



Setting Diversion up for success in schools

YDIP & Strengths-based Coaching

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Welcome!

Agenda:

- 1:10- 1:17 pm: Settle in, reflection exercise
- 1:17- 1:45 pm: YDIP & Strengths-based Coaching
- 1:45- 2:00 pm: Practice!
- 2:00- 2:05 pm: Final thoughts & close!

As you settle in, please reflect on the following prompt:

Think of an unresolved issue in your life. What's going on, why, & what is the current status! Be prepared to share!



Step 1. YYA exits publicly funded system of care and doesn't have a safe or stable place to stay



Step 2. YYA has Diversion conversation with community-based organization or system of care discharge planner



Step 3. Through Diversion conversation, YYA identifies flex funds as a housing solution



Step 4. Community-based organization or provider connects with YDIP fiscal administrator



Step 5. YDIP fiscal administrator distributes flex funds to meet YYA's self-identified housing solutions



Youth Diversion Infrastructure Project (YDIP)

Making flexible funding available to young people exiting systems of care by tapping into supports already in place.

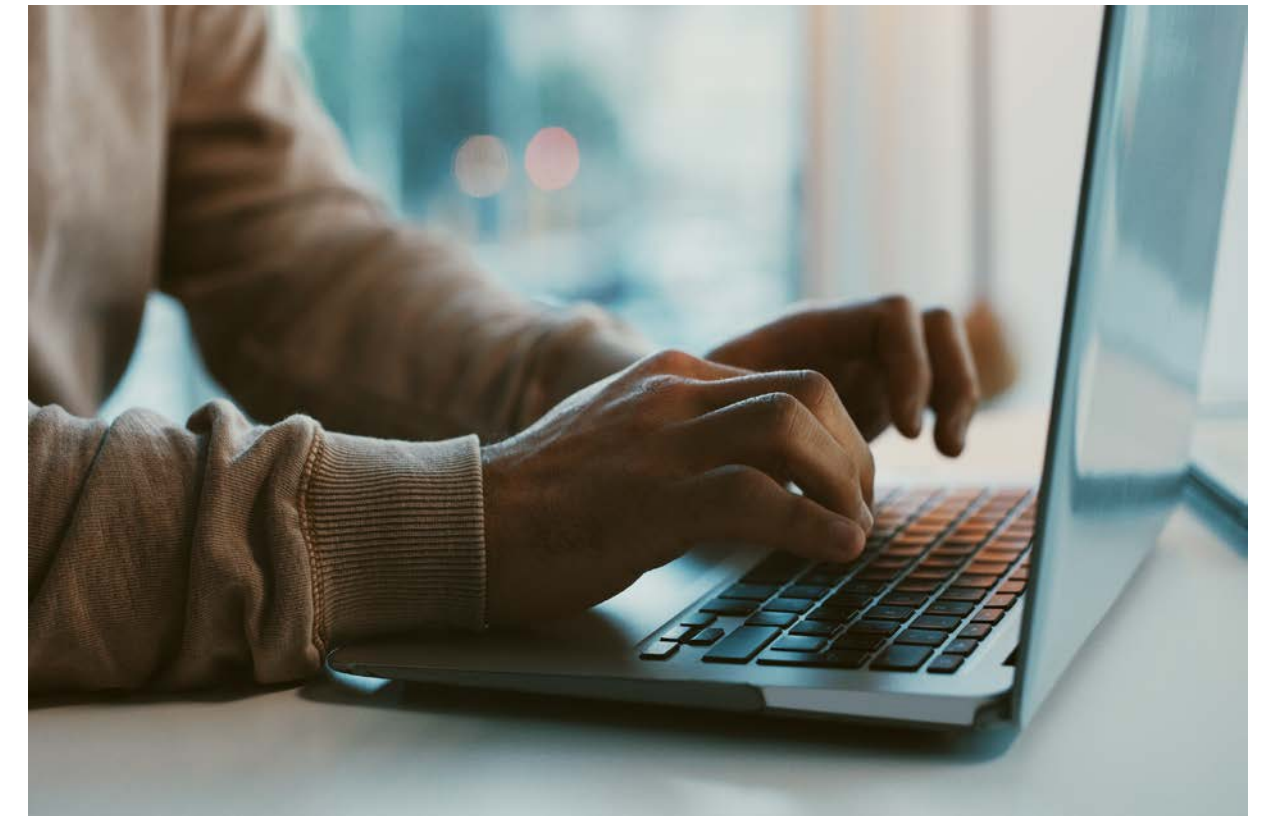
Building out partnerships that center young people in communities



SoC partners & providers working with young people



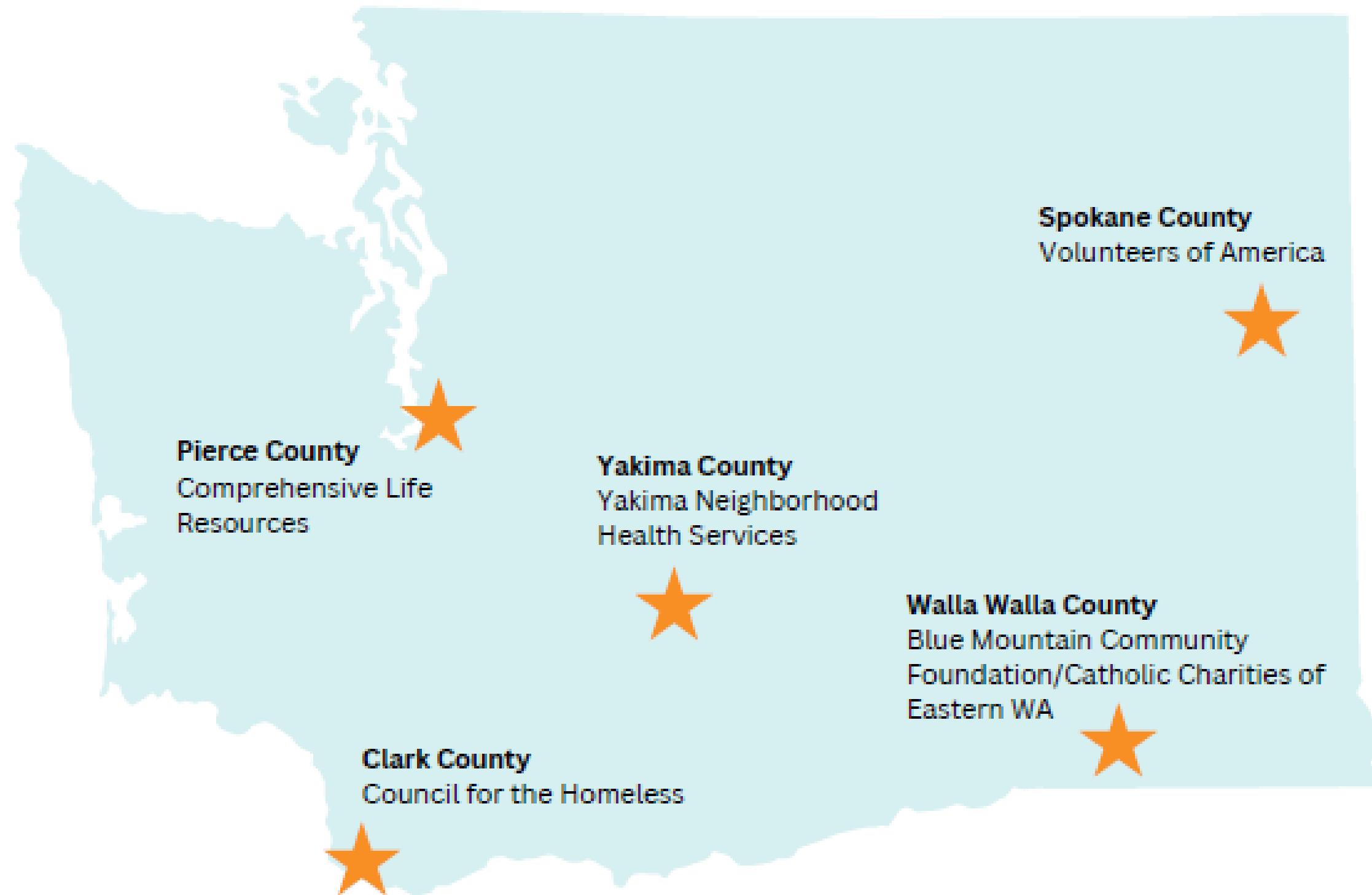
Young people looking for help



Fiscal Administrators issuing Flex Funds

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Fiscal Admins are our community-based providers working to quickly payout flex funds when requests are made.



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Blue Mountain Community Foundation & Catholic Charities of EWA
Walla Walla County

2

Comprehensive Life Resources (CLR)
Pierce County

3

Council for the Homeless
Clark County

4

Volunteers of America (E. Washington & N. Idaho)
Spokane County

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YNHS (Yakima Neighborhood Health Services)
Yakima County

Diversion

Diversion is a **fast, strengths-based problem-solving approach** that supports a person/household to identify realistic housing options from **outside the homeless system** to resolve their housing crisis quickly.

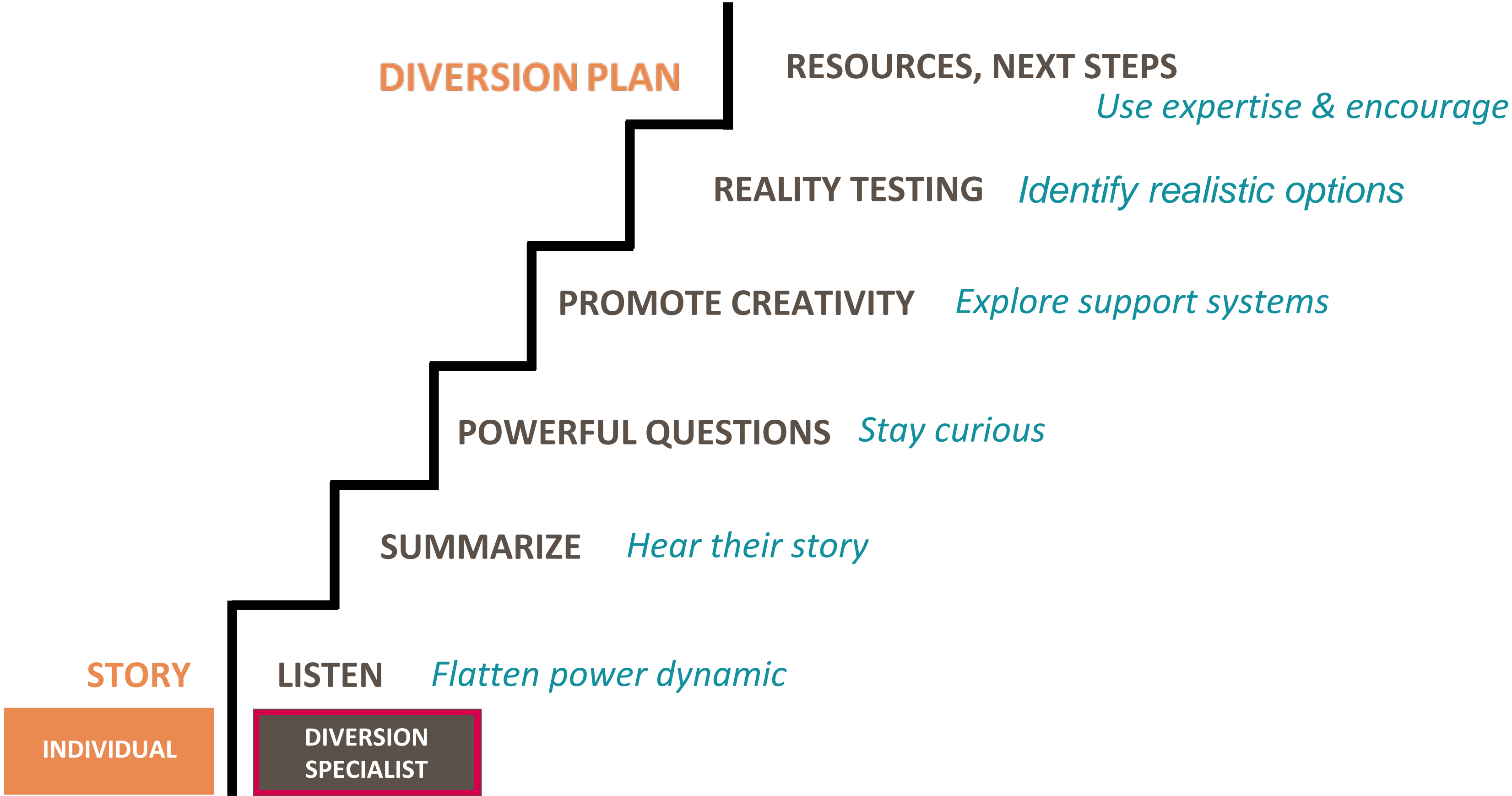
Trauma-informed & person-centered
Fast/flexible

Exploratory not prescriptive

Equitable & anti-racist



Diversion Conversation: Steps for Being a Thought Partner



Where do we fit in?

Strengths-based coaching: holding & recognizing trauma; generating possibilities



What does a good Diversion plan look like?

- ***A documented plan*** (i.e. who does what by when).
- **Housing first! Housing fast!** (Not necessarily housing-only, *but* outside of the homeless response system).
- **Low barrier, light touch:** the right amount of assistance, from the right person, at the right time.
- ➔ • **Exploratory & gets creative** through strengths.
- **Puts the young person in the driver's seat.**
- **Safe, realistic, & medium term- permanent.**



Strengths-based Coaching

Holding crisis or a problem in the moment, and shifting from crisis-mode to problem-solving mode.

- Regulating reactions to communicate needs
- Recalling what are similar things that worked, or what hasn't worked and why
- Distinguishing between *problems to be fixed & challenges to be managed* ("Polarity Management")
- Finding short term goals, long term goals, and various decision-points; **getting creative!**

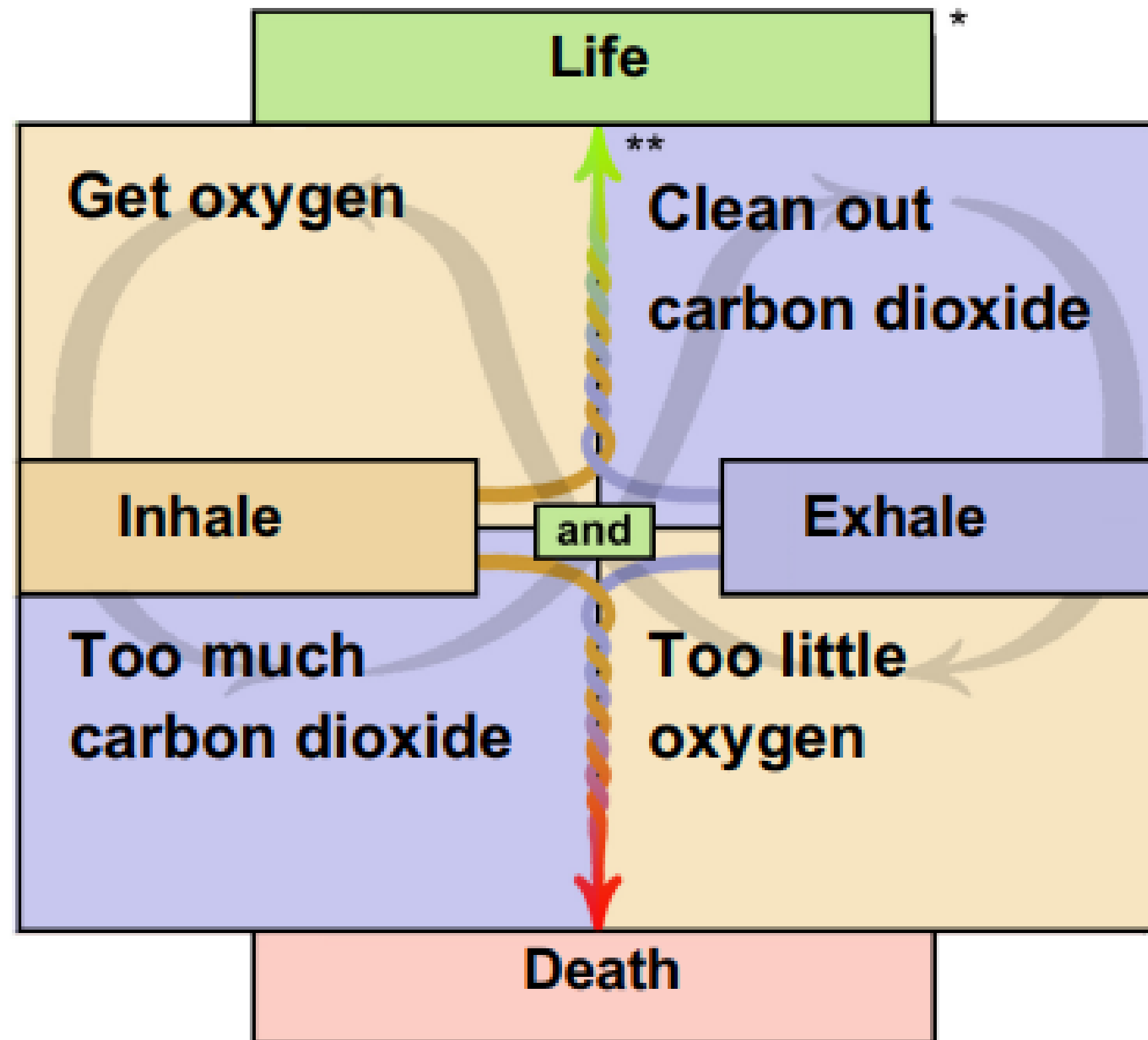
We encourage you to edit your own map so the language and values work for you

Action Steps

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Early Warnings***

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Polarity / Paradox Map®

Polarity Management Associates www.polaritymanagement.com

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**Practice: Strengths-based Coaching
& Polarity Management**

Youth Diversion Infrastructure Project (YDIP)

In 2022, the state Office of Homeless Youth (OHY) awarded Building Changes and A Way Home Washington a grant through House Bill 1905, a bill to reduce homelessness for youth and young adults exiting publicly funded systems of care. This grant, named the Youth Diversion Infrastructure Project (YDIP), consists of flexible funding and Diversion supports to help young people secure safe housing.

Building Changes manages and supports the fiscal administrators who distribute flexible funding in their communities. A Way Home Washington provides Diversion training and overall technical support for project participants.

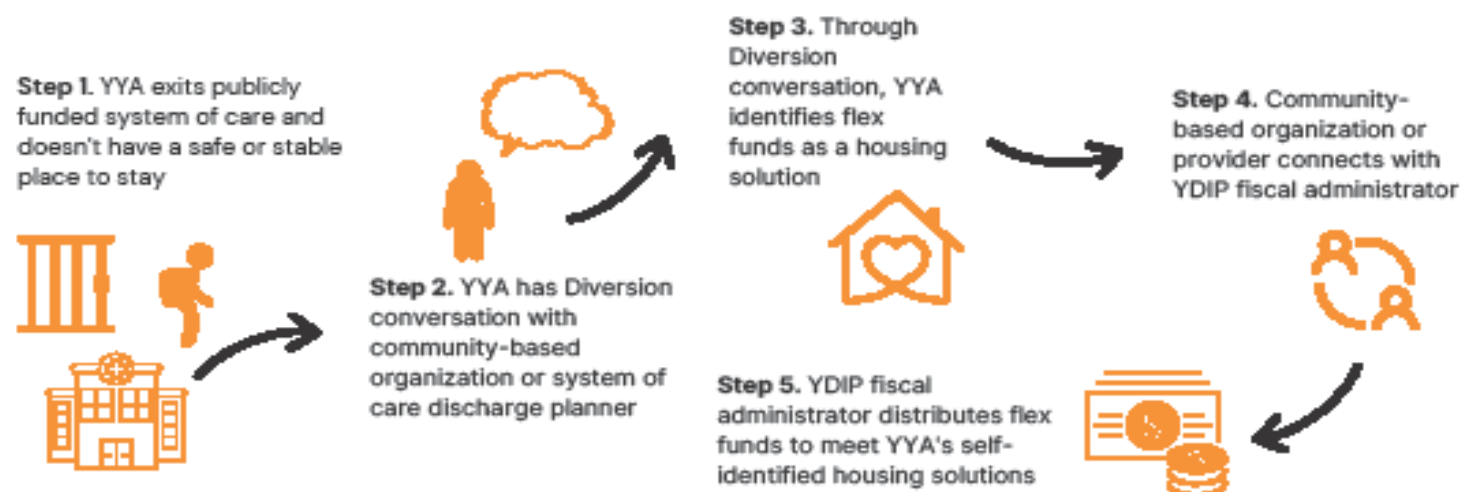
Providers can obtain flexible funding for young people through YDIP fiscal administrators:



Young people are eligible for flexible funding if they are:

- Under the age of 25,
- Exiting a publicly funded system of care, and
- In need of safe and stable housing, as defined by the young person.

How YDIP works:



What's next? Get certified! Share the word!

Upcoming YDIP Certification trainings:

May 31- June 1

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/629440522547>

Need help with bringing this into your community, agency, or System of Care?

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Thank You.

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