HOMELESS AWARENESS MONTH

Persons with Lived Experience of Homelessness

PWLEH

People with Lived Experience of Homelessness, or PWLEH, are people who have past or current experience of homelessness.

Importance of PWLEH

Honoring PWLEH is an important step to ensure that the system is responsive to the needs of those who have directly interacted with the services it provides. Their perspective and knowledge help us to build a better homeless response system.



In the Detroit CoC, PWLEH are included in decision making spaces such as:

- The Ambassador Program
- Seats on the Detroit CoC Board
- Formal roles on CoC Committees and Workgroups
- The Detroit Advisors Group (DAG)
- The Youth Action Council (YAC) (formerly known as Youth Action Board)

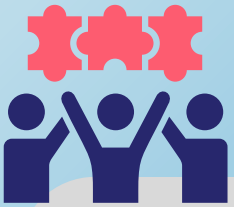
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Highlights from PWLEH Engagement in Detroit

Budget to support PWLEH for their work in the system



PWLEH-led events such as Voter Registration Drives, Resource Fairs, Focus Groups, Community Discussions and more



Continued efforts to increase PWLEH collaboration opportunities such as in system processes and policy review

Staff positions created to supporting PWLEH work: Engagement Manager and Client Support Liaison

Ongoing PWLEH leadership such as trainings, attendance at conferences, and representation at conferences and panel discussions

and more...



Launching the PWLEH Leadership Council to honor the formal committees and meeting spaces of PWLEH



PWLEH voices heard in YHDP decision-making processes

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