



Welcome!



Our mission is to prevent and end youth homelessness in the South Los Angeles region.

our purpose...



I don't want to...



I need help ...



I should be in school...



Now what?



Where do I go?

First Interfaith TAY Summit

MAY 2013-RAISING AWARENESS



**Board President
Reverend Kelvin Sauls
Holman United Methodist Church**



**Board Secretary
Kande Lewis
The Positive
Results Corporation**



**Board Treasurer
Janet Denise Kelly
Sanctuary of Hope**

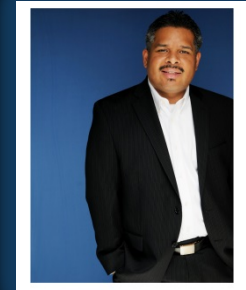
our leadership



**Rev. Deborah Manns
The Virtuous Woman, Inc.**



**Executive Director
Gerald E. Thompson
Pathways to Your Future**



**Franco Vega
The Right Way Foundation**



our initial funders...



Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas
L.A. County Board of
Supervisors
Second District



and so we began...

Monthly Collaborative Meetings



August 2013-April 2014

- **Last Thursday of the month**
- **3:00 pm to 4:30 pm**
- **Constituent Service Center
8th Council District Office**



building partnerships...

Greater Chosen Temple Christian Fellowship

Children's Institute

Restoration Diversion Services (RDS)

California Family Health Council

Special Needs Network

Loyola Marymount University

Crittenton Services for Children & Families

CARRE Foundation

Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services



L.A. Child Guidance Center

SCHARP/ Step Out Apartments



When 100 Grandmothers Pray



Higher Goals, Inc.

Cease Fire



CA Youth Connection

Black Parent Union

Blessed Village, LLC

Christian Fundamentalist Internal Revenue Employees (CFIRE)

King Drew HS

Inner City Industry

Peace Over Violence

CASA of Los Angeles

Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Pathways Office of the Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas

Living Advantage, Inc.



Good Seed Community Dev. Corp

Ole Skool Ministries



Rent to Own Realty

G & R Ultimate Child Care

UNPRISON/FAPC

Everychild Foundation

Angel's Nest TLP

1736 Crisis Family Center

Lyke Me Advocacy

CHAMP Community Foundation



Let Us, Inc.

National Alliance On Mental Illness (NAMI)

Star View TEAMMATES

Little Lake City School District

Lillian Mobley Multipurpose Center

Peace Over Violence

Watts Labor Community Action Committee (WLCAC)

Marymount California College

Public Counsel

ARC Mid-Cities

Our Children LA



Shields for Families

Jobs Create Peace

creating buy-in...

HOMELESS BUT NOT HOPELESS



EDUCATE ENGAGE EMPOWER
EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS

The Empowerment Congress
Mental Health Committee
invites you to speak out on
**Housing Solutions for
Youth with Mental Health Needs**

Date: Thursday, August 7th, 2014
Time: 12:00 p.m. (Lunch will be provided)
Location: Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic
Exposition Park Office
3787 S. Vermont Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90007

RSVP Required to JonathanL@iacg.org or 323-373-2400 x3360.

Please join us for a focus group facilitated by the South Los Angeles Homeless Transition Age Youth and Foster Care Collaborative. The Collaborative is building strategic partnerships to prevent and end youth homelessness in South Los Angeles. The overall goal of the community planning process is to develop a comprehensive plan that will help guide the investment of future resources; inform on best practice service delivery models; and foster strong collaborations of agencies and the community working together to build a system of care. Visit www.southlatay.org for more information.

Serving the communities in Los Angeles covering the Los Angeles County Second Supervisorial District, the Empowerment Congress educates, empowers, and engages all members of its diverse communities to ensure their collective voice is heard. The Empowerment Congress Mental Health Committee is a monthly forum that joins mental health providers, allied public and nonprofit organizations, consumers, advocates, concerned citizens, and others to discuss and share ideas that address mental health-related issues and advance policy and other important initiatives. Visit www.empowermentcongress.org for more information.

Homeless but Not Hopeless: The Faith Community Engaging Transition Age Youth in South Los Angeles

Presentation to the Children and Families Commission

January 13, 2014

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Homeless but Not Hopeless: Building Community Strategic Partnerships to Prevent and End Transition Age Youth Homeless in South Los Angeles

Community Planning Briefing
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
California Community Planning and Development
Los Angeles, California
April 8, 2014

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State of Youth Homelessness-Data

2013 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count
Key Findings – Service Planning Areas
Homelessness Population Totals

LAHSA

- Increase in homelessness since 2011
- According to the 2013 LAHSA Point in Time Count, of the 53,798 homeless persons in Los Angeles County, 11,234 (20%) are in SPA 6 (South Los Angeles).
- 17% of the total no. of homeless persons in SPA 6 are under the age of 24.
- Many homeless youth in other regions throughout L.A. County are originally from South L.A.
- 6,000 homeless youth, ages 18-24 that were counted in Los Angeles. 1,130 (18.9%) of those youth were in SPA 6

Summary of Accomplishments & 2013 Plans



2nd Annual TAY Summit

Breakout Session Leaders

Avis Ridley-Thomas

Institute for
Nonviolence
Days of Dialogue

"Youth & Law
Enforcement Dialogue"



Pastor Kelvin Sauls
Holman United
Methodist Church

"Building Strategic
Partnerships with
Faith-based
Leaders & Churches"



Angela Rosales
Corporation for
Supportive Housing

"Giving Youth Power & Voice"



Grace Weltman
Communities in Motion

"Community Partnerships &
Coordinated Engagement"



Stephanie Inyama
Community &
Organizational Consultant

"Connecting the Dots"

HOMELESS BUT NOT HOPELESS



SECOND ANNUAL TAY SUMMIT

Building Strategic Community Partnerships to Prevent
& End Transition Age Youth Homelessness in South Los Angeles

May 15, 2014

8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Holman United Methodist Church

3320 West Adams Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90018



Actor Harry Lennix
Master of Ceremonies
Stars in the NBC hit series
"The Blacklist"



Marqueece Harris-Dawson
Keynote Speaker
President & CEO
Community Coalition



Starlett Quarles
Mistress of Ceremonies
Community Activist &
Advocate



Chairman of the Board
Mark Ridley-Thomas
Supervisor, Second District



Grantmaking for a Healthier California



Catering by G-Catering



planning activated...



Community Planning 2014

The South Los Angeles Homeless Transition Age Youth (TAY) and Foster Care Collaborative (Collaborative) is building strategic partnerships to prevent and end youth homelessness in South Los Angeles. Our movement is aimed at raising awareness, increasing resources through community planning and leveraging, and devising community-driven solutions. Funded by The California Wellness Foundation, the Collaborative has launched a community planning process that is focused on engaging TAY, nonprofit and government agencies serving homeless TAY and foster care youth, businesses, and other community stakeholders. Our effort is focused on developing solutions and strategies that are inclusive of the community, aiming for high participation and interactive engagement. The overall goal of the community planning process is to develop a comprehensive plan for South Los Angeles to prevent and end youth homelessness. This will help guide how future investment and resources are made; how services are delivered to meet the needs of homeless TAY; and how agencies and the community are working together to make systematic change in South Los Angeles. There are different ways to get involved, contribute, and participate! We encourage you to be active in this process.

Planning Sessions & Activities



- Attend monthly collaborative meetings.
- Participate in working group sessions to be scheduled during the month of May 2014.
- Attend the Second Annual TAY Summit on March 15, 2014.
- Participate in half-day planning sessions in June and July 2014.
- Participate in TAY focus groups scheduled through June 2014.
- Participate in service provider focus groups.

Asset Mapping & Surveys



- Provide information on housing and shelter services
- Complete surveys specific to agencies that service or provide resources to TAY.
- Help recruit or support TAY to complete surveys that will focus on capturing their needs.
- Encourage participation of faith-based leaders and churches to complete agency surveys
- Provide volunteers to help complete surveys.

Engagement & Outreach



- Become a "Community Liaison" to help build relationships and engage the broader community.
- Receive training on community engagement and outreach techniques as a "Community Liaison" team member.
- Mentor TAY Community Liaisons that will be recruited to outreach to the TAY population.
- Identify organizations and individuals to participate in the planning process.



Our Community Planning Advisory Committee

- Janet Kelly, Collaborative Board Member
- Stephanie Inyama, Consultant
- Angela Rosales, Corporation for Supportive Housing
- Gerald Thompson, Collaborative Executive Director
- Ronald Williams, Consultant

Visit www.southlatay.org on a regular basis to track and get updated regularly on our community planning process. Contact Grace Weltman at Communities in Motion to learn more via email at grace.weltman@communities-in-motion.com or call (424) 254-8604 for detailed information about how you and your organization can be involved.



designing the workgroups...

THE SOUTH L.A. HOMELESS TAY &
FOSTER CARE YOUTH COLLABORATIVE



Workgroup Members Guidelines

June 2014

Developed by:





Ronald Williams
The Shoftim Group
(TSG)



Karen Cash
Blessed Village



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CHAMP
Community
Foundation

Workgroup Leaders



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Mental Health
Committee

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Department of
Mental Health



Chris L. Hickey, Sr. Ph.D.
Each One – Teach
One Alliance



workgroup questions...

Community Planning 2014 Background

THE COLLABORATIVE is comprised of stakeholder workgroups that will inform and guide the priorities of the community's strategic plan. These workgroups were identified based on feedback received from the community through monthly collaborative meetings and other outreach events that began in January 2014. These workgroups will further discuss issues, identify solutions, and create action plans to guide the community's strategic plan for homeless TAY and foster care youth in South Los Angeles. Work will commence in July 2014 and should be completed no later than August 31, 2014.

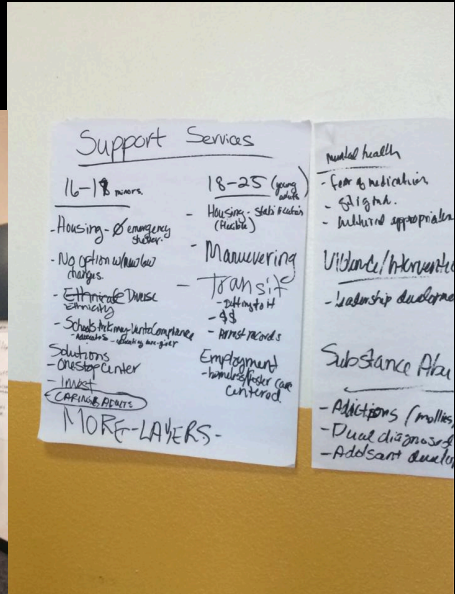
The workgroups are:



1. What are the most important issues, service gaps, and challenges within your topic as it relates to youth homelessness in South Los Angeles?
2. What detailed solutions do you envision?
3. What are the recommended action steps? Be specific.

planning at work...

6/2014 – 8/2014



the results...

**Six Strategic
Community
Goals**

Goal #1

Improve the coordination of services, simplify access, and eliminate barriers.

Challenges

- ✓ **Lack of available housing**
- ✓ **System lacks coordination**
- ✓ **System is cumbersome**

Objectives

- ✓ **Universal assessment tool and protocols**
- ✓ **Unified data systems and data collection protocols**
- ✓ **Coordinated Engagement Systems (CES)**
- ✓ **Improved Communication**

Goal #11

Increase and improve housing options for homeless youth in South Los Angeles.

Challenges

- ✓ Lack of available housing
- ✓ Lack of a strategic and system view
- ✓ Insufficient housing
- ✓ Limited options
- ✓ Disenfranchisement and disengagement
- ✓ No special consideration for specific populations
- ✓ Lack of a coordinated strategy to develop skills and capacity

Objectives

- ✓ Collaborate to develop housing
- ✓ Align housing expansion
- ✓ Expand and support student housing development
- ✓ Standardize housing provider requirements
- ✓ Increase TAY-serving drop in centers
- ✓ Lack of a strategic and system view

Goal #III

Coordinate and enhance critical support systems and services targeting homeless TAY and foster care youth.

Challenges

- ✓ **Lack of a viable and sustainable local economy**
- ✓ **Lack of critical life skills and education**
- ✓ **Support systems and services are disjointed and not linked**

Objectives

- ✓ **Increase employment**
- ✓ **Coordinate and deepen partnerships**
- ✓ **Improve linkages to mental health**
- ✓ **Partner with education**
- ✓ **Integrate services to result in stability for TAY**
- ✓ **Partner with probation and law enforcement**

Goal #IV

Improve public policies and systems that address or omit homeless and at-risk youth.

Challenges

- ✓ Inability for South LA to connect at regional, state and national levels
- ✓ No awareness of magnitude of youth homelessness
- ✓ No attention to program and administrative barriers
- ✓ Need for education and training on policy and advocacy

Objectives

- ✓ Create a public policy and legislative platform
- ✓ Raise awareness about youth homelessness
- ✓ Advocate for improvements
- ✓ Eliminate and reduce administrative barriers
- ✓ Increase advocacy and public policy skills

Goal #V

Improve and expand leadership, collaborative will, and service capacity of South Los Angeles service providers, the faith-based community, community leaders, and TAY.

Challenges

- ✓ No basic preparation, training and technical assistance to expand housing opportunities
- ✓ No focus on increasing collaboration and influencing collaborative good will
- ✓ Inability to navigate requirements, rules and standards
- ✓ TAY has no voice

Objectives

- ✓ Expand training and technical assistance
- ✓ Create an infrastructure to build trust
- ✓ Strengthen “train the trainer” education
- ✓ Enhance and extend standardized training
- ✓ Create a South LA TAY leadership development program

Goal #VI

Produce and compile data and research that best describes the opportunities, needs, and gaps of homeless and at-risk youth in the South Los Angeles.

Challenges

- ✓ Inability to identify gaps and needs
- ✓ Lack of a demographic profile of a South LA homeless youth
- ✓ No coordination of data

Objectives

- ✓ Complete the community asset mapping process
- ✓ Partner with higher education
- ✓ Share, track, and compile TAY specific data
- ✓ Develop an overall evaluation plan

reflections...



transformative process...



**Believed their
input mattered**



**Saw each other
as equals**

Partners



**Hoped this process
would get things done**



**Were motivated
to work together**

what we learned...



- How to think strategically with partners.
- How to look at producing solutions with outcomes.
- The value of collaboration vs. competition.
- To network, build relationships and share resources strategically
- TAY presence is critical; our answers may not be their solutions.
- The need to create a standard language and glossary of terms.
- The value of credible data and research to drive action and change.

here we are today...

HOMELESS BUT NOT HOPELESS
LAUNCHING OUR COMMUNITY PLAN
Homeless No More

Thursday, September 25, 2014
9:00 am to 12:00 pm
www.southlatay.org

events@southlatay.org
(424) 570-5755



Holman United Methodist Church
3320 West Adams Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90018

RSVP by September 21, 2014
Online Registration Now Open

Engage and Participate!
*Strategic Vision for TAY in South L.A.
Community Plan Unveiling
Assesst Mapping & Resources
Action Planning & Implementation*



Through our community planning process, we have developed a road map to increase investments, coordinate services, impact public policy, lead advocacy, and expand housing opportunities for TAY in the South Los Angeles region.



Collaborative Consultants



*The community planning
process, tools, approach, and
facilitation was developed and
led by Communities in Motion.*



**Grace Weltman, MPP
President & CEO**

**Stephanie Inyama, MBA
Organizational &
Community Consultant**

Collaborative Consultants



Robert Lewis
**President/
CEO**
NEX-Impact



*Providing strategic consulting
focused resource development
and investment opportunities.*



Shaun Randolph
Founder
Deo V.
Development & Investments

call to action...



Homeless No More Community Plan Call To Action

The South Los Angeles Homeless No More Community Plan is our response to preventing and ending youth homelessness in our community. As a stakeholder who is invested in being a part of the solution, I will contribute to the Collaborative's effort to implement our community plan. I pledge to keep my commitments, leverage my resources, and contribute time to implementing and achieving our goals.



Thank You!

