

THE PLAN TO END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS IN DALLAS & COLLIN COUNTIES

THE CHALLENGE: ADDRESSING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

- Over the course of a year, **~1,150 youth and young adults** experience literal homelessness in Dallas & Collin counties.
- The system **lacks adequate shelter and rehousing resources**, leaving many young people **without stable, safe options**.

THE SOLUTION: HOUSING FORWARD'S COORDINATED COMMUNITY PLAN

A **youth-centered, solution-focused approach** that creates **system-wide alignment** by:

- ✓ **Strengthening prevention & diversion** to keep youth from becoming homeless.
- ✓ **Enhancing existing shelters** to provide 'no barrier' crisis interventions.
- ✓ **Expanding housing options** to provide safe, stable placements.
- ✓ **Enhancing wraparound services** like education, employment, and mental health care.

KEY COMPONENTS OF THE PLAN



1. The HUB: Centralized Youth Resource Center

- A *one-stop hub* offering assessments, housing navigation, and service connections.
- Provides *diversion support & immediate assistance* to prevent shelter entry.



2. Strengthened Prevention & Diversion Services

- Early interventions to keep youth from entering homelessness.
- Expanding *family reunification efforts & financial assistance* for at-risk youth.



3. Enhanced Supportive Youth Crisis Solutions

- Invest in **creating ~170 new youth-dedicated shelter beds** within existing shelter facilities, host homes, and motel vouchers.
- Emergency hoteling to provide *immediate crisis response*.



4. Expanded Permanent Housing Solutions

- **475 slots of Rapid Rehousing (RRH)** to assist youth in securing stable, independent housing.
- **150 units of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)** for those requiring long-term stability and services.

FUNDING BREAKDOWN

- ✓ Maximizes existing shelter efficiency – each bed **now serves 4-5 youth per year** instead of 1-2.
- ✓ **Avoids trauma and costs of long shelter** stays by prioritizing permanent solutions.
- ✓ Ensures every youth has a **clear pathway off the streets** through prevention, rehousing, and supportive services.

Category	Total Units Needed	Estimated Funding Need (Annual)	Public Dollars Secured	Units Supported	Resource GAP	GAP Need Met
Diversion	120	\$500k	\$250k	120 case mgmt	\$650k	One-time Financial Assistance
Youth Crisis Solutions	178	\$2.5M	\$500k	25 units	\$2M	153 Emergency Moteling
Rapid Rehousing	475	\$10.2M	\$2.7M	125	\$7.5M	350 Units RRH
Permanent Supportive Housing	150	\$4.5M	\$600k	20	\$3.9M	130 Units PSH
Flex Fund	625	\$1.6M	-	-	\$1.6M	625 units Housing Move-in assistance

HOW CAN I SUPPORT HOUSING FORWARD?

- ✓ **Secure \$13.6M in funding** to fully implement plan.
- ✓ **Advocate for long-term investments** in youth housing and support services.
- ✓ **Strengthen cross-sector collaboration** to sustain progress.

With the right investments, Dallas & Collin counties can end youth homelessness and ensure that no young person is left without a home.