

### **ADDRESSING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS**

### WHY YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

If 1 in every 5 youth/young adults experiencing homelessness become financially independent adults, the net value of expenditures that would be avoided over their lifetimes is an estimated \$61.2 million.

(2011 Youth Link Study)

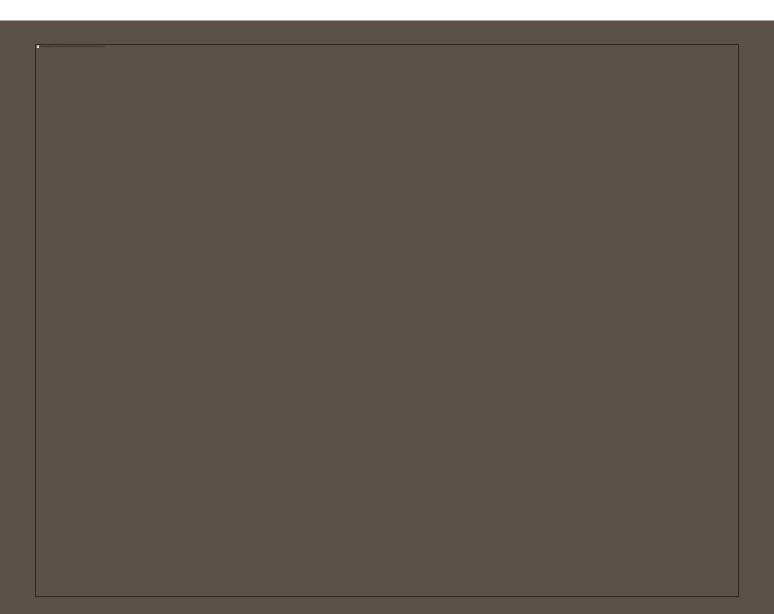
#### AND

Addressing youth homelessness *prevents* family and chronic homelessness! **45%** of the entire population experiencing homelessness first experienced homelessness as a youth or young adult.

(2019 Count Us In Report)



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Young people experiencing homelessness are disproportionately people of color with Black/African Americans (34% compared to 6% of general pop), Latinx (20% compared to 10% of general pop), and American Indian/Alaska Native (10% compared to <1% of general pop) having significant overrepresentation.

Young adults identifying as LGBTQ+ are also overrepresented in the homelessness system (34% compared to 4.8% of general pop).

Rates of foster care involvement were highest among unaccompanied youths and young adults under 25 years old (31% versus 18% of adult respondents).

When compared to survey respondents ages 25 and older, unaccompanied young people reported higher rates of psychiatric or emotional conditions and post-traumatic stress disorder.





### **COUNT US IN 2019**



The 2019 Point in Time (PIT) Count of individuals experiencing homelessness showed a downward trend in the number of youth and young adults experiencing homelessness in our community, including:

- A 28% decrease in the number of unaccompanied youth and young adults.
- A 52% decrease in the number of unaccompanied minors

## Why are we seeing progress?

It's the result of our whole community coming together--young people experiencing homelessness, government at every level, nonprofits, businesses, foundations, and everyone in between -- to address youth and young adult homelessness.



### HOMELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM DASHBOARDS

### SYSTEM ENTRIES

Newly homeless

Previously housed or inactive

### **ACTIVE IN SYSTEM**

Unsheltered, emergency shelter, transitional housing, searching for housing (RRH)

Coordinated Entry prioritized list

### **SYSTEM EXITS**

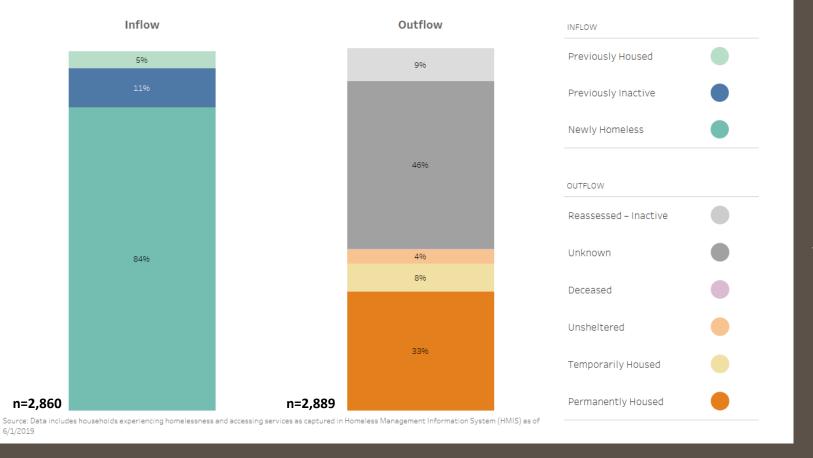
Permanently housed

Temporarily housed, unsheltered exit, deceased, inactive or unknown destination



## HOMELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM DASHBOARDS

Where do **Youth and Young Adult** households enter the homeless response system from? Where do they exit to?



# 1,511 youth and young adult households

WERE ACTIVELY RECEIVING SERVICES FROM THE HOMELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM ON 12/31/19



## END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS NOW

### THE GOAL

FUNCTIONAL ZERO: youth and young adults falling into homelessness will be housed in 30 days or less

### WHAT'S DIFFERENT

- The goal: not managing, ending (functional zero)
- Youth driven: centering customer voice
- Racial and social justice focus
- Cross-sector collaboration
- Behavioral health and other wraparound services



## YOUTH HOMELESSNESS DEMONSTRATION

The campaign was sparked from the U.S.

Department of Housing and Urban Development's

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program

\$5.4 Million grant, of which All Home was one of the first 10 awardees in the nation.

Our Coordinated Community Plan was developed by over 100 stakeholders committed to preventing and ending youth homelessness, including young people experiencing homelessness, providers, advocates, elected officials and philanthropy.





### END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS NOW

Transparent and readily accessible data for real-time action

Nimble Command-Center Style Implementation Team

Proven menu of strategies and interventions

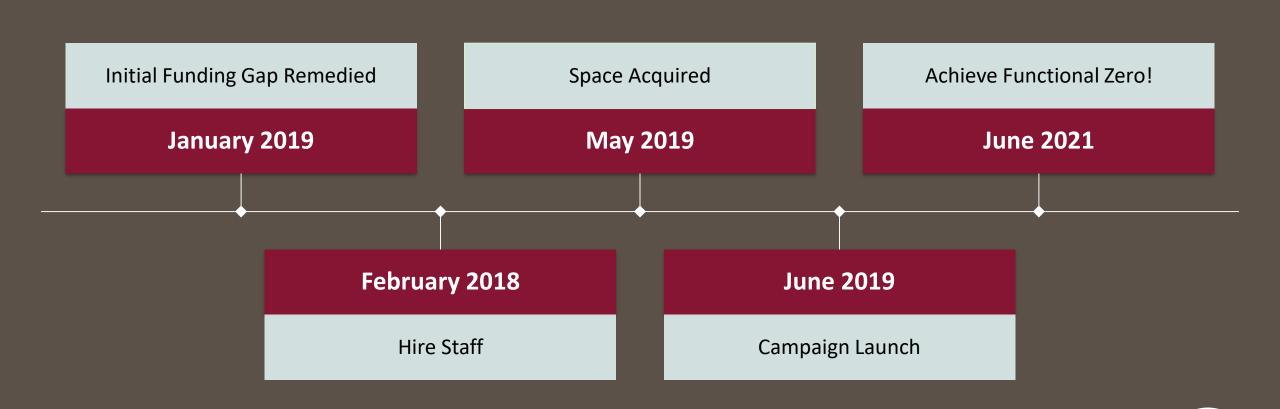
Flexible resources that can be shifted in response to data

### **PROGRESS TO DATE**

All Home, King County DCHS, and City of Seattle HSD signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) confirming their commitment to the campaign and creating the Functional Zero Action Team that will operationalize the systems transformation as outlined in the Coordinated Community Plan.

The Youth Engagement Team (YET) and Young Adult Navigation/Diversion (YA NAV/DIV) Teams have served more than 180 youth and young adults experiencing homelessness since their launch in October 2018.

## **CAMPAIGN TIMELINE**



### THE WORK AHEAD

Increased coordination of funding and accountability structures

Addressing systemic racism and root causes of inequity

Radical collaboration with other systems (juvenile justice, education, child welfare, etc.)

Increasing diversity in system, organizational leadership, and Board membership

Double down on evidenced-based and best-practice strategies

Continuous improvement driven by a Theory of Change



## **QUESTIONS?**



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