



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF VENTURA COUNTY

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, August 2, 2017

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Human Services Agency (Redwood Room)
855 Partridge Drive, Ventura, CA

AGENDA

3:00 p.m.	1.0 Call to Order and Agenda Review	Tony Skinner
3:02 p.m.	2.0 Public Comments Procedure: The public is welcome to comment. All comments not related to items on the agenda may be made at the beginning of the meeting only.	Tony Skinner
3:05 p.m.	3.0 Approval of Minutes: June 7, 2017	Tony Skinner
3:08 p.m.	4.0 Presentation: Ventura County Continuum of Care Alliance Jennifer Harkey, Program Administrator	
3:40 p.m.	5.0 WIOA Implementation & Development <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AJCC Certification• Programs Enrollment Report 4thrd Quarter• Year End Review 2016-2017	Patrick Newburn & Committee Members
4:20 p.m.	6.0 Committee Member Comments	Committee Members
4:30 p.m.	7.0 Adjournment <u>Next Meeting:</u> October 4, 2017 (3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.) Human Services Agency (Redwood Room) 855 Partridge Drive, Ventura, CA 93003	Tony Skinner

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WDB Programs Committee
June 7, 2017

MINUTES

Meeting Attendees

Committee Members

Tony Skinner (Chair)*
Roger Rice (Vice Chair)*
Kathy Harner*
Linda Fisher-Helton
Tressie Nickelberry
Leslie Webster

WDB Staff

Patricia Duffy
Patrick Newburn

Guests

Kim Whitaker (PathPoint, Inc.)
Omar Zapata (Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater
Oxnard and Port Hueneme) (BGCOP)
Mariana Cazares (BGCOP)

**WDB Members*

1.0 Call to Order and Agenda Review

Tony Skinner called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2.0 Public Comments

No Public Comments

3.0 Consent

- Approval of Minutes from Meeting: April 05, 2017
- Consent of Calendar 2017-2018

Wednesday August 2, 2017	Wednesday February 7, 2018
Wednesday October 4, 2017	Wednesday April 4, 2018
Wednesday December 6, 2017	Wednesday June 6, 2018

Motion to Approve: Roger Rice
Second: Kathy Harner
Motion approved

4.0 Presentation: Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme

Omar Zapata, Director of Program Services, presented a an overview of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme (BGCOP). BGCOP serves 10,600 youth overall at six clubhouse units and 12 afterschool sites. Mr. Zapata introduced Mariana Cazares the Youth Empowerment Program Director. Mariana provided a PowerPoint presentation of their Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) contracted Youth Empowerment Program. BGCOP has provided successful WIA and WIOA services to high risk youth since 2004 in Ventura County.

BGCOP was successful in the recent County RFP to be selected along with PathPoint, Inc, to provide youth services to out-of-school youth ages 16-24. WIOA eligibility requirements include barriers such as low income, basic skills deficient, pregnancy/parenting, disability, foster, probation, or homeless. BGCOP serves Oxnard and Port Hueneme, while PathPoint serves the remaining

communities in Ventura County. BGCOP expects to enroll more than 90 youth in the WIOA PY 17-18. WIOA mandates that youth participants receive as many as 14 program elements such as paid internships, alternative secondary school and drop-out recovery services, supportive services, and follow-up services after exit. BGCOP is expected to meet high levels of four successful outcomes which include employment reported in 2nd and 4th quarters after program exit, Median earnings reporting, credential attainment, and measurable skills gain.

Committee Members provided resource suggestions for BGCOP program consideration including paid apprenticeships via local labor unions; homeless shelter connection connections; and probation agency support; foster youth connections; and probation agency support. Committee members expressed encouragement and gratitude to BGCOP for their continuing efforts to offer high quality services for high risk youth.

5.0 WIOA Implementation and Development

- Patrick Newburn provided Committee Members information on the two youth contract awards and enrollment expectations which begin the program year July 1, 2017. Additionally Ventura Adult and Continuing Education (VACE) is working to ensure smooth transition for approximately 47 youth being transferred to BGCOP and PathPoint.
- Members carefully reviewed the 3rd Quarter Programs Enrollment Report. The four reports were detailed to include the Adult and Dislocated Worker enrollments, as well as BGCOP, PathPoint, and VACE. Patrick Newburn explained that the performance measures report is not available due to technical programming issues within the California management reporting software CalJOBS. The state is working to implement changes to CalJOBS that will incorporate the new WIOA performance indicators that will replace the old Workforce Investment Act (WIA) measures.
- The 2016-2017 Year-End review was reviewed for eventual presentation to the Workforce Development Board meeting in August. Members provided insights to be incorporated into the Review. The Review remains in draft form to be discussed again at the Committee's August meeting

6.0 Member Comments

- Tony Skinner reported that 16 apprentices were graduating in June from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Union Apprentice Program. The program is open for people 17 and older and receive wages and benefits during the 5 year program. IBEW receives approximately 250 applications annually.
- Tressie Nickelberry reported that the Ventura County Probation Agency is developing a Day Reporting Center for juveniles and is in negotiation with the Human Service Agency to provide services similar to the *Steps2Work* program provided for adults.

7.0 Adjournment

Tony Skinner adjourned the meeting at 4:21 p.m.

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**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF VENTURA COUNTY
PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
AJCC CERTIFICATION PREVIEW
AUGUST 2, 2017**

California's AJCC Certification Mandate

How are one-stop centers and one-stop delivery systems certified for effectiveness, physical and programmatic accessibility, and continuous improvement? According to the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB), the One Stop Operator (OSO) in Ventura County is the three partner consortium (HSA, EDD, CET). Because the Consortium is approved as the OSO, then the WDBVC is responsible to certify the America's Job Center of California (AJCC) designated comprehensive AJCC in Oxnard.

WDBVC Role and Responsibilities:

- Ensure the comprehensive AJCC meets regulatory requirements and focus on quality service delivery
- Criteria must evaluate the one-stop center and one-stop delivery system for effectiveness, including customer satisfaction, physical and programmatic accessibility, and continuous improvement
- Commit to a process of continuous improvement
- WDBVC must conduct an independent and objective evaluation of the comprehensive AJCC once every three years using criteria and procedures established by the State Board
- The initial AJCC certification process will be conducted during Program Year (PY) 2017-18 and take effect PY 2018-19.

Two Levels of AJCC Certification:

- **Baseline AJCC Certification:** Ensure every comprehensive AJCC is in compliance with key WIOA statutory and regulatory requirements
- **Hallmarks of Excellence AJCC Certification:** Encourage continuous improvement through identifying AJCC strengths and areas where improvement is needed

Who may conduct the Evaluation?

- Board Committee/Taskforce (e.g. **WDB Programs Committee**)
- Board Staff (But Not Any Title I Career Services Staff): (i.e. **Human Services Agency/AFS/WIOA is disallowed**)
- AJCC Operator (If Not Also the Title I Career Services Provider) (i.e.. **Human Services Agency/AFS/WIOA is disallowed**)
- Procured Certification Contractor
- Peer Reviewers from Other Local Workforce Areas

WDB Programs Committee Role and Responsibility:

- Conduct Onsite visit of AJCC including Observation of Service Delivery
- Conduct Interviews with AJCC Staff, Partners, and/or Customers
- Review and verify Reports, Performance Information, Operational Procedures



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Mandated Timeline:

- **September 30, 2017:** Each Local Board must develop and submit to their Regional Advisor by September 30, 2017, an outline of the process they plan to use to certify each comprehensive AJCC within their Local Area
- **December 31, 2017:** Baseline Criteria Matrix completed and submitted; and if necessary a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) “Not able to Certify” *.
- *** April 1, 2018:** If a CAP was submitted 12/31/17, then all compliance issues identified must be corrected by April 1, and in-line with the CAP.
- **June 30, 2018:** Hallmarks of Excellence Certification must be completed and submitted.

Examples of What the Certification Process Could Include:

- AJCC Self-Assessment
- Staff and/or Customer Satisfaction Surveys
- Interviews with AJCC Staff, Partners, and/or Customers
- Reports and Performance Information
- Onsite Observation of Service Delivery
- Review of AJCC Operational Procedures

Next Steps:

1. WDB Staff will draft the Certification Process and secure WDB Chair signature and submit by September 30, 2017.
2. WDB Programs Committee invited to Meet at AJCC in Oxnard on October 4, 2017 and conduct first Onsite visit and evaluation.



Workforce Development Board of Ventura County

WIOA Enrollments - Program Year 2016 – 2017

Year-End Report: July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

All Providers	WIOA Adult Enrollments	WIOA Dislocated Worker Enrollments	WIOA Youth Enrollments	CWDB Steps2Work Enrollments	DOL Bridges2Work Enrollments	Total Enrollments PY 16-17 (New) and PY 15-16 (Carry-in)
	134	214	230	26	44	648

Human Services Agency / Adult and Family Services Department

Enrollments	Plan	Actual	Success Rate (Plan to Actual)	Total Enrollments PY 16-17 Actual and	Self Service (Universal)
Adult	82	94	114%	94 (Actual) + 40 (Carry-in) = 134	15,761 [^] ([^] as of 3/30/17; update pending)
Dislocated Workers	126	109	86%	109 (Actual) + 105 (Carry-in) = 214	
Steps2Work	15	14	87%	14 (Actual) + 12 (Carry-in) = 26	
Bridges2Work	15	17	107%	17 (Actual) + 27 (Carry-in) = 44	

Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme

Enrollments	Plan	Actual	Success Rate (Plan to Actual)	WIOA Youth Services Contract (PY 16-17)	Actual Accrued Expenses thru 06/30/17	In-Kind Contribution
Youth	75	75	100%	\$475,000	\$455,368 (96%)	Plan: \$336,956
Total Enrollments 75 ('16-'17 Actual) + 10 ('15-'16 Carry-in) = 85 (Total)				Plan - Cost Per Participant ¹ \$5,588	Actual - Cost Per Participant ² \$5,357	Actual: \$350,056 (104%)

PathPoint

Enrollments	Plan	Actual	Success Rate (Plan to Actual)	WIOA Youth Services Contract (PY 16-17)	Actual Accrued Expenses thru 06/30/17	In-Kind Contribution
Youth	75	76	101%	\$475,000	\$471,243 (99%)	Plan: \$70,500
Total Enrollments 75 ('16-'17 Actual) + 23 ('15-'16 Carry-in) = 98 (Total)				Plan Cost Per Participant ¹ \$4,847	Actual - Cost Per Participant ² \$4,809	Actual: \$68,879 (98%)

Ventura Adult and Continuing Education

Enrollments	Plan	Actual	Success Rate (Plan to Actual)	WIOA Youth Services Contract (PY 16-17)	Actual Accrued Expenses thru 06/30/17	In-Kind Contribution
Youth	24	24	100%	\$260,000	\$257,952 (99%)	Plan: \$260,300
Total Enrollments 24 ('16-'17 Actual) + 23 ('15-'16 Carry-in) = 47 (Total)				Plan - Cost Per Participant ¹ \$5,532	Actual - Cost Per Participant ² \$5,488	Actual: \$212,931 (82%)

¹ Plan Participant Cost: WIOA Core Funding divided by Total Enrollments (PY 16-17 Actual plus PY 15-16 carry-in)

² Actual Participant Cost: Actual Accrued Expenses divided by Total Enrollments (PY 16-17 Actual plus PY 15-16 carry-in)



Who we are

The Ventura County Continuum of Care Alliance is a collaborative group dedicated to promoting a safe, desirable and thriving community by ending homelessness in Ventura County. The group is currently comprised of community advocates, housing providers, county agencies, housing authorities, health care providers, city administrators, and non-profit organizations.

What we do

We seek to provide a county-wide end to homelessness by bringing together the skills and resources of a wide range of community partners in support of the efforts of homeless persons to become rehoused.

How we do it

We share several guiding principles:

- Ending homelessness cannot occur without the support of all sectors of our community, including government, service providers, the faith-based community, businesses, community residents and homeless persons themselves.
- Solving homelessness requires an adequate supply of housing that very low income people can afford.
- Homelessness is a high-risk condition that has severe impacts on each homeless person and on the larger community. For this reason, homelessness (even if by choice) is not acceptable.
- Homelessness is a condition, not a character trait, and homeless persons should be treated with respect and be offered every opportunity to improve their lives.
- Because of the complexity and uniqueness of each homeless person's situation, each homeless person must be engaged, assessed and evaluated for strengths and vulnerability, so that services can be offered to meet individualized needs.
- Service delivery is most effective when connected to meaningful engagement.
- Coordinated service maximizes positive impact on homeless individuals, is more economic and efficient, and minimizes duplication of services.
- Recognizing that some homeless persons have diminished capacity due to health or other issues, solutions to homelessness usually involve a mix of personal responsibility and social responsibility.
- Solutions to homelessness often require political will and governmental action.
- Positive community living behaviors are encouraged and will discourage high-risk, illegal, and anti-social behaviors.
- Realize that multiple approaches to service will be required to end homelessness, among which "housing first" and "rapid rehousing" strategies are primary, evidence-based practices. Both of these approaches require access to housing that people living in poverty can afford.



In keeping with these principles, we work collaboratively in a client-centered way. We make every effort to engage all homeless persons with a view toward urging them onto a path that leads out of homelessness. We embrace a coordinated entry system that includes: comprehensive assessment, vulnerability screening and movement into a strong system of supports. We provide services that help homeless persons both survive homelessness and permanently leave homelessness. We will work to increase the partnerships necessary to achieve the goal of ending homelessness. We create accountability systems that demonstrate positive outcomes. We work together to maximize resources. We embrace and promote best practices. We advocate for the development of housing that is affordable to persons of very limited means. We advance of our mission when and where needed.

Why it matters

Homelessness represents the deepest measure of poverty. The condition of homelessness robs individuals of their dignity, their privacy, their health, their independence and even their identity. It places them in living conditions that are unacceptable in our society. Homeless persons suffer at great cost not only to themselves, but also to the community — in healthcare, police and court interventions. Homelessness is often viewed as a scourge or blight on the community. Ending homelessness not only helps those barely existing, it makes the community a better place for all. The 2017 “point-in-time” count identified 1,152 homeless persons on one day in Ventura County. Experts tell us that the point-in-time count represents only a portion of those who are homeless during the year. Therefore, it is critical that the community marshal all of its resources and work together to end homelessness.



VENTURA COUNTY
**CONTINUUM OF
 CARE ALLIANCE**

ENDING HOMELESSNESS
 IN VENTURA COUNTY

Pathways to Home

Starting with just one phone call, the *Pathways to Home* program allows individuals and families to access homeless services through a coordinated process. The program includes a collaborative network of service providers who coordinate and connect people to resources to meet their needs. Any of the providers listed below can assist clients with the intake assessment for referrals through HMIS (Homeless Management Information System). There's no need to call multiple agencies. A phone call to any of the providers listed below is all it takes.

Homeless Individuals & Families

**Community Action of
 Ventura County**
 (805) 436-4000
 621 Richmond Avenue
 Oxnard

**Health Care Agency
 Homeless Services**
 (805) 652-6694
 3147 Loma Vista Road
 Ventura

**Human Services Agency
 Homeless Services**
 (805) 385-1800
 1400 Vanguard Drive
 Oxnard

**Human Services Agency
 RAIN Transitional**
 (805) 383-7505
 Camarillo

The Kingdom Center
 (805) 487-3400
 1450 S. Rose Avenue
 Oxnard

Lutheran Social Services
 (805) 497-6207
 80 E. Hillcrest Drive, #101
 Thousand Oaks

Project Understanding
 (805) 231-2299
 2734 Johnson Drive, #201
 Ventura

The Salvation Army
 (805) 648-4977
 155 S. Oak Street
 Ventura

The Samaritan Center
 (805) 579-9166
 280 Royal Avenue
 Simi Valley

St. Vincent de Paul
 (805) 754-2089
 2000 Cabot Place, Suite C
 Oxnard

**Turning Point
 Foundation**
 (805) 652-2151 ext.304
 536 E. Thompson Blvd.
 Ventura

**Ventura County
 Behavioral Health**
 (805) 981-6830
 1911 Williams Drive
 Oxnard

Homeless Veterans

**The Salvation Army
 Supportive Services for
 Veteran Families (SSVF)**
 (805) 962-6281 ext.117

**Turning Point Foundation
 Veterans Transitional
 Housing Program**
 (805) 321-0545

Homeless Youth

**Human Services Agency
 Homeless Services**
 (805) 385-1800

**Interface Children &
 Family Services
 Youth Outreach Line**
 (805) 469-5882

**Clients may also
 contact 2-1-1
 to reach the
Pathways to Home
 program**

County of Ventura 2017 Youth Survey

I. Executive Summary

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently encouraged Continuums of Care (CoCs) to collect data on not only the general population of people experiencing homelessness, but also subpopulations including youth. Youth experiencing homelessness may not be visible and may not self-identify as homeless. Our local youth service providers report that many often couch surf, sleep in their cars, and may not access shelters. The purpose of this survey was to randomly question youth, ages 13 to 24, in our community to learn more about their living situations and determine if there are certain needs that have not been met. This survey was conducted separately from the annual Point-In-Time homeless count.

The first few survey questions help identify housing instability by asking about where they slept last night, where they lived the last three months and if they have a stable place to stay for the next month. Some of the other questions address domestic violence, education, health conditions, sexual orientation, etc. The results help us develop interventions to prevent and end youth homelessness in our community.

HUD defines homelessness in four categories to determine the type of assistance a person is eligible to receive:

Category 1 includes individuals and families who live in a place not meant for human habitation, emergency shelter, and transitional housing.

Category 2 includes those who will lose their primary nighttime residence within 14 days and have no other resources or support.

Category 3 includes unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not meet any of the other categories but are homeless under other federal statutes, have not had a lease and have moved 2 or more times in the past 60 days and are likely to remain unstable because of special needs.

Category 4 includes those who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and who lack resources and support networks to obtain other permanent housing.

Rapid Re-Housing funds can assist youth who meet the criteria for at-risk categories 2, 3 or 4. Special needs in Category 3 include chronic disabilities, mental health conditions, substance addiction, and histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse. The Runaway and Homeless Youth Act funding may also assist youth who are at risk of homelessness or unaccompanied, by offering temporary shelter placement and case management services.

Volunteers were recruited to assist with the youth surveys countywide. The survey took place on Friday, January 27, 2017 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. Several youth service providers assisted with identifying popular locations where youth tend to congregate after school, including skate parks, shopping centers, bus stops, community centers, parks and libraries. Training was given to all of the volunteers, including important contact numbers and resource guides if someone was in need of assistance. Many agencies and community partners participated, including Casa Pacifica, Food Share Inc., Human Services Agency, Interface Children & Family Services, Oxnard Community College, TAY Tunnel, United Way of Ventura County, Ventura Adult & Continuing Education (VACE), Ventura County Office of Education and Ventura County Probation Agency.

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The school district liaisons were able to assist in providing targeted locations for volunteers to survey youth off school campuses; however, the individual schools were not able to participate due to the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) which does not allow students to complete a survey that reveals certain types of personal information without the prior written consent of a parent or guardian, as part of the U.S. Department of Education. Volunteers were sent to school locations at the time of school release, to survey students after school hours.

II. Methodology

A subpopulation survey, specific to youth ages 13 to 24, was used to gather data by volunteers throughout Ventura County (see attached). The survey included an anonymous identifier to ensure confidentiality and assist with de-duplication. This identifier included the first initial of first name, first initial of last name, gender, race, age range, and state born. This method is also used in the homeless Point-In-Time count and therefore, any unsheltered youth could be counted in the annual homeless count reported to HUD.

The Ventura County Continuum of Care (CoC) intends to use this survey data for the strategic planning to end youth homelessness in our community by 2020. The CoC has a dedicated Youth Collaborative with local community partners and agencies who are focused on addressing the needs of homeless youth or those at-risk of homelessness.

The survey gathered responses to several questions for data analysis in the following areas:

- Age (Minor versus Transitional-Age-Youth)
- Housing Stability
- Gender
- Sexual Orientation
- Race
- Education
- Employment
- Health Conditions
- Public Benefits
- Foster Care
- Abuse or Violence
- Juvenile Detention or Jail
- Pregnancy or Children

III. Data Summary

Table 1: Number of surveys collected by city.

Location	Number of Surveys Collected	Percent
Camarillo	23	6.9%
Fillmore	4	1.2%
Moorpark	8	2.4%
Newbury Park	12	3.6%
Oxnard	172	51.3%
Port Hueneme	14	4.2%
Santa Paula	19	5.7%
Simi Valley	23	6.9%
Thousand Oaks	15	4.5%
Ventura	45	13.4%
Total	335	100%

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Table 2: Number of surveys collected by agency or volunteer type.

Agency or Volunteer Type	Number of Surveys Collected	Percent
East County Volunteers (various sites)	26	7.8%
Probation Agency	104	31.0%
Colleges / Schools	113	33.7%
West County Volunteers (various sites)	92	27.5%
Total	335	100%

Table 3: Gender

Gender	Under Age 18		Age 18 - 24	
	#	%	#	%
Male	82	47.7	94	57.7
Female	69	40.1	39	23.9
Transgender	0	0.0	1	0.6
Does not identify as male, female, or transgender	1	0.5	0	0.0
Don't know	0	0.0	0	0.0
Refused to answer	2	1.2	1	0.6
No Recorded Answer	18	10.5	28	17.2
Total:	172	100	163	100

Table 4: Sexual Orientation

Which of the following best fits how you think about your sexual orientation?	Under Age 18		Age 18 - 24	
	#	%	#	%
100% Heterosexual (Straight)	81	47.1	78	47.9
Mostly Heterosexual (Straight) but somewhat attracted to people of my own sex	2	1.2	42	25.8
Bisexual - that is, attracted to men and women equally	5	2.9	3	1.8
Mostly Gay or Lesbian, but somewhat attracted to people of the opposite sex	0	0.0	2	1.2
100% Gay or Lesbian	1	0.5	0	0.0
Not sexually attracted to either males or females	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other	13	7.6	1	0.6
Don't know my orientation	19	11.1	2	1.2
Refused to answer	4	2.3	5	3.1
No Recorded Answer	47	27.3	30	18.4
Total:	172	100	163	100

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Table 5: Race

What is your race?	Under Age 18		Age 18 - 24	
	#	%	#	%
African American or Black	4	2.3	4	2.5
American Indian or Alaskan Native	2	1.2	0	0.0
Asian	2	1.2	4	2.5
Indigenous or Mixteco	9	5.2	7	4.3
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1	0.6	0	0.0
White	43	25.0	30	18.4
Two or More Races	26	15.1	18	11.0
Other	36	20.9	53	32.5
Don't Know	8	4.6	3	1.8
Refused to Answer	1	0.6	4	2.5
No Recorded Answer	40	23.3	40	24.5
Total:	172	100	163	100

Table 6: Education

Are you currently attending school or another education program?	Under Age 18		Age 18 - 24	
	#	%	#	%
Yes	140	81.4	62	38.0
No	5	2.9	71	43.6
Don't Know	1	0.6	0	0.0
Refused to answer	1	0.6	2	1.2
No Recorded Answer	25	14.5	28	17.2
Total:	172	100	163	100

Table 7: Employment

Are you currently employed at a job for which you receive a pay check?	Under Age 18		Age 18 - 24	
	#	%	#	%
Yes	8	4.7	72	44.2
No	123	71.5	59	36.2
Don't Know	0	0.0	3	1.8
Refused to answer	1	0.5	0	0.0
No Recorded Answer	40	23.3	29	17.8
Total:	172	100	163	100

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Table 8: Health Conditions

Do you have, have you ever had, or has a healthcare provider ever told you that you have any of the following health conditions? (chose all that apply)	Under Age 18		Age 18 - 24	
	#	%	#	%
HIV / AIDS-related illness	0	0.0	0	0.0
Problematic alcohol use	1	0.6	6	3.7
Problematic drug use	3	1.7	17	10.4
Serious and long continuing mental illness (e.g., depression, bipolar disorder, or schizophrenia)	12	6.9	15	9.2
Physical disability	1	0.6	1	0.6
Severe depression (chronic or ongoing)	8	4.7	12	7.4
Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)	6	3.5	8	4.9
Traumatic brain injury (TBI)	0	0.0	1	0.6
Developmental disability	5	2.9	2	1.2
None of the above	67	38.9	77	47.2
Don't know	44	25.6	12	7.4
Refused to answer	2	1.2	2	1.2
No Recorded Answer	23	13.4	10	6.2
Total:	172	100	163	100

Table 9: Public Benefits

Do you currently receive any public or government benefits, such as CalFresh (food stamps), CalWORKs, General Relief, Medi-Cal (Medicaid), SSI, or Veterans?	Under Age 18		Age 18 - 24	
	#	%	#	%
Yes	67	39.0	40	24.5
No	43	25.0	84	51.5
Don't Know	30	17.4	9	5.5
Refused to answer	0	0.0	1	0.7
No Recorded Answer	32	18.6	29	17.8
Total:	172	100	163	100

Table 10: Foster Care

Have you been in foster care?	Under Age 18		Age 18 - 24	
	#	%	#	%
Yes	17	9.9	15	9.2
No	114	66.3	114	69.9
Don't Know	3	1.7	3	1.9
Refused to answer	1	0.6	1	0.6
No Recorded Answer	37	21.5	30	18.4
Total:	172	100	163	100

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The survey included questions regarding abuse, violence and safety concerns. Volunteers were trained to survey youth one-on-one if possible, or offer to let individuals fill out the survey themselves for more privacy. Also, volunteers were informed about the Interface Youth Crisis Line, Family Violence Intervention, Teen Runaway Helpline and Ventura County Behavioral Health Crisis Response Team, for youth in need of assistance. Each volunteer was provided with 2-1-1 referral cards, Youth Crisis Line cards and East/West County homeless resource guides.

Table 11: Abuse

Which of the following have you experienced by a spouse, intimate partner, brother or sister, or parent? <i>Read each category and choose all that apply.</i>	Under Age 18		Age 18 - 24	
	#	%	#	%
Physical abuse	8	4.7	19	11.7
Sexual abuse	2	1.2	4	2.5
Dating violence	0	0.0	11	6.7
Stalking	0	0.0	3	1.8
Safety concern	5	2.9	8	4.9
None of the above	73	42.4	88	53.9
Declined	17	9.9	6	3.7
Don't know	14	8.1	5	3.1
No Recorded Answer	53	30.8	19	11.7
Total:	172	100	163	100

Table 12: Violence

Are you currently fleeing violence?	Under Age 18		Age 18 - 24	
	#	%	#	%
Yes	7	4.1	3	1.8
No	118	68.6	126	77.3
Don't Know	8	4.6	2	1.2
Refused to answer	0	0.0	1	0.7
No Recorded Answer	39	22.7	31	19.0
Total:	172	100	163	100

The Ventura County Probation Agency assisted with survey collection throughout the County, which resulted in 104 (31%) being completed by juvenile probation officers and staff. As a result, 35 minors and 59 transitional-age-youth answered 'YES' to the question about juvenile detention, prison or jail.

Table 13: Juvenile Detention or Jail

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Have you ever been in juvenile detention, prison or jail?	Under Age 18		Age 18 - 24	
	#	%	#	%
Yes	35	20.3	59	36.2
No	98	57.0	73	44.8
Don't Know	0	0.0	1	0.6
Refused to answer	0	0.0	0	0.0
No Recorded Answer	39	22.7	30	18.4
Total:	172	100	163	100

Table 14: Pregnancy

Are you pregnant?	Under Age 18		Age 18 - 24	
	#	%	#	%
Yes	1	1.5	2	5.1
No	68	98.5	37	94.9
Don't Know				
Refused to answer				
No Recorded Answer				
Total:	69*	100	39**	100

*total number of girls under 18; **total number of women 18 – 24

Table 15: Children

Do you have children?	Under Age 18		Age 18 - 24	
	#	%	#	%
Yes	1	0.6	26	16.0
No	56	32.6	107	65.6
Don't Know	3	1.7	0	0.0
Refused to answer	23	13.4	0	0.0
No Recorded Answer	89	51.7	30	18.4
Total:	172	100	163	100

Table 16: Custody

Do you have custody of your child(ren)? In other words, are you responsible for caring for your child(ren) on a day-to-day basis?	Under Age 18		Age 18 - 24	
	#	%	#	%
Yes	1	100	15	57.7
No	0	0.0	11	42.3
Don't Know				
Refused to answer				
No Recorded Answer				
Total:	1	100	26	100

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Tables 17 – 21 show the number of youth staying in their family home, relative’s home or other alternatives. This data describes the instability of some youth who transition from one place to another and may be at-risk of homelessness. The analysis shows five (5) youth ages 18-24 reported sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation (car, bus, street, park, bench, or outside) during the prior three months. Also, 64 (37%) of youth under age 18 reported sleeping in a place other than their family home during the prior three months and of those, 39 (23%) were an alternative to a relative’s home.

Table 17: Housing Stability

Where did you sleep <u>Monday night</u> ?	Under Age 18		Age 18 - 24	
	#	%	#	%
Family home	94	54.6	94	57.7
Foster family home	0	0.0	1	0.6
Relative’s home	24	14.0	6	3.7
Friend’s home	5	2.9	5	3.1
Home of my boyfriend/girlfriend	0	0.0	5	3.1
Someone I’m having sex with in exchange for a place to sleep	0	0.0	0	0.0
Group home	6	3.5	2	1.2
Shelter (emergency/temporary)	0	0.0	2	1.2
Hotel, motel	6	3.5	2	1.2
Drug/alcohol treatment center	0	0.0	3	1.8
Hospital	0	0.0	0	0.0
Juvenile detention center, jail	8	4.7	0	0.0
Transitional living program	0	0.0	3	1.8
Street, park, bench, or outside	0	0.0	1	0.6
Abandoned building or squat	0	0.0	0	0.0
Car or bus	0	0.0	3	1.8
Other	7	4.1	1	0.6
Own Apartment	4	2.3	9	5.6
No Recorded Answer	18	10.4	26	16.0
Total:	172	100	163	100

Table 18: Housing Stability

Where did you sleep <u>Last night</u> ?	Under Age 18		Age 18 - 24	
	#	%	#	%
Family home	91	53.0	94	57.7
Foster family home	2	1.2	1	0.6
Relative’s home	22	12.7	5	3.1
Friend’s home	6	3.5	8	4.9
Home of my boyfriend/girlfriend	0	0.0	4	2.5
Someone I’m having sex with in exchange for a place to sleep	0	0.0	0	0.0
Group home	5	2.9	1	0.6

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Shelter (emergency/temporary)	1	0.6	1	0.6
Hotel, motel	6	3.5	2	1.2
Drug/alcohol treatment center	0	0.0	3	1.8
Hospital	0	0.0	0	0.0
Juvenile detention center, jail	9	5.2	2	1.2
Transitional living program	0	0.0	4	2.5
Own apartment	3	1.7	9	5.5
Street, park, bench, or outside	1	0.6	0	0.0
Abandoned building or squat	0	0.0	0	0.0
Car or bus	0	0.0	3	1.8
Other	8	4.6	0	0.0
No Recorded Answer	18	10.5	26	16.0
Total:	172	100	163	100

Table 19: Housing Stability

Where did you live during the last three months?	Under Age 18		Age 18 - 24	
	#	%	#	%
Family home	97	56.4	104	63.8
Foster family home	0	0.0	1	0.6
Relative's home	25	14.5	6	3.7
Friend's home	11	6.4	9	5.6
Home of my boyfriend/girlfriend	1	0.6	5	3.1
Someone I'm having sex with in exchange for a place to sleep	2	1.2	0	0.0
Group home	5	2.9	2	1.2
Shelter (emergency/temporary)	3	1.7	3	1.8
Hotel, motel	7	4.1	1	0.6
Drug/alcohol treatment center	1	0.6	4	2.5
Hospital	0	0.0	1	0.6
Juvenile detention center, jail	6	3.4	3	1.8
Transitional living program	0	0.0	4	2.5
Own apartment	4	2.3	7	4.3
Street, park, bench, or outside	2	1.2	3	1.8
Abandoned building or squat	0	0.0	0	0.0
Car or bus	1	0.6	2	1.2
Other	6	3.5	2	1.2
No Recorded Answer	1	0.6	6	3.7
Total:	172	100	163	100

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Table 20: Housing Stability

Main reasons or conditions that led to your loss of housing (all that apply)	Under Age 18		Age 18 - 24	
	#	%	#	%
Run away from your family home, group home, or foster home	5	3.2	2	1.4
Violence at home between family members	8	5.1	8	5.8
Differences in religious beliefs with parents/guardians/caregivers	0	0.0	3	2.2
Kicked out of home due to sexual orientation or gender identity	0	0.0	2	1.4
Left or aged out of foster care	0	0.0	2	1.4
Break-up, divorce, or separation	11	7.1	6	4.3
Child support issues	0	0.0	0	0.0
Conflicts with family or household members	11	7.1	13	9.4
Death, illness, of family member	4	2.6	2	1.4
Domestic violence with your partner	6	3.8	5	3.6
No friends or family available	8	5.1	3	2.2
Eviction or foreclosure	10	6.4	2	1.4
Unemployment or financial reasons	29	18.6	13	9.4
Medical, physical disability or illness	4	2.6	2	1.4
Mental health issues	4	2.6	2	1.4
Substance use disorder	4	2.6	8	5.8
Released from hospital, treatment facility, or other institution	1	0.6	0	0.0
Release from jail or prison	1	0.6	8	5.8
Recent immigration	1	0.6	1	0.7
Declined	2	1.3	12	8.7
Don't know	21	13.5	16	11.6
Other	11	7.1	12	8.7
No Recorded Answer	56	35.9	38	27.5

Table 21: Housing Stability

Do you have a stable place to stay for the next month?	Under Age 18		Age 18 - 24	
	#	%	#	%
Yes	126	73.3	128	78.5
No	4	2.3	2	1.2
Don't Know	18	10.5	5	3.1
No Recorded Answer	24	13.9	28	17.2
Total:	172	100	163	100

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IV. Conclusion

The Ventura County Continuum of Care (CoC) has been working with local homeless service providers and youth service providers to evaluate the needs of individuals and families at risk of homelessness in our community. Recently, the CoC Youth Collaborative subcommittee was created to engage 15 community organizations in a coordinated effort to evaluate the gaps in resources and address the needs of at-risk youth. This subcommittee plans to use this survey data, as well as data from local school districts and youth service providers, to ensure the appropriate strategies are being developed and the Rapid Re-Housing programs are prioritizing the most vulnerable in our community.

According to the youth survey data, the top five reasons or conditions that led to a loss of housing or instability include: 1) Unemployment or financial reasons, 2) Conflicts with family or household members, 3) Break-up, divorce or separation, 4) Violence at home between family members, and 5) Eviction or foreclosure. The Ventura County CoC will continue to work with the local youth providers to develop services for homelessness prevention that specifically address the most common reasons for housing instability.

Youth that experience an unsheltered status or stay in a shelter program are prioritized for HUD funded programs, such as Rapid Re-Housing or Transitional Housing programs. Also, individuals or families who are at-risk of homelessness may receive assistance through Homeless Prevention or Runaway Homeless Youth funds, which include case management services. However, youth who are sharing the housing of other persons due to a loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason, as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act, do not qualify for HUD funded programs and therefore, must seek alternative resources for assistance.

Recommendations to further assist local homeless youth and those at-risk of homelessness include the following:

- 1) Prioritize unsheltered youth for Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing or Rapid Re-Housing programs.
- 2) Have youth providers serving homeless youth use the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for data and referrals to homeless services..
- 3) Train all homeless services providers on youth homelessness, how to recognize youth who are at-risk of homelessness and the available resources.
- 4) Outreach to youth providers on how to utilize “Pathways to Home” the local coordinated entry system in Ventura County.