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**.
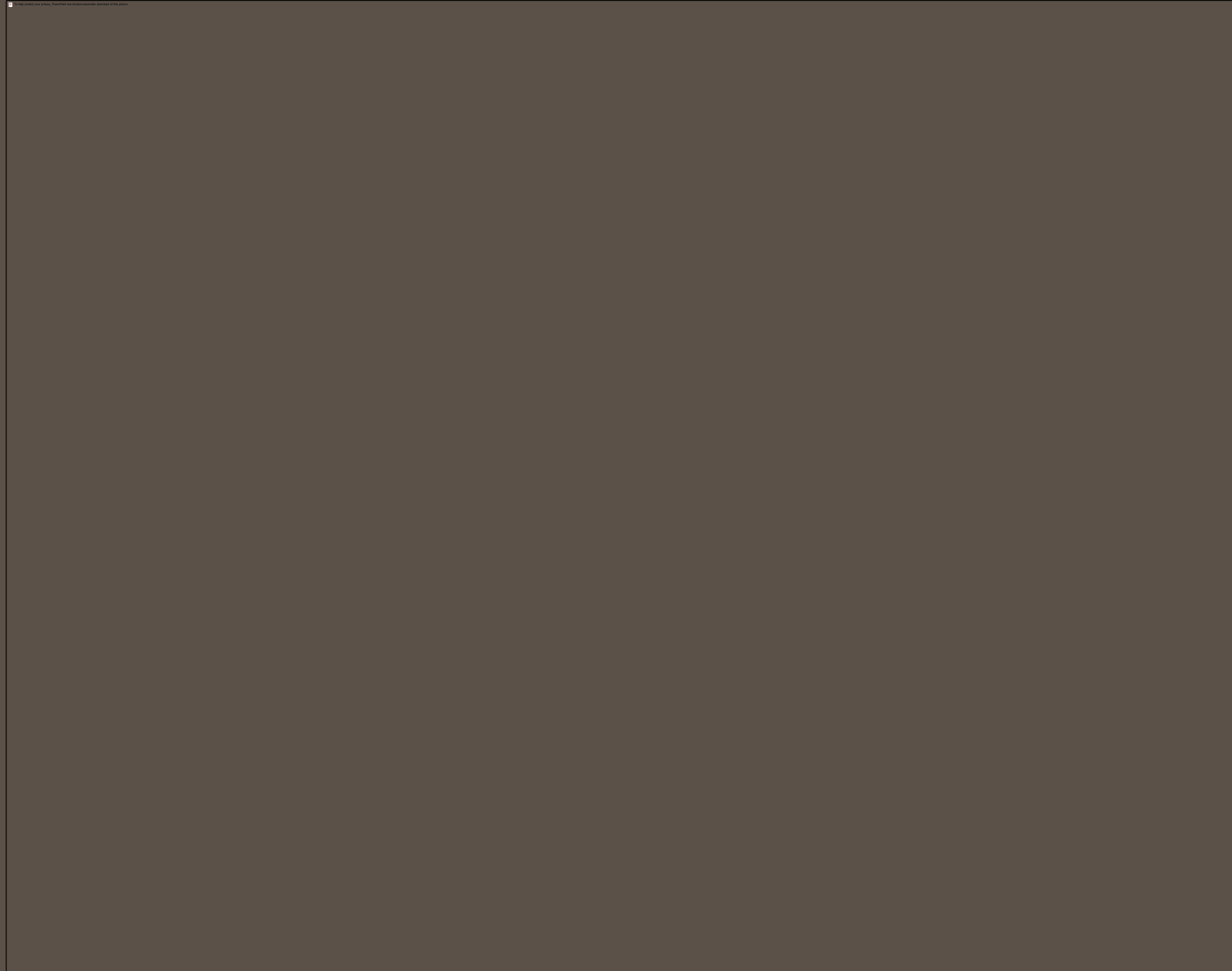
(2011 Youth Link Study)

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.
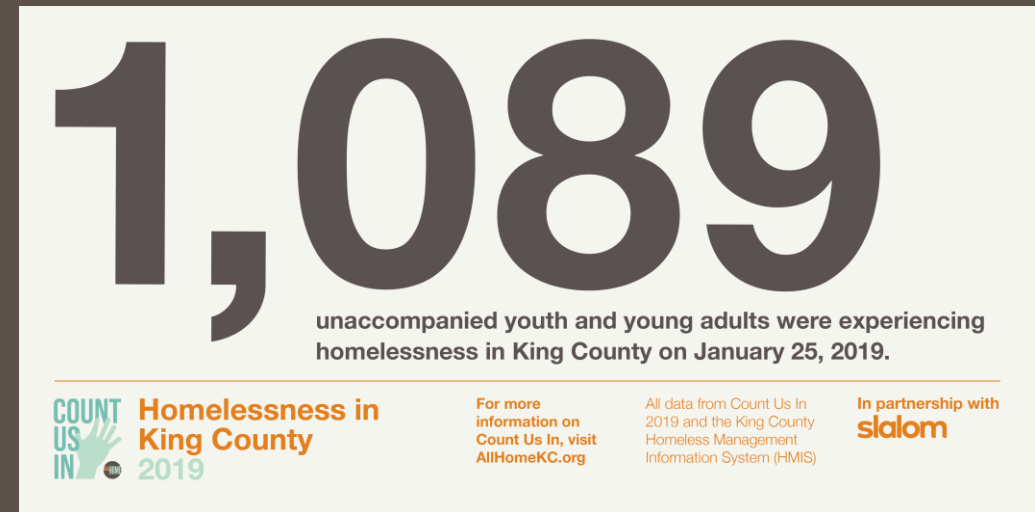
(2019 Count Us In Report)

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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.

1,089

unaccompanied youth and young adults were experiencing homelessness in King County on January 25, 2019.

COUNT US IN 2019 **Homelessness in King County**

For more information on Count Us In, visit AllHomeKC.org

All data from Count Us In 2019 and the King County Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

In partnership with slalom

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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)
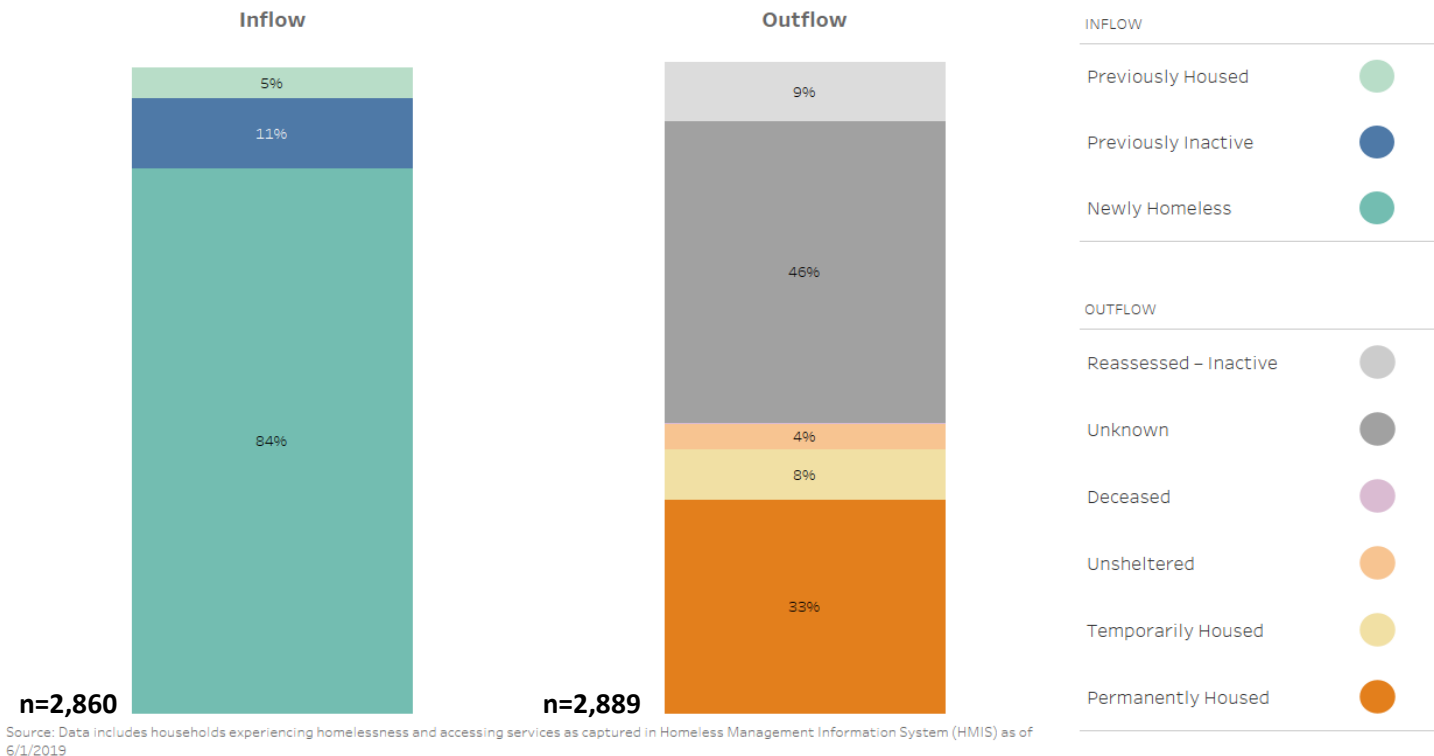
Coordinated Entry prioritized list

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?

Inflow

5%

11%

84%

n=2,860

Outflow

9%

46%

4%

8%

33%

n=2,889

INFLOW

Previously Housed

Previously Inactive

Newly Homeless

OUTFLOW

Reassessed – Inactive

Unknown

Deceased

Unsheltered

Temporarily Housed

Permanently Housed

Source: Data includes households experiencing homelessness and accessing services as captured in Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) as of 6/1/2019

1,511
youth and young adult households

WERE ACTIVELY RECEIVING SERVICES FROM THE HOMELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM ON 12/31/18

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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.

YHDP FUNDED PROGRAMS

Bridge Housing

Youth Engagement Team

Behavioral Health Crisis Response

Navigation and Diversion

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A SYSTEM APPROACH

Shift from patchwork of programs to a highly responsive system of excellence

Flexible operating structures

Central place to manage effectively and efficiently all youth investments
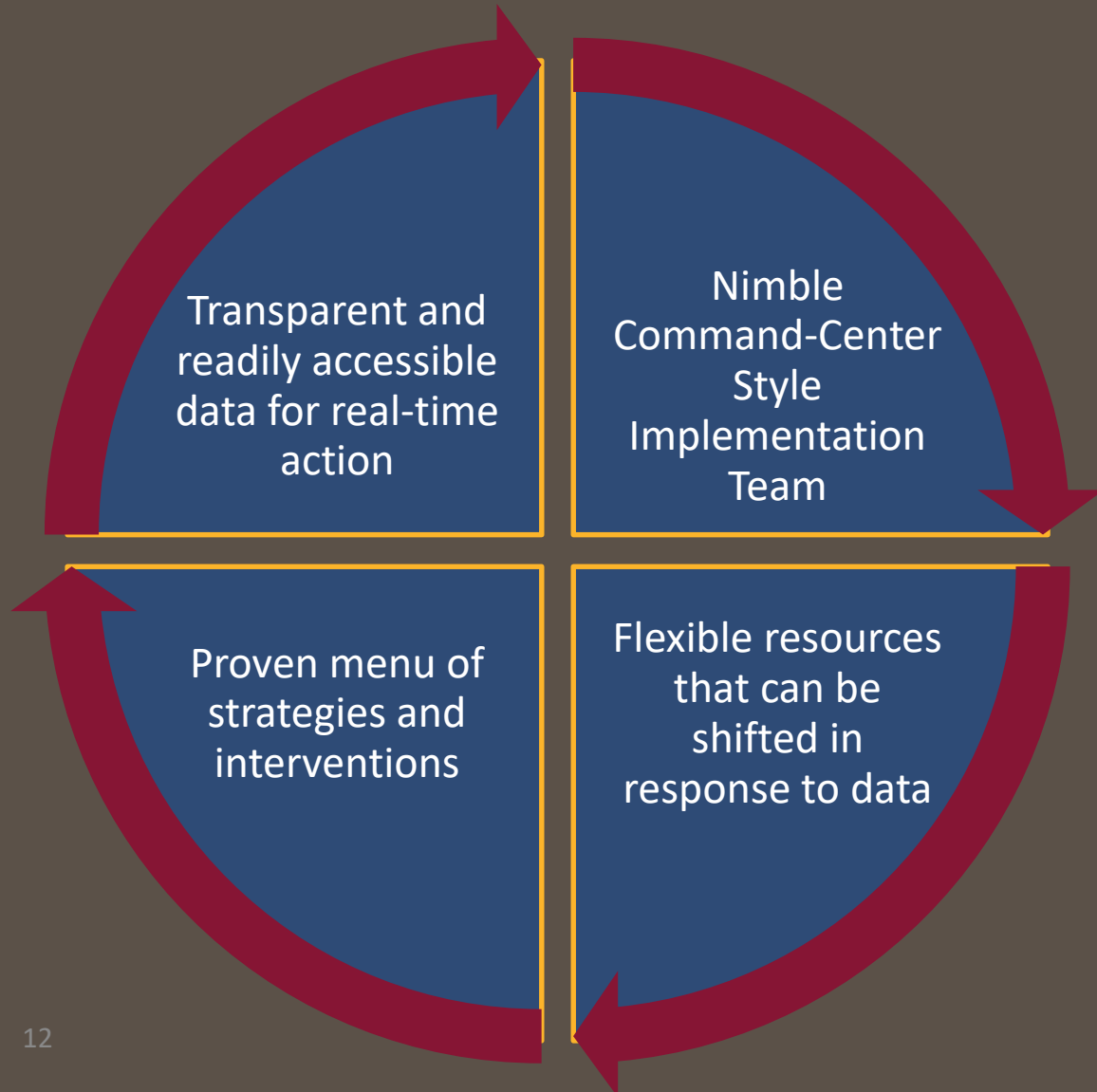
Operationalizing Racial Equity throughout system

Increase in provider staff skills and capacity and ability to recruit and retain talent

Increased knowledge of what works and bring to scale

ACHIEVING FUNCTIONAL ZERO

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Transparent and readily accessible data for real-time action

Nimble Command-Center Style Implementation Team

Proven menu of strategies and interventions

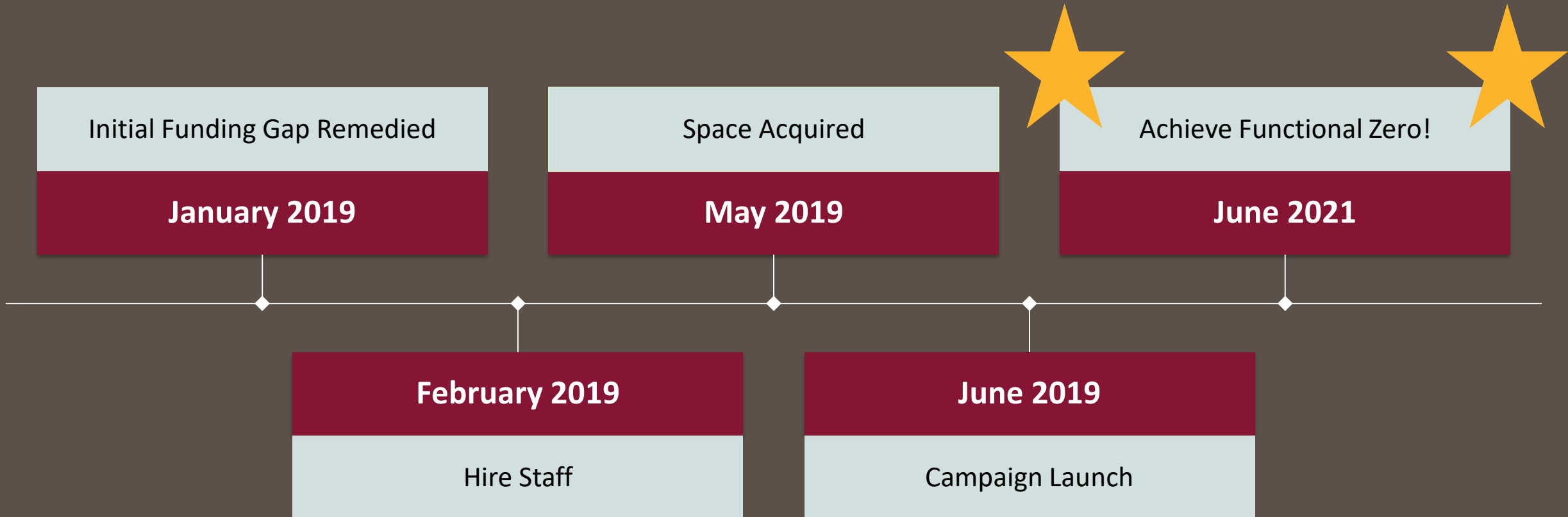Flexible resources that can be shifted in response to data

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.

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CAMPAIGN TIMELINE

Initial Funding Gap Remedied	Space Acquired	Achieve Functional Zero!
January 2019	**May 2019**	**June 2021**

February 2019	**June 2019**
Hire Staff	Campaign Launch

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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

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QUESTIONS?

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