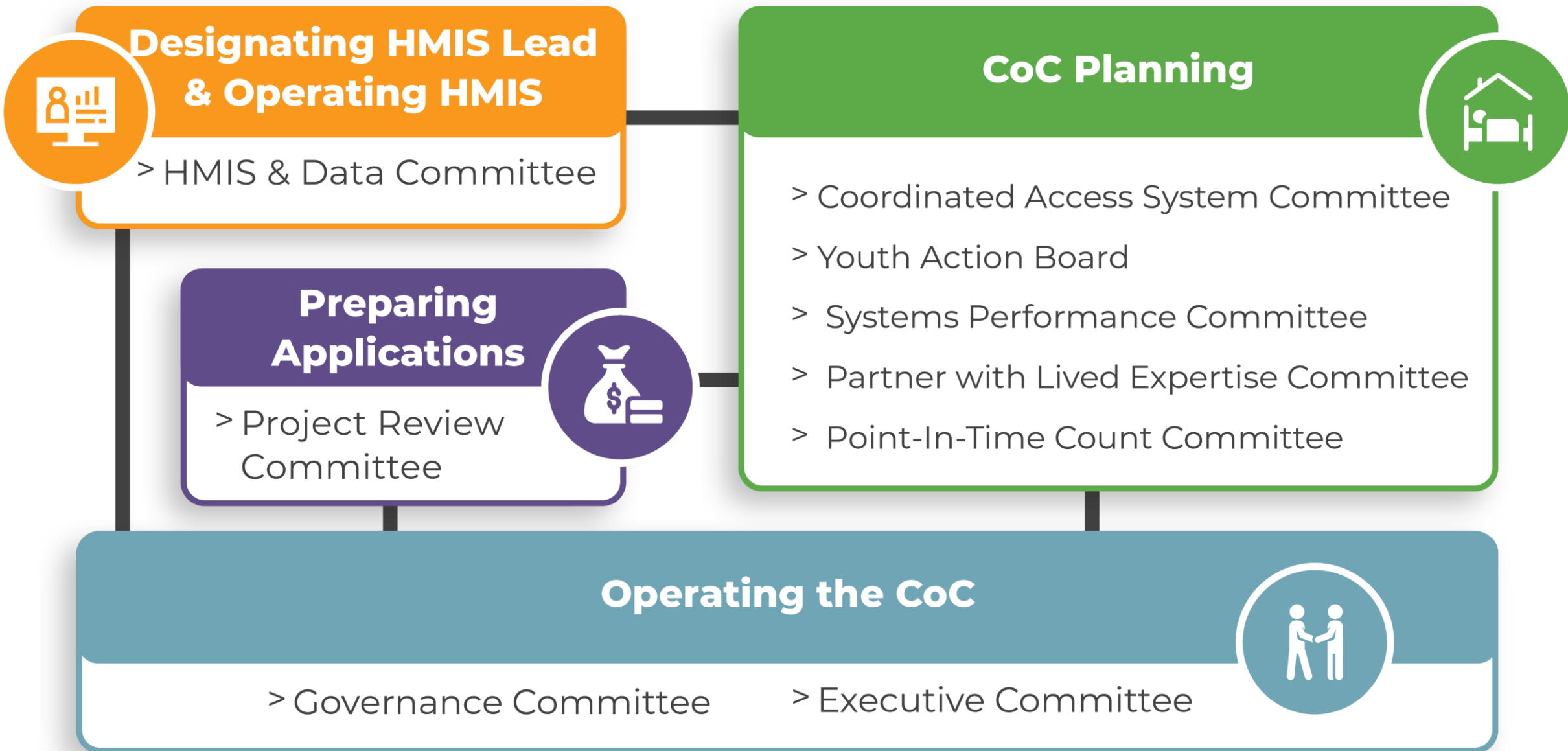
CoC in Action – Key Features

- **The CoC Board** – Decision making & oversight
- **Federal Funding** – US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD),
- **Coordinated Access** – One entry point to the homeless response system
- **Shelter System** – Emergency, transitional, and youth-specific
- **Youth-Serving Partners:**

Wind
Youth Services



CoC Board & Committees:



Local Collaboration Examples:

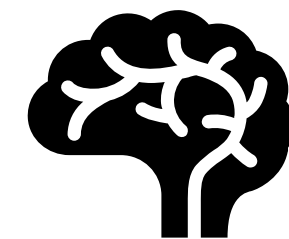
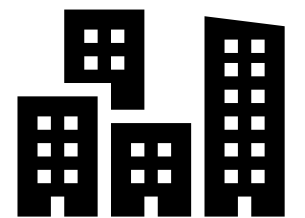
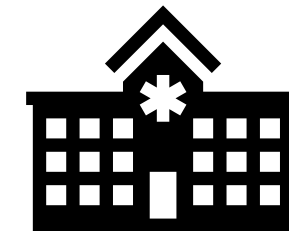
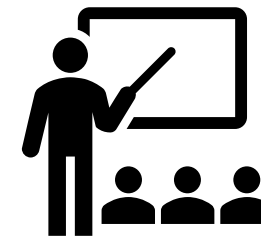
Case Conferencing:

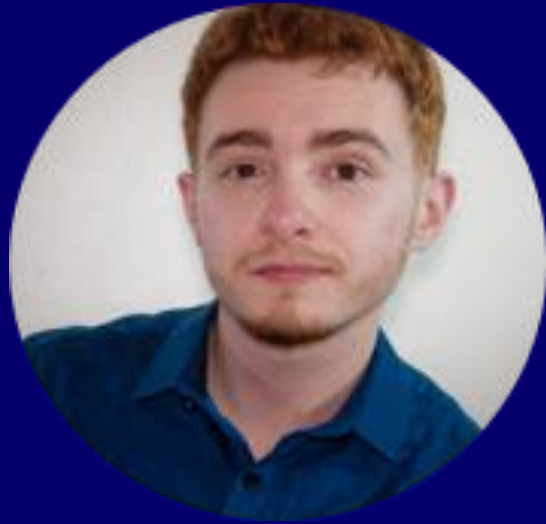
- Case managers have an opportunity to meet every two weeks with service providers, referral specialists, and case conferencing facilitators.
- The most vulnerable Clients are prioritized for housing opportunities when they open.

Cross Sector Partnerships:

ACTIVITY:

Think of other sectors or groups that could work with the homelessness response system. What partnerships make sense?





The Youth Action Board (YAB)

Understanding the YAB

- **Who They Are:** Youth ages 18-28 with lived experience of homelessness or other systems of care (foster, juvenile justice, etc.)
- **What They Do:**
 - Identified YHDP Applicants that aligned with local needs.
 - Co-created the Coordinated Community Plan (CCP) to end youth homelessness.
 - Informed funding recommendations for Local, Private, State, and Federal funding opportunities
 - Created “best practice” policies, trainings and tools for TAY Providers
 - Co-created a Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Plan for YHDP
- **Why They’re Here:**
 - Center youth voice in decision making
 - Lived Experience drives policy and funding

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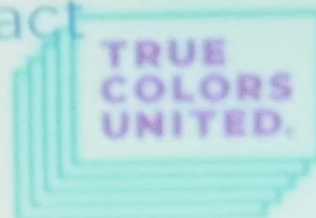
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and intersectionality to
homelessness?

s and **staff/providers** in

and young adults impact



How to become a YAB member:

Submit Your Application!

Use the QR Code to apply:

Paid Stipends:

\$25 per hour

Leadership Experience:

CoC Committee Member
Involved in the TAY
Services Sector



How to Get Involved

Volunteer or Start a Career:

Volunteer:

- Volunteer during the bi-annual Point-in-Time Count in **January 2026**.
- Volunteer at a local youth-serving nonprofit:
 - **Organize a donation drive** (coats & umbrellas in the winter or water bottles and sunscreen in the summer)
 - **Have a hobby or skill? Teach a free workshop!**

Start a Career:

- Add any volunteer experience to your resume, be sure to include this “Summer Civic Academy” experience.
- Entry-level Roles in the Homeless Response System:
 - **Shelter staff**
 - **Drop-in Center Staff**
 - **Advocates**
 - **Peer Mentors**

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Q&A

Do you have any unanswered questions about the CoC, Youth Homelessness, or the YAB?