

PALM BEACH, FL

BACKGROUND: WHY AND WHY NOW?

As of 2017, a total of 99 youth were identified as experiencing homelessness in Palm Beach County. As a geographically large county where youth make up about 17% of the population, Palm Beach has established a priority of providing access to housing -- and support to remain stably housed -- for every young adult experiencing homelessness in the community.

Palm Beach County began its 100-Day Challenge with a strong commitment from a diverse group of stakeholders, including more than 50 dedicated local youth and homeless providers. Prior to the 100-Day Challenge, the community had a number of initiatives underway to address youth homelessness, including a master plan spearheaded by the county's youth services department, and the development of a comprehensive drop in center and Rapid Re-Housing targeted for youth.

100-DAY CHALLENGE PRIORITY AREAS

Palm Beach identified the following priority areas during its 100-Day Challenge:

- **House at least 99 youth experiencing homelessness.**
- **Build on the plan developed in Palm Beach County's 2016 Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) application:** Identify funding sources and rally the community around a common goal.
- **Develop Rapid Re-Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing beds specifically designed for youth:** Strengthen and leverage partnerships with agencies serving youth in the community around a common goal of housing youth.
- **Utilize the Youth Master Plan for Palm Beach County and the collective impact model established therein as a framework:** Achieve social change through strategic collaboration.

100-Day Goal

In 100 Days, Palm Beach County will house 142 unaccompanied youth & young adults and families between the ages of 18-24. 50% of the housed youth & young adults will be identified as high acuity on the TAY-SPDAT and 40% will self-identify as people of color and/or LGBTQ+.

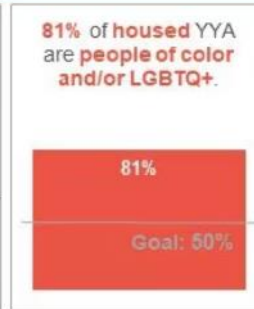
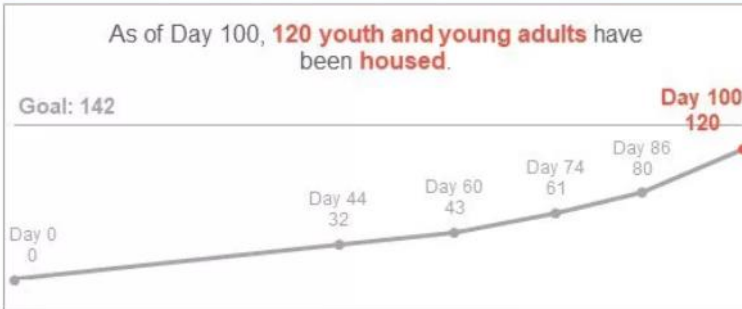
PROGRESS, SUCCESSES, AND ACHIEVEMENTS

GOALS	RESULTS
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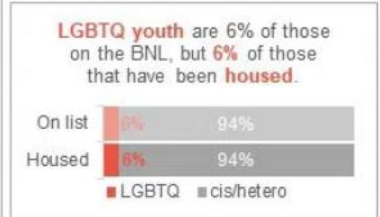
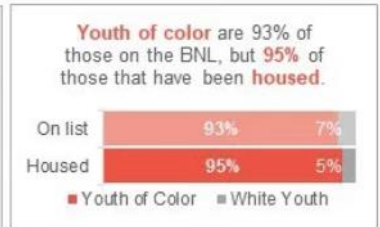
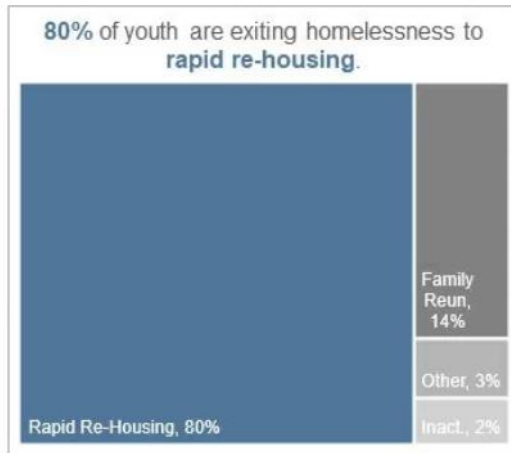
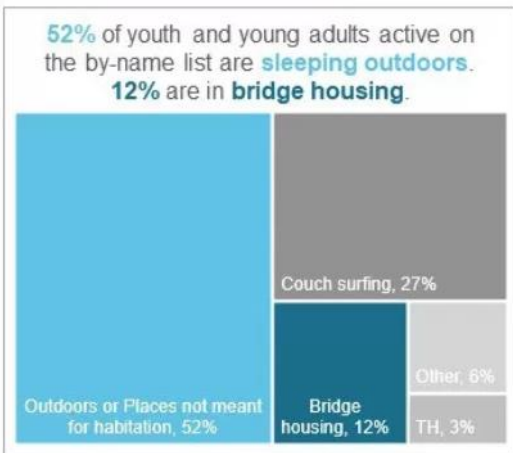
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13 youth were identified as homeless by the local school district.



SUCSESSES IN INNOVATION AND COLLABORATION

CROSS-SYSTEM PARTNERSHIPS

Palm Beach's 100-Day Challenge garnered strong representation and collaboration across diverse systems, including child welfare, juvenile justice, education, housing providers, services providers, and young adults with lived experience. Throughout the 100-Day Challenge, the Palm Beach team fostered new relationships -- including with the business community -- and strengthened cross-system communication. A lasting relationship was built with Compass, a local LGBTQ Center, which helped the community with the goal of housing youth who self-identified as people of color and/or LGBTQ+. By bringing together organizations and agencies that have not typically worked together, Palm Beach found that collaboration and healthy relationships were possible when working toward the collective goal to end youth homelessness.

NEW HOUSING INNOVATIONS AND INTERVENTIONS

Based on the desire to end youth homelessness in their community, system leaders in Palm Beach County Community Services utilized half of the County's FY 2017-2018 HOME funds set aside for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance to provide rapid re-housing assistance for youth experiencing homelessness. Palm Beach also worked with a housing navigator to increase utilization of shared housing for youth. To support the shared housing model, the Palm Beach 100-Day Challenge team facilitated an open house for youth and landlords to connect and implemented "meet and greets" that worked to match roommates together. As a result of the community's dedication to identifying new housing opportunities and better leveraging existing resources, Palm Beach believes they are at **functional zero for youth homelessness**.

COORDINATED ENTRY

Palm Beach developed an "Acuity List" (by-name list) for youth and young adults and implemented a case conferencing process with all organizations and agencies that provide housing. The Palm Beach 100-Day Challenge team began meeting weekly to assign youth and young adults on the Acuity List directly to organizations that house youth and young adults for housing placement.

AUTHENTIC YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Palm Beach fostered authentic youth engagement by: (1) making all 100-Day meetings open to youth with lived experience; (2) providing transparency around the 100-Day Challenge process; and (3) working to maximize opportunities for youth with lived experience to continue to provide direct feedback on the community's work to prevent and end youth homelessness moving forward.

MAINTAINING 100-DAY MOMENTUM

To preserve the gains made during the 100 days and maintain the momentum around preventing and ending youth homelessness generated by the Challenge, Palm Beach plans to:

1. Strengthen the Youth Connect meeting, which brings youth from the Acuity List together to discuss possible housing options;
2. Connect with the existing Youth Advisory Board about being actively involved with the continuing the work of the 100-Day Challenge; and
3. Connect with organizations and agencies who are not currently represented on the team to bring them into the fold.

Additionally, the 100-Day Challenge team is looking to branch out to address new priorities after reaching functional zero for youth homelessness, including:

- Continuing the youth "Meet and Greets" established during the 100-Day Challenge;
- Creating a new team to lead case conferencing, using the new case conferencing process;
- Creating a funders group;
- Encouraging and promoting Palm Beach County's Coordinated Entry System; and
- Increasing access to mental health services for youth and young adults.

Functional Zero for Youth Homelessness

Palm Beach County held a What's Next Workshop on January 5, 2018. At this time, the community believes that it has reached functional zero for youth homelessness.