

#REAL COLLEGE CALIFORNIA

# BASIC NEEDS SUMMIT



# PARTNERING FOR SHORT-TERM HOUSING SOLUTIONS DURING THE PANDEMIC

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YOUTH DEMONSTRATION HOMELESS PROGRAM

## OUTLINE

- THE YOUTH HOMELESS DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM
- ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
- COVID-19 EMERGENCY HOUSING
- THE ROLE OF THE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH & CABRILLO
- LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE COLLEGE PERSPECTIVE
- OPPORTUNITY FOR Q&A



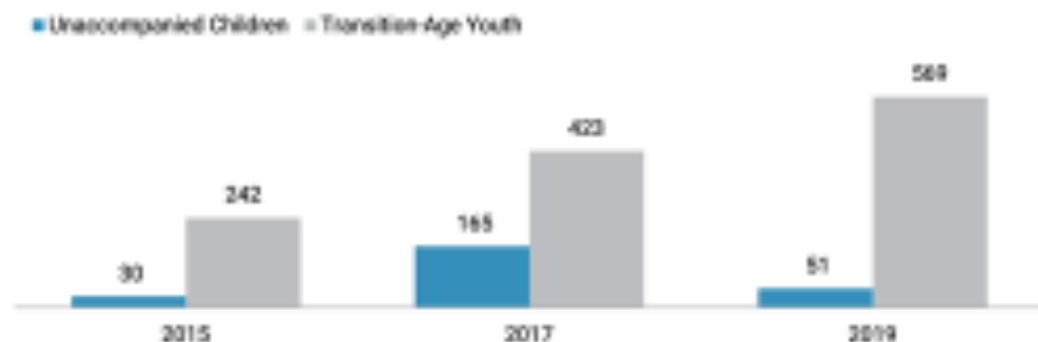
**Ignore No More: Santa Cruz County Youth Homeless  
Demonstration Program (YHDP)**

## Youth & Young Adult Homelessness in Santa Cruz County

### UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN AND TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

There were 51 unaccompanied children under the age of 18 and 569 transition-age youth enumerated in 2019 for a total of 620 unaccompanied youth representing almost 29% of the entire homeless population

FIGURE 51. TOTAL NUMBER OF UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS CHILDREN AND TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH



# SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

Systems to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness



Santa Cruz YHDP Team Members



Homeless Youth & Homeless Youth Advisory Board Members



Prevention through mainstream system shifts



Shared Values & Principles that fertilize programs & support sustainable change



Shifts in systems and cultural norms



Mature, thriving programs



Newer programs beginning to take hold, strengthen and expand



Seedling programs, aspirational - in early planning stages



Seedling programs, launched with YHDP funds

## **OUR YHDP HUD FUNDED PROJECTS & PARTNERS**

- 1. Smart Path – Youth CES HSD/Encompass**
- 2. YHRT – CAB/COE Youth Homeless Response Team**
- 3. Drop-In Resource Center-Encompass – Also COVID-19 Shelter-In-Place trailer site**
- 4. YAAS – YOUNG ADULT ACHIEVE SUCCESS (RR FAMILIES)**
- 5. HOUSING MATTERS – RAPID REHOUSING (SINGLES/COUPLES)**
- 6. NEW ROOTS – PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING**
- 7. HOST HOMES/SHARED HOUSING**
- 8. CABRILLO College**

## **OUR YHDP HUD FUNDED PROJECTS & PARTNERS**

### **OUTCOMES ACROSS PROGRAMS**

**188 – ENROLLED IN EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**167 – CONNECTED TO SERVICES**

**39 – HOUSED TEMPORARY OR TRANSITIONAL**

**48 – HOUSED PERMANENT HOUSING**

**55 – ASSISTED TO GAIN EMPLOYMENT**

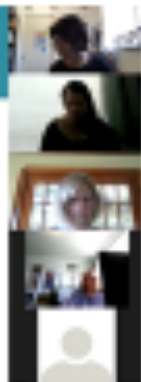
**84 – ATTENDED OR HAVE ATTENDED COLLECT**

**158 – ASSESSED THROUGH SMART PATH COORDINATED ENTRY**

# YHDP COVID Response & Start of Trailer Program

## Local Resources

- [Human Services Department Homeless Services Information](#)
- Coordinated Entry Assessments by phone [monica.lippi@santacruzcounty.us](mailto:monica.lippi@santacruzcounty.us)
- [Stepping Up Santa Cruz Resource Guide](#)
- Up to date COVID-19 related [Shelter in Place](#) info for homeless individuals
- [Hygiene Facilities Map](#) (city of Santa Cruz)



**YHDP COVID Response**  
April 12, 2020 11:00am - 1:00pm  
*via Teams Meeting (go to calendar events website for full Microsoft Teams Meeting)*

Our work is fueled by values of equity, equity, community, and dignity. The **Resilience** of our work and agency, resources, and transparency. Our **Willie** is our strength and our ability to persevere, adapt, and experience a healthy transition into **COVID-19**.

**Agenda:**

- Receive information regarding County COVID-19 Response for Homeless Youth and Young Adults
- Engage in discussion to learn about other projects existing, share your challenges and needs, provide information about sheltering demands, share ideas you have for COVID-19 response, discuss resource gaps and other strategies
- Receive information about COVID-19 resources, upcoming federal funding, and federal and local resources

| Agenda Item                              | Details  | Time    |
|--|--|---------|
| 1. Welcome, introductions, Agenda Review | Warm agenda, preferred pronouns, agenda & CTA<br>Respond to: <i>One thing that we gain you courage and strength during the time of COVID-19</i>  | 30 mins |
| 2. County YHDP Sheltering & Response     |  | 30 mins |
| 3. COVID-19 Response                     | Overview Questions:<br>1. How have projects adapted and/or been impacted?<br>2. What are your current challenges?<br>3. What are the current sheltering/dormitory resources needed for sheltering/in-place?<br>4. What COVID-19 challenges are you facing and what support/resources are you needing? What service kinds of resources are you needing? How are you responding to COVID-19?<br>5. What other challenges/needs do we need to coordinate around?<br>6. How can we connect with H&H to coordinate and/or share best practices? | 30 mins |
| 4. Federal Updates & Resources           | 4) YHDP H&H Resource Extensions Available<br>5) Federal CARES Act  | 30 mins |
| 5. Closing                               | 6) H&H H&H Act & YHDP Homeless Support   | 15 mins |

YHDP Meeting Room Meeting Information  
 Join ID: 123456789  
 Meeting ID: 123456789



# TAY TRAILER PROGRAM



## IMPACT ON TRANSITIONAL YOUTH

***“CHANGE IS INEVITABLE, IT’S UP TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US TO HELP CHANGE FLOW IN THE DIRECTION OF QUALITY IN EQUALITY” –  
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER***

Thank you!

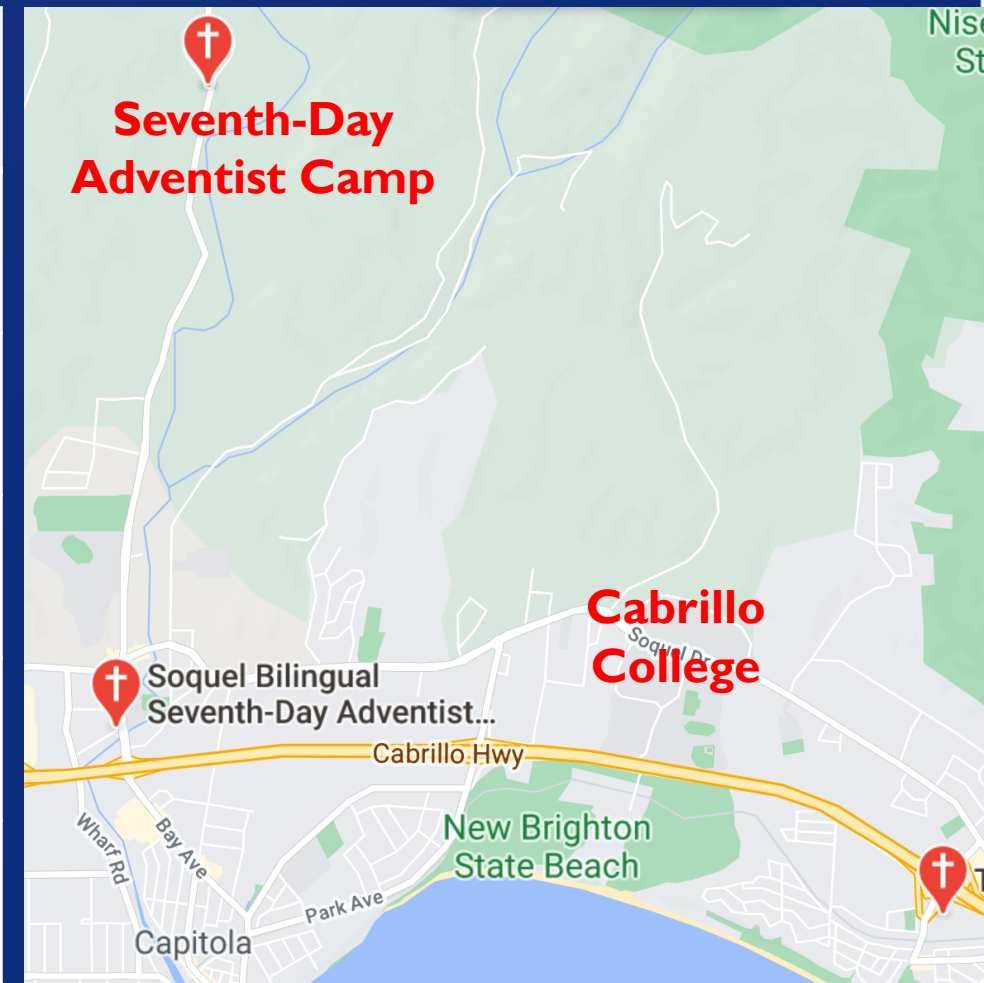
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# SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH & CABRILLO

| <b>Seventh Day Adventist Church Camp, Soquel</b>    | <b>Cabrillo College Aptos</b>                                 |
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| <b>Original host of the trailer camp</b>            | <b>Not equipped originally to serve as host</b>               |
| <b>Staff accustomed to summer RV park</b>           | <b>Staff resistance, security &amp; facility concerns</b>     |
| <b>Evacuation Shelter in August &amp; September</b> | <b>Evacuation Shelter in August &amp; September</b>           |
| <b>Need to revamp water supply lines</b>            | <b>Good experience with Red Cross &amp; county mutual aid</b> |
| <b>Need to vacate by end of December</b>            | <b>Approached in October as back-up site</b>                  |





## LESSONS LEARNED

- **ENSURE LEAD TIME FOR CONTRACT REVIEW & APPROVAL**
- **CULTURE CHANGE – CRISIS CAN RESHAPE VALUES & BELIEFS**
- **THINK FROM THE STUDENT PERSPECTIVE**
  - **COMFORT**
  - **ELECTRICITY**
  - **SAFETY & SECURITY**
  - **WIFI COVERAGE**
  - **ACCESS TO SERVICES & TRANSPORTATION**
- **BOARD & COLLEGE SUPPORT**
- **NO NIMBY**



## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



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Thank You!