



KCRHA
King County Regional Homelessness Authority

YAB Overview

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What is a YAB?

- Body of 3 or more youth with current or past lived experience of homelessness,
- An authentic and equitable partner in every step of the community's youth homelessness response efforts, from planning to implementation of new projects to continuous quality improvement of the youth homeless response system.
- Advising body to the CoC Board on any and all youth-related programs and policies.



What does the YAB do?



Maintain, update & ensure implementation of YHDP Coordinated Community Plan



Understand & technical assistance for local YHDP Programs



Use Point in Time Count, By-Names List data related to YYA



Bring forth issues young people are experiencing with the homelessness systems



Inform young people about services in King County



What do YAB Members Do?



GIVE FEEDBACK ON
POLICIES, PROGRAMS,
AND SERVICES



SHARE PERSPECTIVES
BASED ON LIVED
EXPERIENCE



HELP CONNECT WITH
AND LISTEN TO OTHER
YOUNG PEOPLE



PLAN YOUTH-LED
PROJECTS, EVENTS,
AND ACTIVITIES



PARTICIPATE IN
MEETINGS, PANELS,
AND COMMUNITY
DISCUSSIONS

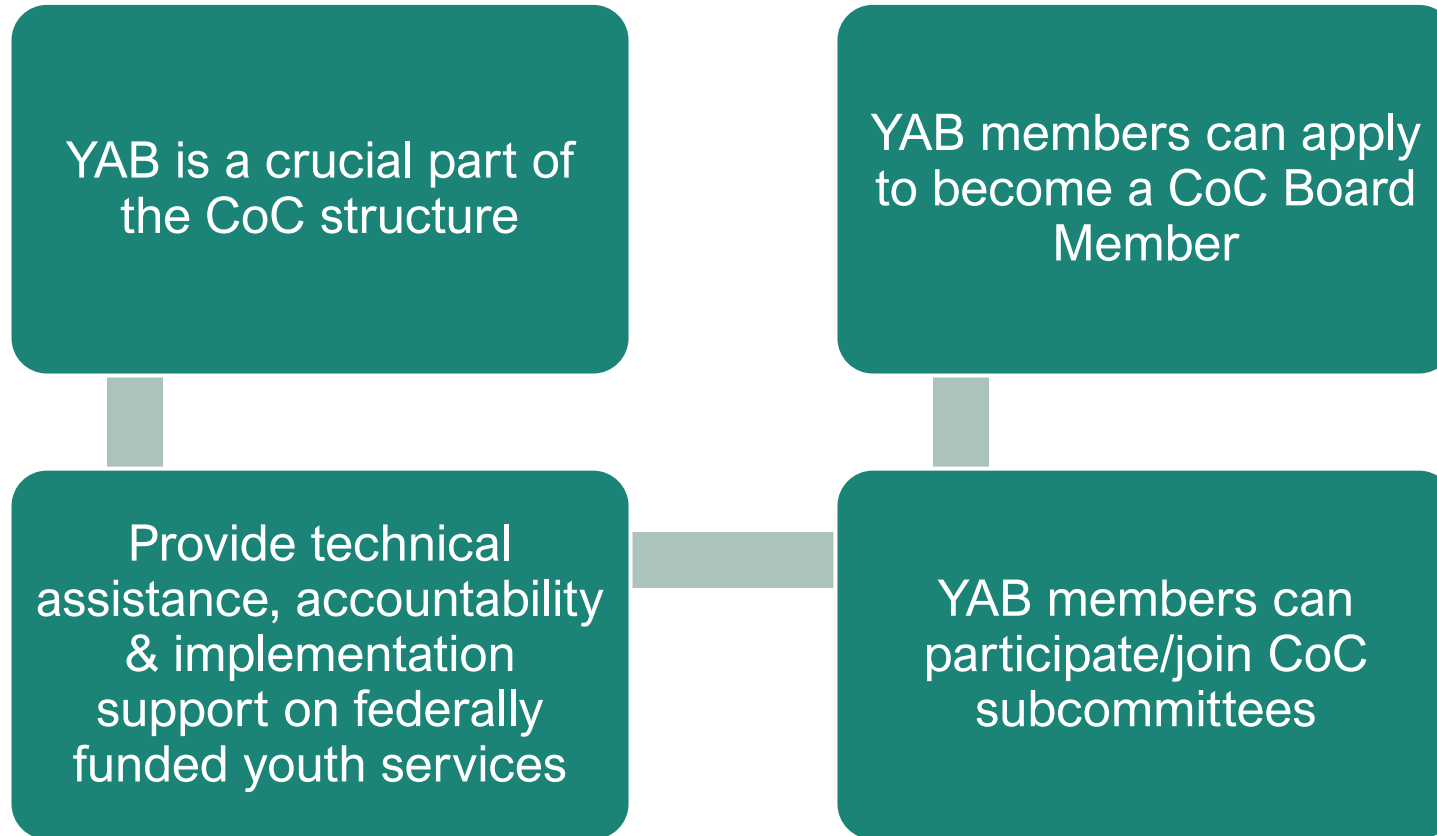


WORK WITH
ORGANIZATIONS TO
IMPROVE YOUTH
SERVICES



HELP HOLD SYSTEMS
ACCOUNTABLE TO THE
NEEDS OF YOUNG
PEOPLE

How does YAB fit in with the CoC?



Requirements vs. Responsibilities

HUDS Building blocks of a youth system states this work cannot be effective or responsive to the needs of YYA with out authentic engagement.

Requirements

- Have at least 3 members
- Challenge norms when it comes to decision making processes between YYA and older partners
- Monitor YHDP programs
- Be an authentic and equitable partner

Responsibilities

- Representation at CoC Board Meetings
- Attend YAB Meetings
- Attend CoC Committee meetings
- Advocate on the behalf of homeless YYA in King County



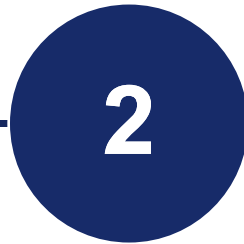
YAB Through Time

YAB Launch



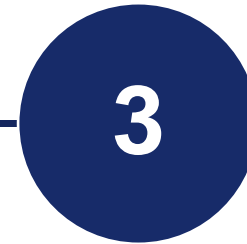
YAB established under All-Home & End Youth Homelessness Now Campaign in 2017. Same year King County received YHDP funding

KCRHA Established



KCRHA established and YAB moves under agency with support of Lived Experience Coalition starting in 2019-2020. LEC continued to support through 2023.

Now



KCRHA continues to staff and support the YAB. 7 new members who joined in summer 2026. Current effort to identify YYA provider partner to support engagement + recruitment.



Current YAB Activities



Recruitment and onboarding



Professional development



Understanding and updating YHDP Coordinated Community Plan – ensuring YYA funding priorities are updated



Identifying YAB Leadership Structure****



YAB Mentorship



- Amaiya taking on role as peer Mentor
- Goals:
 - Help onboard & support new 7 new YAB members who just joined
 - Help group determine leadership structure
 - Help identify YAB leader to step in CoC YAB Rep role

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project

What is it?

- HUD funded programs aimed to reduce the number of youth experiencing homelessness across the country.
- HUD built on youth collaboration and equity best practices by mandating YAB's involvement in ALL design and decision-making.
- King County was one of the first communities to be awarded.





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Meet the YAB Members

1. Why did you join the Youth Action Board?
2. What's one thing CoC members to know about YYA services in our region?

YAB Support & Collaboration NOFA

- Application due 10/19/2026 by 11:59 PST
- Providing engagement, professional development & administrative support to YAB members
- One contract up to \$150,000
- Open to non-profit, for-profit, faith-based, tribes and tribal organization in King County with 3+ years experience providing professional development or supportive services to YYA experiencing homelessness
- Strong understanding of Positive Youth Development principles





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YHDP Coordinated Community Plan

Review of Components

Plan Vision

- Making YYA homelessness **rare, brief, and one-time**
- Supporting **YYA of color** and **LGBTQ YYA**
- Strengthening **housing access and options**
 - YYA receive appropriate services and achieve stable housing, social and emotional well-being, permanent connections, and education and employment.



Components of YHDP Coordinated Community Plan

Statement of Need

- PIT Results
- Modeling of inflow and outflow

4 Goals with 12 Objectives

Planning process and governance

Funded Projects List

- Principles
- Subpopulation strategies
- Performance measures



RARE

- No Unsheltered YYA
- Prevent YYA from Entering Homelessness System
- No YYA exit from systems into unsheltered homelessness.

BRIEF

- 60-day target on the CE By-Name-List before exiting to safe and stable housing.
- Quick connections to safe and stable housing
- No YYA turned away from emergency services.
- All YYA housing programs will meet system-wide standards for length of stay and exit.

ONE-TIME

- YYA stabilize and do not return to homelessness
- Connections to community services & other long term supports



Access as the Anchor



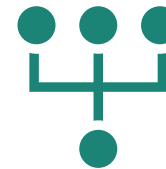
Access:

Housing entries and exits to in YHDP projects will be comparable among demographics



Geographic access

All YYA have access to homeless services (drop-in, emergency shelter, employment/education, and housing)



Representation in Staff

Ensure staff reflect the populations they serve and ensure governance and oversight bodies are also representative

Projects Funded in YHDP



Navigation & Diversion



Youth Engagement
Team

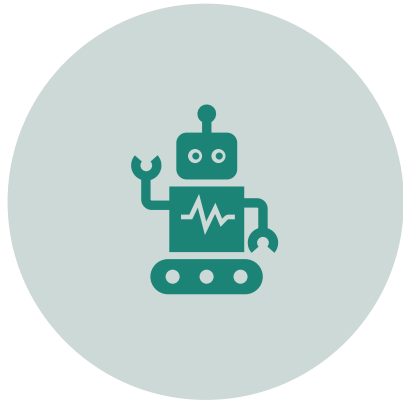


Behavioral Health Crisis
Response



Bridge Housing

Role of the YAB with YHDP Projects



TECHNICAL ASSISTANTS.



HOST FOCUS GROUPS AT
YHDP FUNDED PROGRAMS.



REVIEW DATA QUARTERLY.



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What do you want to know?

**What would you like to see from
the YAB?**



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Thank you!

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