Austin’s 100 Challenge
Ending Youth Homelessness

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Background

Opening Doors-Federal Strategic Plan to End Homelessness

- **Goal:** In 2020, prevent and end homelessness among all youth and young adults. Ensure that homelessness among youth is rare, and if it occurs, experiences of homelessness are brief and one-time

**A Way Home America**—the national initiative to build the movement to prevent and end homelessness among young people
What is a 100 Day Challenge?

100 Day Challenge-A strategy developed and implemented by the Rapid Results Institute

A Way Home America is working with three communities to support national learning through launching a 100-Day Challenge (Austin, Cleveland & Los Angeles)

These 100 Day Challenge will identify and execute innovative practices to end youth and young adult homelessness, community by community
Informing National Practice and Policy

What we learn along the way will inform practices nationally to end youth and young adult homelessness by 2020

Technical assistance from HUD, HHS, Dept of Ed and others are provided along the way
Austin’s Ambitious 100 Day Goal

In 100 days, we will house
50 currently homeless youth
(age 18-24) in Travis County, of which
at least 50% will be former foster care youth.

And we will connect
100% of youth exiting foster care
who are imminently at risk of homelessness
to safe and stable housing.
100 Day Timeline

September 7th and 8th - 100 Day Launch Workshops in Austin

September 9th - Day 1

October 29th - Day 50 - Mid Point Review

December 18th - Day 100 - Sustainability Review
Who is involved?

Ending Community Homelessness
LifeWorks
Department of Family and Protective Services
City of Austin
Travis County
Austin Travis Co Integral Care
Salvation Army
Caritas of Austin
Front Steps
Austin Opportunity Youth Collaborative
Housing Authority of the City of Austin
Safe Alliance
Austin Independent School District
Austin Police Department
Restore Strategies
Many others...
Austin’s 100 Day Team Sub-Goals:

1. Build a coordinated outreach system that will create a by-name list of youth in need
2. Identify 30 housing navigators
3. Ensure and track youth identified are connected to services
4. Identify landlords and subsidized housing resources for 40 units
5. Share data and report outcomes
Mid-Point Progress

1. As of Friday, October 28th-11 Youth have been housed

2. 100 % of the 5 youth exiting foster care into homelessness have been engaged for housing opportunities
Number of Youth Assessed/Engaged and Still Need Housing: 105

- Additionally, there are 108 youth that have old assessments / cannot locate / have not re-engaged, that are not counted above.
Gender

Female: 55%
Male: 45%
Transgender: 0%
Age

18 = 4%
19 = 11%
20 = 9%
21 = 16%
22 = 28%
23 = 17%
24 = 15%
Race & Ethnicity

Race

Black / African American: 45%
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander: 1%
White: 50%
American Indian / Alaska Native: 2%
Asian: 2%

Ethnicity

Hispanic / Latino: 29%
Non-Hispanic / Latino: 71%
How you can help!

Housing Opportunities
Financial Support
Volunteer Your Time
In-Kind Donations
Additional Resources

Rapid Results Institute [http://www.rapidresults.org/](http://www.rapidresults.org/)
A Way Home Austin- [www.awayhomeaustin.org](http://www.awayhomeaustin.org)
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Thank you for your time!