

# Vision: What will your community look like in the future when the work of YHDP is successful and complete?

**transition with connection in place**

**broken down silos**

Youth and young adults are involved in continually improving the system of care.

**Shelter to housing in a timely manner**

County-wide efforts to address youth homelessness should include representation from all the municipalities that are in the County.

The resources and solutions will be broadly and regularly communicated, and not just communicated by the service providers and our fellow agencies (tv, internet advertising).

Multiple programs/options for youth.

Humanize now while planning, implementation

**Remove the shame of experiencing homelessness**

**Short term supportive housing-diversion**

Speed up the process-eliminate time restrictions

Not enough temp youth shelter, reduce the time in locating housing and permanent housing

Every sector support youth homelessness, acknowledge and own it. sustainable solutions

**Define homelessness intraditional and untraditional ways**

Youth and young adults with justice system involvement or the child welfare system (and other systems) never exit into homelessness.

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**safe secure housing options. individual needs meet, remove barriers**

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Note - would like to have our community process be completely youth led (would like that to be a goal early on)

Stability - Stability means feeling like I don't need to think about my basic needs (housing, food, education, employment)

**Connected community - independence alongside support and growth**

Does not need to be a traditional way of thinking about connected community or typical housing, outside the box.

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**Choice. There are options.**

Wellness - individual and community healing. Easy access to mental health services.

Support to accompany young people on their journey, including support through education, employment, recovery, anywhere they are asking for support and accompaniment

Young people will see their ideas reflected in the plan

**Support and guidance for young people to avoid bad habits and help friends and community to manage life in the right way.**

Empowerment rather than Saving

**more accessible life skills programs**

Young people will see themselves in future roles

Values: With that end state in mind, what are the values that you want to make sure are present in the work as we move towards that goal?

More comprehensive representation of grass-roots work similar to race equity work happening in San Jose.

Trauma informed spaces and culturally informed

Create a holistic approach to employment, education, wrapping young people around person care that pays attention to every piece of who they are.

youth at center - more youth involvement

Change the mentality that you have to earn housing

Systems have to value the relationships that young people have.

whole-person approach to everything we do. Meeting every person where they are. Doing things with genuineness and not the transactional approach that systems are usually acting on.

Value young people as our own - foster youth are their own family and are surviving as they know how. Shift to a community-based approach that is more centered on creating life long connections for each young person.

focus on youth voice

Avoid the scarcity mentality

Equity; Individual and Client-Driven Supports; Positive Youth Development & Trauma Informed Care; Family Engagement; Social & Community Integration; Housing First; Special Populations; Unsheltered

Choice - people getting to choose what is best for them

you can change tomorrow and not yesterday so keep looking forward and provide the support to change tomorrow.