

The CoC to request your **assistance with recruiting interested youth for a Youth Action Board (YAB)** that will play a critical role in this year's [Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project](#) (YHDP) application process. Please help us spread the word to youth about the Board and encourage them to attend one of our information sessions (details below).

About YHDP: YHDP is a grant from HUD **to help CoCs fund new and innovative programs to serve youth experiencing homelessness**. The CoC is applying for YHDP funds this year, and if HUD chooses us this will be a great opportunity to **expand housing services available to youth across the county**.

**About the YAB:** We are looking for at least 3 folks with lived experience of homelessness who are under 24 years old and are passionate about being involved in improving the system. We have a very tight turnaround (the application is due at the end of July), so **members would need to commit to meeting weekly for the next 4 weeks** to help brainstorm and draft the application.

Most, if not all of this, is going to happen over Zoom. We recognize that this might be a barrier to participation for some youth, so we are looking into securing computers, hotspots, or other ways for people to participate who need access to technology. We will also provide stipends of at least \$20/hr to all participants.

We are hosting **two information sessions** for youth interested in getting involved in the YAB. All attendees **need to register** using the links below. They will then receive the Zoom links.

- **Wednesday, June 30 from 4pm-5pm**

- <https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEuuiprzstHNcMDGkconUOsfcpjw2lneEa>

Please note that, regardless of whether the county gets YHDP funding, OSH will continue to support the YAB as an active CoC advisory board that will help shape policies and decisions impacting youth going forward, so this is an excellent opportunity for youth who want to be involved in long-term policy work in the CoC.

Thank you,

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