Washington Youth & Families Fund
Q&A Session: RFP for Youth

August 21, 2019
2:30-4:00pm
Welcome!

AGENDA:

• Housekeeping
• RFP Overview
• Q&A
Two Ways to Ask Questions

1. “Raise your hand” by clicking the hand button and we’ll unmute you.

2. Type your question into the Chat box.
About Building Changes

- **Our Vision:** Everyone has a home and the opportunity for a healthy, fulfilling life.

- **Our Mission:** Building Changes believes everyone in Washington can be stably housed. We strengthen the leaders, organizations, and systems that make it possible.

- **Our Values:** Integrity. Equity. Collaboration. Results.
About Building Changes

- We bring together research, best practice, innovation and advocacy to advance strategies and improve local homeless systems.

- We work with service providers, government and philanthropy to take on a systems change approach that shifts the way we decide on policy, practice, resource allocation and service delivery.

- We help communities identify and eliminate racial disparities to ensure services are accessible, inclusive and equitable.
Approach

This funding approach will allocate up to $1,520,000 to be used for up to three years to test Critical Transition Coaching (CTC) as an innovative strategy that ensures no youth or young adult is discharged from a public facility into homelessness.
CTC merges the intensive support structure of Critical Time Intervention (CTI) with population-specific best practice of the Action Committee Team on Youth Homelessness (ACT) Program (a program of The REACH Center in Tacoma), and recommendations from those with lived expertise.

CTC provides tailored programming that increases support and housing stability for YYA exiting systems of care in Washington’s homeless and housing system.
Defining CTC

CTC provides support to YYA during the transition out of public systems of care by strengthening their network of support in the community.

Coaches create a warm, responsive and caring environment in which their positive, authentic partnership with YYA will provide the safety and security YYA need to feel safe and able to focus on their development.

This will create a space for YYA to secure permanent housing, acquire skills, access meaningful jobs and gain confidence to live independently.
CTI vs. CTC

**Critical Time Intervention**
- Designed for adults in transition.
- Phases include: Pre-CTI, Transition, Try-Out and Transfer of Care.
- Does not have Flexible Funding to meet basic needs during transition.
- Does not incorporate specialized skill of Diversion services.
- Does not work in collaboration with CE to strengthen services and community infrastructure.
- Focuses on an array of goals that increased ties to the community.

**Critical Transition Coaching**
- Designed for youth and young adults in transition from facilities to homelessness.
- Phases include: Build Trust, Transition into Community, Try it out and Independence.
- Has Flexible Funding to meet basic needs during transition.
- Is enhanced with the specialized skill of Diversion services.
- Works in partnership with CE to strengthen services and community infrastructure.
- Focuses on specific skill development, employment and educational goals that increases ties to the community.
Phases of CTC

Phase 1: Build Trust
Phase 2: Transition into Community
Phase 3: Try it Out
Phase 4: Independence
Learning Goal and TA

- Building Changes aims to learn what services within CTC can increase permanent connections, increase economic mobility, and increase housing permanency for YYA exiting facilities – with special attention to YYA of color.

- We will learn how CE needs to adapt in order to best meet the unique needs of YYA. To learn this, we would like selected grantees to establish a collaborative relationship with local Coordinated Entry partners. Building Changes will support and provide technical assistance to partnership in order to implement community-wide learnings and incremental changes in local Coordinated Entry systems. These systems will be tailored to individualized communities with the goal of increasing ease of access for YYA, with special attention to YYA of color.

- Building Changes will provide both training and technical assistance to the partnership, including but not limited to Diversion, Critical Transition Coaching, Data Informed Decision Making, and Race Equity.
Policy and Advocacy Goals

This approach aligns with the work outlined in Washington State Substitute Senate Bill 6560, which was passed into law in 2018. The bill requires “…the Department of Children Youth and Families (DCYF) and the Office of Homeless Youth Prevention and Protection Programs to develop a plan to ensure that, by December 31, 2020, no unaccompanied youth is discharged from a publicly funded system of care into homelessness.”

As such, projects funded through this RFP will contribute to statewide learning: building on previous work and informing future efforts to address youth homelessness in Washington.
Policy and Advocacy Goals

In addition, this project will promote and strengthen the case for increased funding to support outreach to YYA exiting facilities into homelessness and augmentation of individual CE systems across the state, towards better meeting the needs of YYA.
Application Information

Geography
Areas across Washington State outside of King, Pierce and Snohomish Counties. Providers from areas with high percentages of YYA exiting from facilities into homelessness are encouraged to apply (i.e. Asotin, Cowlitz, Lewis, Clallam, Douglas and Walla Walla Counties). Priority will be given to areas with disproportionately high rates of YYA of color exiting facilities.

Target Population
The target population is youth ages 13-17 who will be exiting juvenile detention, foster care, mental health crisis centers and drug rehabilitation centers into homelessness within 14 days.

The target population also includes young adults ages 18-24 who will be exiting jail, prison, foster care, mental health crisis centers and drug rehabilitation centers into homelessness within 14 days.
Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include social service providers, local tribes, and/or community centers in WA state that are located outside of King, Pierce and Snohomish Counties.

*Culturally specific organizations or smaller organizations led and staffed by persons of color that primarily serve communities of color THAT ARE INTERESTED IN IMPLEMENTING THE MODEL OUTLINED IN THIS RFP ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY, EVEN IF NOT CURRENTLY DELIVERING HOMELESS AND HOUSING SERVICES. If selected as a grantee, Building Changes will provide training and technical assistance.*
Outcomes and Evaluation

Expected outputs include YYA are exiting facilities with:
- Permanent Housing
- Employment
- Enrollments in educational and/or skill development programs
- Permanent Supportive Connections
- Confidence to live independently

Other outputs tracked include:
- Use of Flexible Funding
- Connections to mainstream resources

Outcomes measured and compared to baseline include:
- The number/percentage of exits to permanent housing
- The number/percentage of increased incomes
- The number/percentage of enrollments in educational and/or skill development programs
- The number/percentage of YYA prioritized through CE
- The number/percentage of YYA permanently housed through CE
- Length of time between exiting facility and permanent housing

Grantees will be evaluated on client experience via client feedback loop and regular data reporting.
Competitive Applicants will Demonstrate

- Direct service staff who accurately reflect the demographics of the target population (e.g., age, race, gender, lived expertise, etc.) or a diversity plan that shows how that will be accomplished in the future;

- Organizational leadership that accurately reflects the demographics of the target population or a leadership succession plan that shows how that will be accomplished in the future;

- Thorough understanding of systemic and institutionalized racism, how it directly affects YYA experiencing homelessness, and the implications of harm caused by traditional social service delivery when applied to YYA.
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