



**Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC)
Transitional Aged Youth (TAY)
Collaborative Committee Special Meeting
November 1, 2024**

Welcome and Introductions

Ami Rowland, Chair

Public Comments

Meeting Agenda

1. **Youth HOPE Month Presentation** – Jevon Wilkes, Executive Director, California Coalition for Youth (CCY)
2. **Peer Voices of Orange County Presentation** – Peer Voices of Orange County (PVOC)
3. **CoC Update** – Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination
4. **Provider Announcements** – Ami Rowland, Chair
 - a. Providers and members of the public are invited to share announcements and feedback related to youth homelessness

Next Meeting: To be determined (pending 2025 CoC Board and Committee Meeting calendar approval)

Business Calendar

Youth HOPE Month Presentation

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Executive Director,

California Coalition for Youth (CCY)

**Peer Voices of Orange County
Presentation**

Peer Voices of Orange County (PVOC)

PEER VOICES

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www.peervoices.org

About Us

Peer Voices is a nonprofit empowering individuals with lived experiences to become advocates, mentors, and changemakers in their communities. We bridge the gap between peers and professionals through peer-led programs, training, and resources that promote resilience and growth. Our mission is to enhance mental health and well-being for justice-involved individuals and their families by fostering support, community, and equity. We believe every voice can inspire, turning experiences into impactful change.



Who we serve



We support individuals from all walks of life, including but not limited to those facing mental health and substance use challenges. LGBTQ+ individuals, survivors of trauma, individuals with disabilities, individuals impacted by the criminal justice system, individuals experiencing homelessness and anyone seeking a platform for expression, connection, resources and support.

Who We Work With

Probation and Parole

Coordinate with officers to provide ongoing support, connecting clients with peer mentors and resources to encourage positive life changes



Non Profit Organizations

Partner with like-minded organizations to amplify impact, share resources, and collaboratively address community needs



Clinicians

Work alongside clinicians to bridge the gap between clinical care and peer support, enhancing communication and mutual understanding



Peers

Facilitate peer matching based on personal experiences, providing guidance, mentorship, and support for those with shared backgrounds and challenges.



Volunteers

Engage volunteers in meaningful roles that support our mission, including outreach, community engagement, and event coordination



Courts

Engage with court systems to support justice-involved individuals, connecting them with resources that facilitate reintegration and personal development



Community Health Workers

Partner with CHWs to expand access to mental health resources, promoting holistic support for individuals in underserved areas.



Professionals

Collaborate with professionals to integrate lived-experience perspectives into their work, fostering inclusive and effective support systems



Physicians

Partner with physicians to provide a well-rounded approach to health, integrating peer insights for improved patient-centered care



Our organization is rich in resources and Peers are matched based upon their journey.

Our Services

Peer Crisis Counseling & Peer Navigation

Free non-clinical counseling for all ages; assistance in applying for CalFresh, Medi-Cal, SSI and other government benefits; substance use and rehabilitation resources; housing resources and referrals; family support services; resume and job search assistance; and comprehensive resource referrals.

Peer-to-Peer and Community Health Worker Support

Free support group facilitator training; personal development ahead of certification exams; job placement; a Volunteer Development Program with internship opportunities; and supportive services.

Justice-Involved Navigation Services

Courtroom supportive services; CARE Court; training and education; job placement; re-entry navigation and Peer support; comprehensive resources; and Homeless Outreach Court.

Homeless & Hoarding Support Services

Support for vulnerable populations including those without housing; one-on-one help; direct housing referrals; and educational/supportive services.

Groups and Presentations

Telephone and in-person Peer support

Peer support groups

Education and mental health groups; co-occurring disorders support groups; substance use support groups; self-care support groups/workshops; justice-involved support groups; networking groups



Mental health:
One-on-one Peer support;
crisis Peer support

Cluttering (hoarding) support groups/workshops

one-on-one help; educational presentations aimed at de-stigmatization; and support for providers and family members

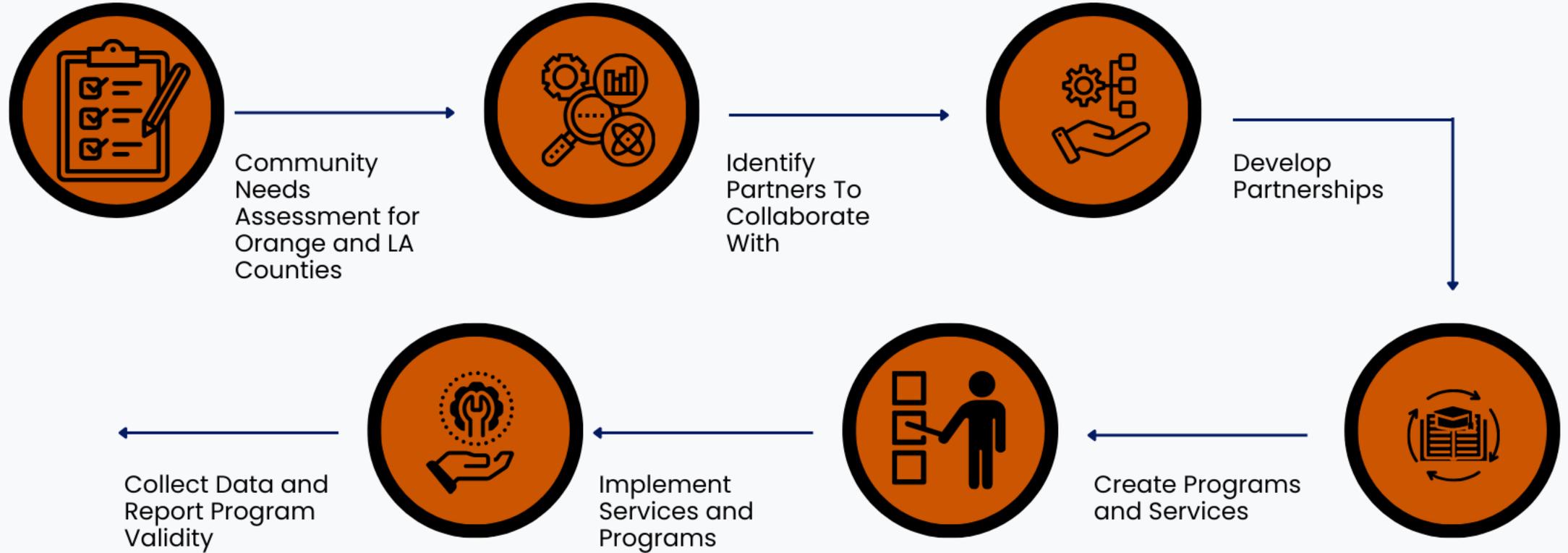
Fiscal Sponsorship

Expanding Programs in Under-Represented and Underserved Communities

- New nonprofit educational training and support
- Collaboration for success
- Grant readiness
- Building nonprofit contracts
- Peer and Community Health Worker billing.



Working with the Youth and Transitional Aged Youth Populations



Dramatic Overdoses In Orange County Youth

FIGURE 1: DRUG AND ALCOHOL DEATHS AMONG RESIDENT YOUTHS AND YOUNG ADULTS IN ORANGE COUNTY

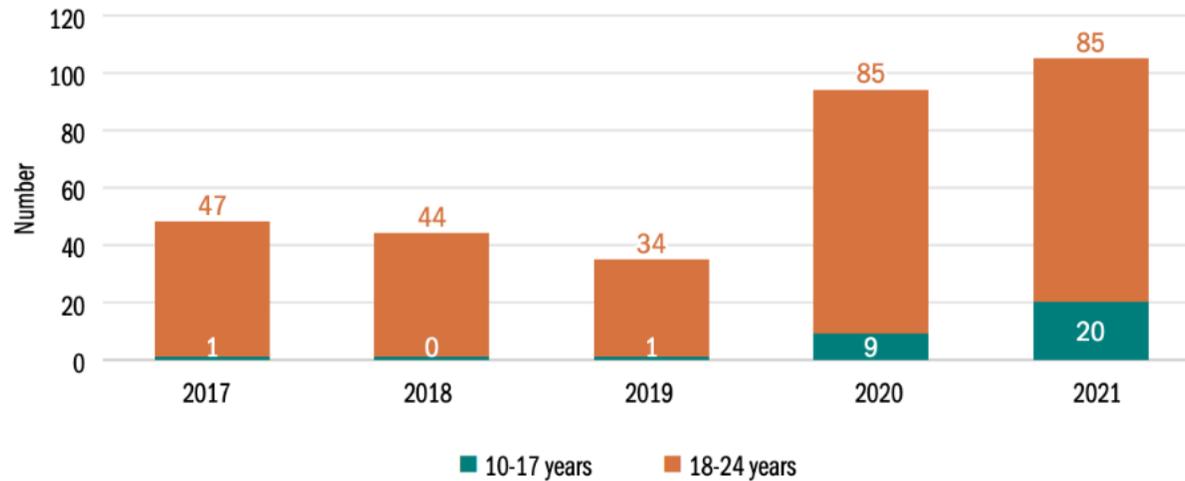


FIGURE 6: OPIOID-RELATED OVERDOSE DEATHS AMONG YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS (2017-2021)

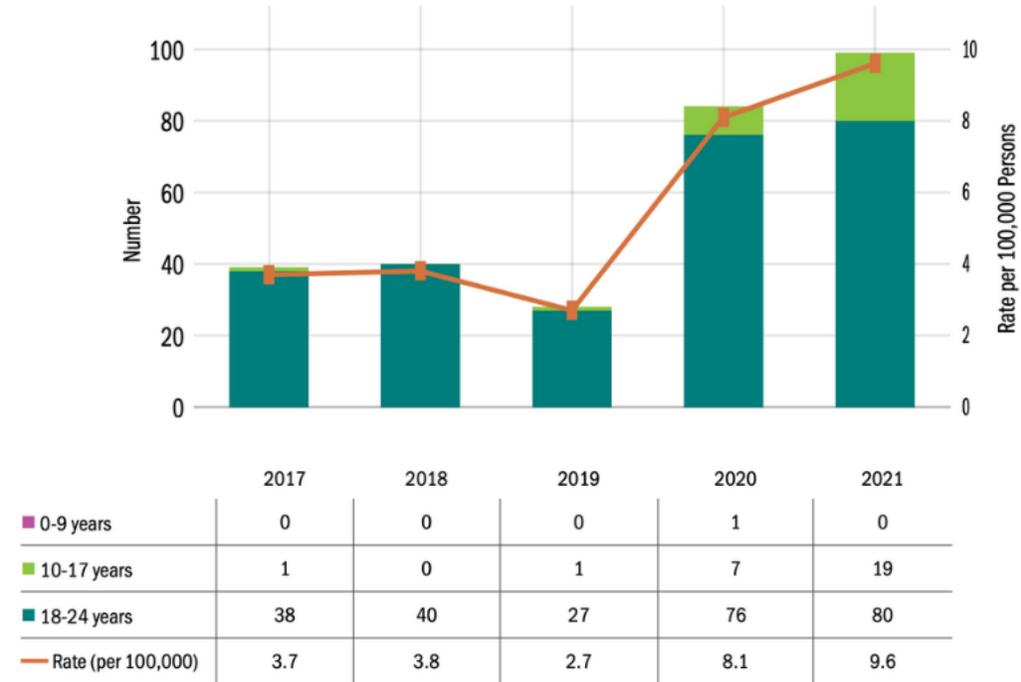
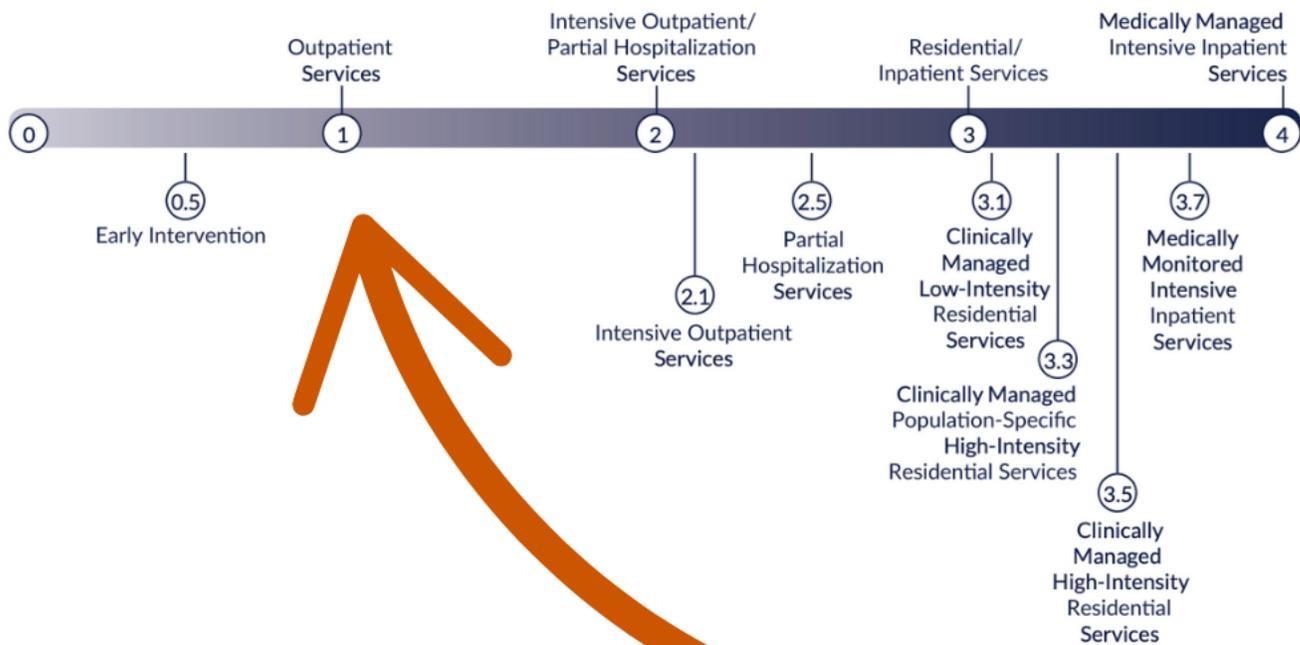


TABLE 1: NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM DRUG AND ALCOHOL-RELATED CAUSES

Age	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Percent Change	
						2019 to 2020	2020 to 2021
<10 years	0	2	0	1	0	na	na
10-17 years	1	0	1	9	20	800%	122%
18-24 years	47	44	34	85	85	150%	0%

REFLECTING A CONTINUUM OF CARE



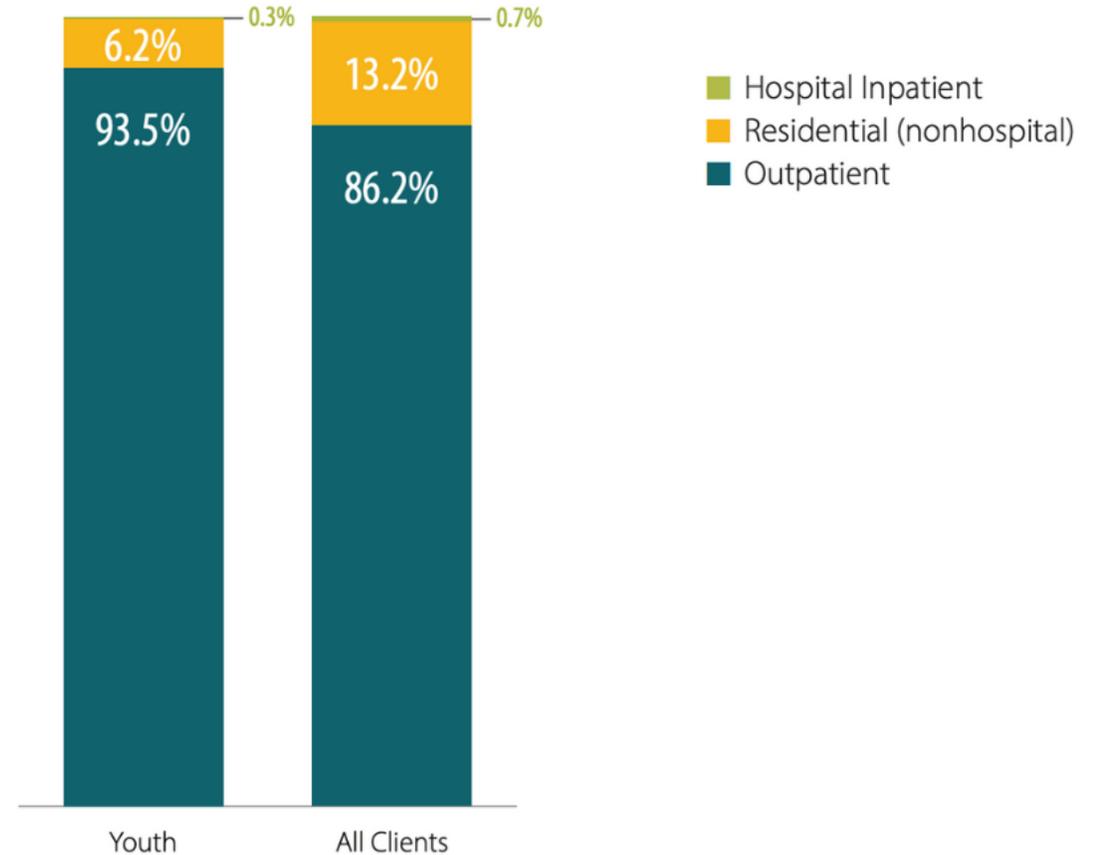
Through providing resources, mentorship and education to youth, Peer Voices and our Partners help support Early Intervention and Outpatient Services in the Continuum of Care Model

Notes: ASAM is American Society of Addiction Medicine. Within the five broad levels of care (0.5, 1, 2, 3, 4), decimal numbers are used to further express gradation of services. The decimals listed here represent benchmarks along a continuum, meaning patients can move up or down levels without necessarily hitting a new benchmark level of care.

Source: "What Are the ASAM Levels of Care?," ASAM.

Youth education and mentorship helps support the 93.5% of impacted youth that receive Outpatient Care.

Clients in Substance Use Disorder Treatment by Level of Care, California, 2019

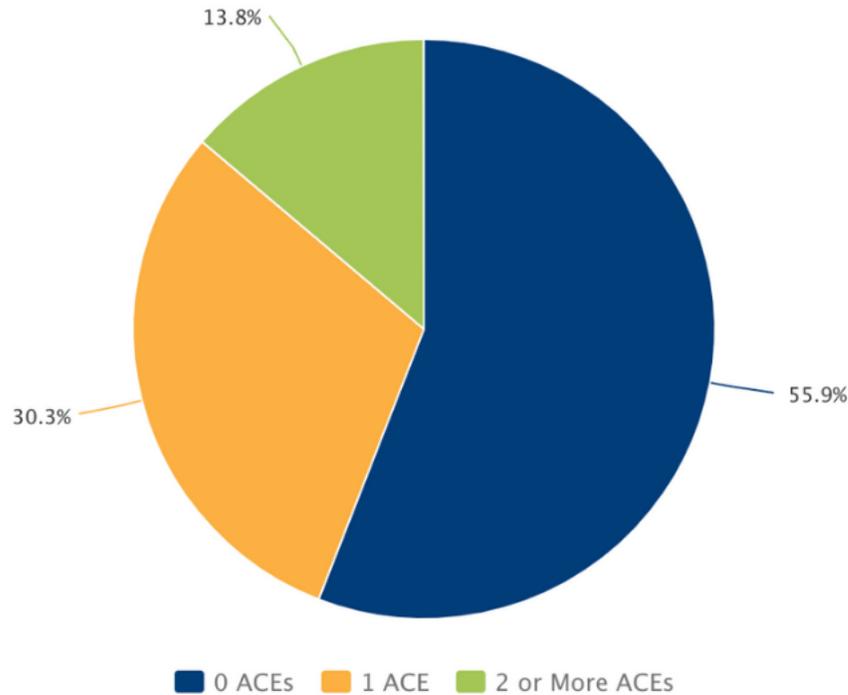


Notes: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) administers this annual survey to public and private alcohol and drug abuse treatment facilities, collecting data for a designated point in time (March 29, 2019). The California survey rate of response for 2019 was 84.6%. Youth is under age 18. Figures may not total 100% due to rounding.

Children with Adverse Experiences (Parent Reported)

Year(s): 2016-2019

Orange County



Adverse Childhood Experiences Trauma Leads To Addiction

- ACES Score of 4 or more

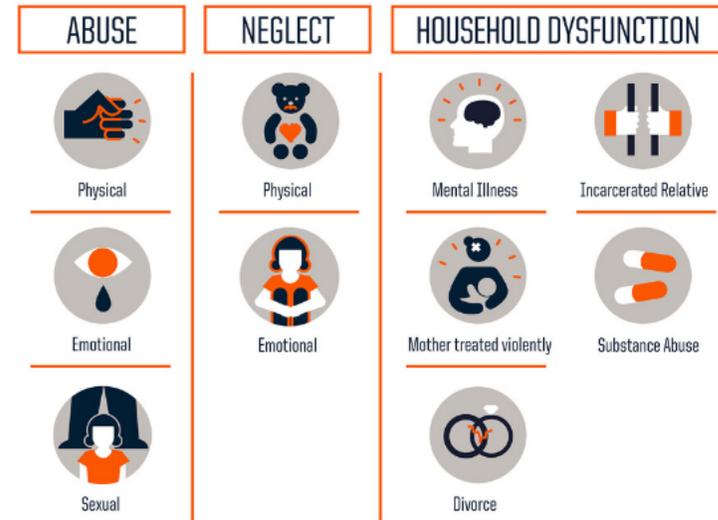
Risk of Higher Alcohol/Drug Usage

11x more likely for IV drug use

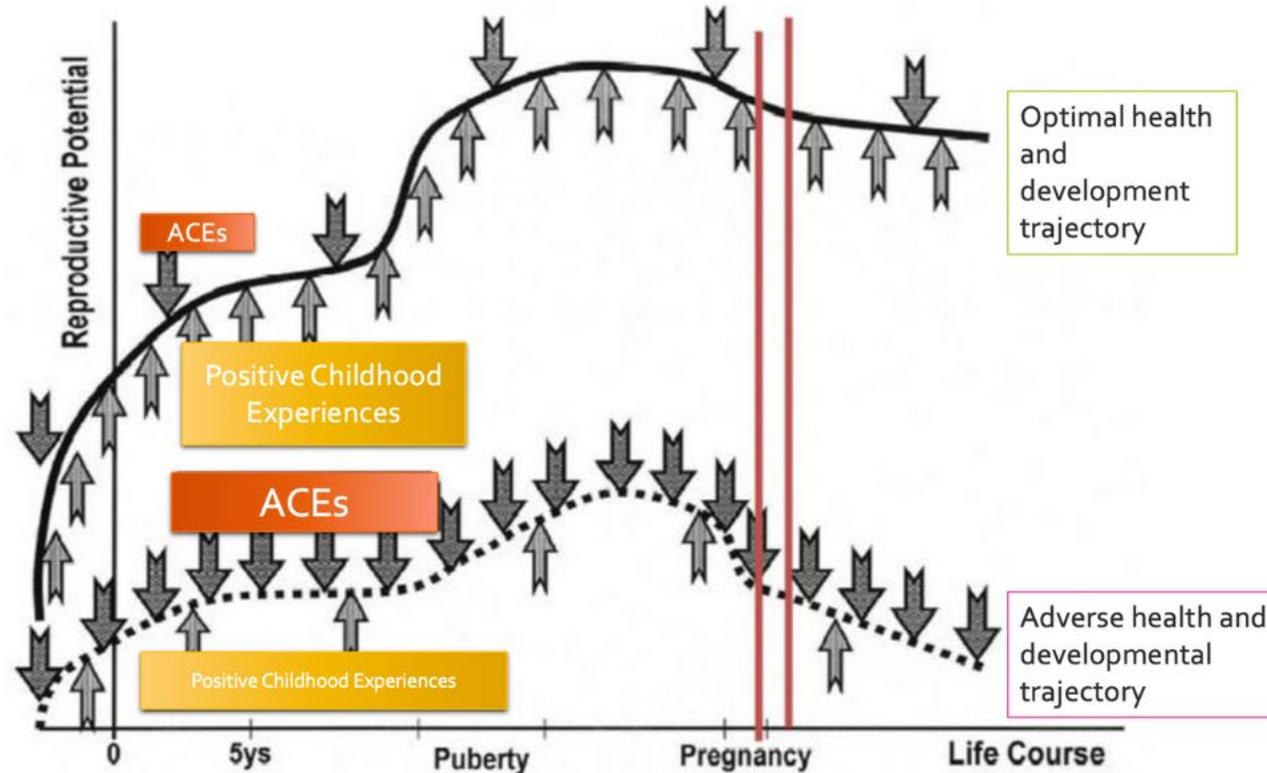
Each additional ACE point adds 62% increase in prescription drug abuse

“Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are the single greatest unaddressed public health threat facing our nation today.”

Robert Block, former President of the American Academy of Pediatrics



Life Course Perspective

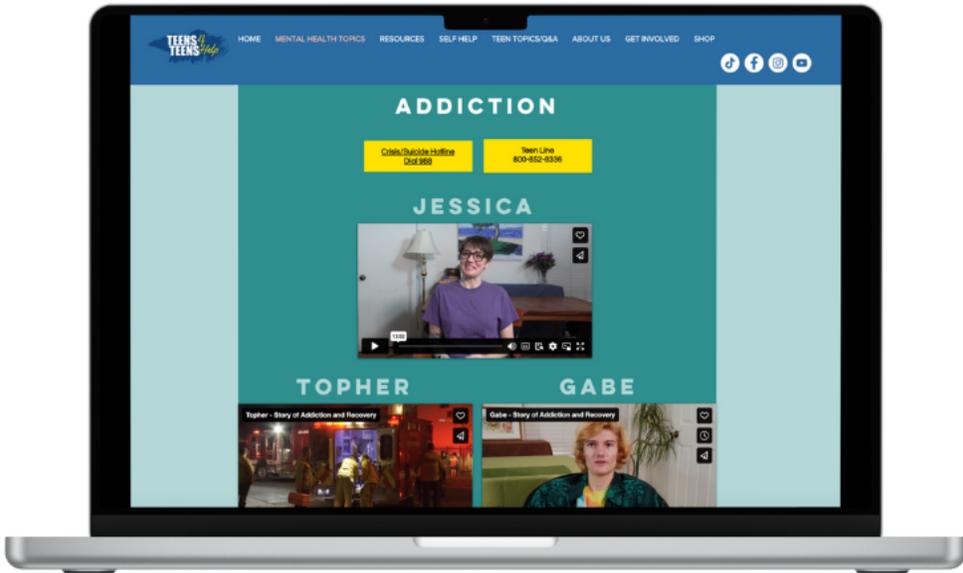


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Identifying a program for teens focused on ACEs and PCEs will help reduce the escalation of SUDS between in the TAY community

Our Partners and Collaborators

	<p>Resources</p>	<p>Peer Voices has identified Teens 4 teens help as a crucial partner due to its robust online resources and strong online presence tailored for teens. The organization specializes in providing accessible, peer-reviewed information and support tools that resonate with the youth, making it an ideal partner for enhancing Peer Voices' digital outreach and resource availability to teens and transitional aged youth.</p>
	<p>Curriculum</p>	<p>Glue Tampa Bay has been chosen for its innovative curriculum tailored to youth development. Their programs focus on skill-building, personal growth, and educational advancement, all designed to engage and empower young individuals. Partnering with GlueTampaBay.org allows Peer Voices to leverage their expertly crafted curriculum to further enrich the educational components of their youth programs.</p>
	<p>Technology</p>	<p>Humanistic Technologies brings a technological edge to this partnership, focusing on developing Learning Management Systems (LMS) and other tech solutions that enhance learning and resource distribution. Peer Voices values this partnership to integrate advanced technology into their service delivery, ensuring that educational and supportive content is both scalable and easily accessible to youth and transitional aged youth.</p>



- Peer-Driven Content: Teens4teenshelp.org offers content created by teens for teens, ensuring that the material is relatable and effectively addresses the concerns and interests of the youth demographic.
- Comprehensive Resource Hub: The website serves as a comprehensive hub for mental health, educational support, and crisis management resources, making it a valuable one-stop resource for youth seeking guidance and help.
- Interactive Tools: They incorporate interactive tools such as forums, live chats, and self-help widgets that engage users and provide immediate support and connectivity with peers, fostering a supportive online community.
- Up-to-Date Information: The website maintains a commitment to providing the latest information and resources, regularly updated to reflect new research and trends in youth well-being and support, keeping their offerings relevant and effective.

Mentorship

Through compassion, empathy and knowledge our mission is to create well equipped youth mentors. These mentors will help facilitate future activities and advocate the G.L.U.E. mission to their peers through the skills and activities they learn. With the ultimate goal of learning to become a peer support specialist as they progress into the TAY category.



Program Foundation





The G.L.U.E. App

Deeper
Data

Using a mobile application we will be able to provide the G.L.U.E curriculum digitally to all youth in our target population. Current participants and Alumni will also be able to access the information at all times.

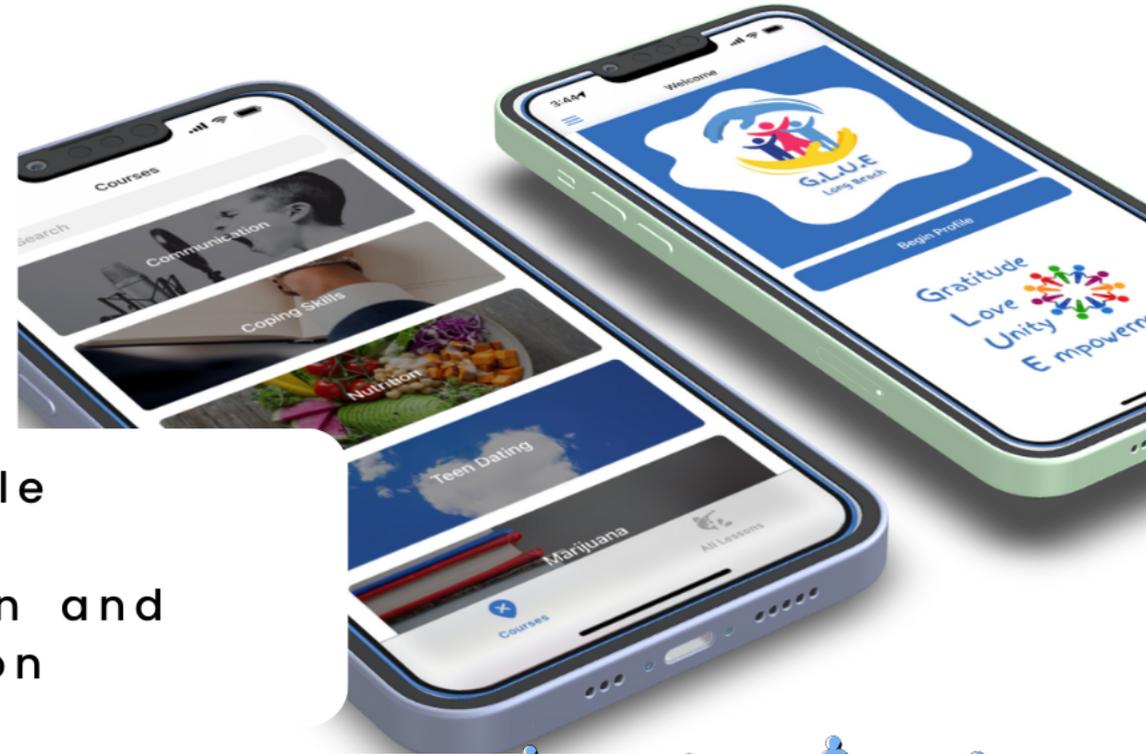
Features

- G.L.U.E. Curriculum
- Access to G.L.U.E. Mentors
- Local Resource Directory
- Videos and News
- Free Digital Art Lessons

Accessible
Drug
Education and
Prevention

Measuring Outcomes

- Surveys on the app
- Analytics
- Rating system for courses



The Boots On The Ground

Peer Voices aims to enhance resource accessibility and quality programming for the transitional aged youth (TAY) community. By identifying strategic partners, we collaborate effectively to bridge these gaps, ensuring a richer, more accessible suite of services. Our skilled team of Peer Support Specialists, Community Health Workers, and dedicated volunteers are instrumental in this effort, not only facilitating programs but also amplifying the impact of valuable resources and educational tools within the community



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CoC Update

**Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator,
Office of Care Coordination**

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Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Funding

- On October 30, 2024, the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the award of \$72 million to 14 communities under the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP).
- This funding will help the awarded communities create opportunities that are specialized to support youth experiencing homelessness, including rental assistance for affordable housing units and wrap-around services to improve overall health and wellness in an effort to obtain and maintain stable housing.
- Though the Orange County CoC was not awarded YHDP funding, the CoC plans to continue applying for future opportunities to serve more youth experiencing homelessness.
- The full press release can be reference [here](#).

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AmeriCorps California Opportunity Corps Pilot Funding Opportunity

- California Volunteers, Office of the Governor is the State Service Commission for California and is now accepting applications for a two-year pilot program to support the unhoused community through national service. The funding opportunity includes a planning grant and two years of implementation funding, including federal funds, state funds, and an allotment of full-time or part-time AmeriCorps member positions.
- Nonprofit organizations and state and local government agencies are eligible to apply. All applicants must have active registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) at <https://www.sam.gov/SAM/>
- Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 2024.
- For more information on the funding opportunity, visit the AmeriCorps California Opportunity Corps Pilot Funding Opportunity webpage at <https://www.californiavolunteers.ca.gov/ameri-corps-california-opportunity-corps-pilot-funding-opportunity/>

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Upcoming Meetings

- **CoC Board Special Meeting (IN PERSON):** Tuesday, November 5, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - ❖ Location: County Administration South (CAS) County Conference Center Room 104, 601 N Ross St, Santa Ana, CA 92701
- **Lived Experience Advisory Committee (IN PERSON):** Wednesday, November 6, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
 - ❖ Location: CAS County Conference Center Room 104/106, 425 West Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana, CA 92701
- **Policies, Procedures and Standards (PPS) Committee (IN PERSON):** Tuesday, November 12, 2024, from 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - ❖ Location: CAS Multipurpose Rooms 103/105, 601 N Ross St, Santa Ana, CA 92701
- **Veterans Committee (IN PERSON):** Wednesday, November 13, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
 - ❖ Location: Orange County United Way, 18012 Mitchell S, Irvine, CA 92614
- **Service Provider Forum (IN PERSON):** Thursday, November 21, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
 - ❖ Location: To be determined.

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The Office of Care Coordination is Hiring!

- The Office of Care Coordination is currently recruiting to fill **two (2) Staff Specialist – Extra Help positions** to support with CoC and CES projects and initiatives being led by the Office of Care Coordination.
- Please note, Extra Help or temporary/seasonal positions are estimated to last six months up to one year.
- The Staff Specialist – Extra Help positions' responsibilities and job duties include, but are not limited to the following:
 - Analyzing, organizing and presenting data through various reporting tools.
 - Knowledge and understanding of the CoC, its structure and policies and procedures.
 - Knowledge and experience using the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
 - Knowledge and understanding of the CES.
- If you have any questions pertaining to this recruitment or if you are interested in the employment opportunity, please contact or submit your resume to Aida Lomeli at aida.lomeli@ocgov.com.

Please assist us in sharing this employment opportunity with others!

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CoC Board Nomination and Election: Now Accepting Nominations & Interest Forms!

- The Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant of the Orange County CoC is facilitating the annual CoC Board Nomination and Election process.
- The CoC Board is charged with responsibilities and authorities on behalf of the General Members of the Orange CoC.
- The CoC is recruiting for seven (7) to eleven (11) members to serve a two-year term from January 2025 to December 2026 and is intentionally seeking people who hold the following identities and experiences, including but not limited to Black or African American, Indigenous/Native American, People of Color, LGBTQIA+ and people with lived experience of homelessness or housing instability.

Now Recruiting

2025-2026 TERM

Orange County CoC Board Members

WHAT IS THE CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC) BOARD?

The CoC Board oversees and governs the community's work to **end homelessness**, including:

- Deciding which types of organizations and programs get funded
- Determining strategic direction
- Analyzing and interpreting data
- Setting community standards for how people are prioritized for and matched with available housing and services

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Anyone committed to ending homelessness in Orange County can apply!

We are seeking to broaden our CoC Board membership to more wholly reflect the diversity of identities and experiences within Orange County.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply yourself: scan the QR code below to access and submit an interest form.

Nominate someone else: Send them the form linked in the QR code below, or email CareCoordination@ocgov.com with their contact information.

SCAN ME



QUESTIONS? PLEASE REACH OUT!

 <https://tinyurl.com/CoCBoardOC>

 CARECOORDINATION@OCGOV.COM

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CoC Board Nominations and Candidate Interest Forms

- Nominate someone or self-nominate and proceed with completing the Candidate Interest Form
- To complete the **Candidate Interest Form** via SurveyMonkey please visit the following link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cocboard24>.
- If you are **interested in nominating a candidate or encouraging some to apply**, please share the above link with them or email the Office of Care Coordination at CareCoordination@ocgov.com with the subject line "CoC Board Nomination". In your email, provide the following information for the candidate you are nominating, and the Office of Care Coordination can assist with providing the Candidate Interest Form and any additional information:
 1. Name
 2. Email
 3. Phone Number
 4. Have you alerted this person you are nominating them?
- Interested candidates for the CoC Board should also be CoC General Members. The Office of Care Coordination can assist with confirming this process and provide guidance as needed.

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Apply for or Update Your Individual and Agency General Membership Now!

- The CoC Governance Charter identifies that each Individual Member and Agency that is a General Member of the CoC will be allowed one vote for the CoC Board election.
- The CoC Governance Charter states that a CoC Board member must be CoC General Member, either as an organization or individual. There is still time to become a CoC General Member if you are interested in applying for the CoC Board.
- You can view the [CoC General Membership](#) roster on the [CoC General Membership webpage](#)
- If you or your organization is not a General Member and wants to become one, please inform the Office of Care Coordination of your interest and fill out the [application](#) by **Thursday, November 7, 2024**.
- If your agency needs to update your authorized representatives for your agency, please submit an updated [application](#) to the Office of Care Coordination by **Thursday, November 7, 2024**.

Please contact the Office of Care Coordination with any questions at CareCoordination@ocgov.com or 714-834-5000

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CoC Board Nominations and Election: Timeline

Date*	Timeline Activity
October 29, 2024	Nomination period opens
November 5, 2024	Nomination period closes
November 7, 2023	Candidate Interest Forms are due; New & updated CoC Board General Membership Forms due
November 12 - 14, 2024	Candidate interviews tentatively scheduled, to be facilitated by members of the CoC Nominating Ad Hoc
November 15, 2024	CoC Nominating Ad Hoc to recommend candidates for election by CoC General Membership
November 18, 2024	Candidate Meet and Greet; Voting Period Opens
November 27, 2024	Voting period closes at 5:00 p.m.
December 6, 2024	CoC Nominating Ad Hoc to finalize election results; Candidates notified of CoC Board Election results
December 18, 2024	CoC Board Meeting: Selected candidates are presented to the CoC Board for ratification
January 2024	CoC Board seating takes place. Outgoing CoC Board and Board staff will provide training and orientation for incoming CoC Board

*Dates are subject to change

Provider Announcements
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CoC Board and CoC Committee Materials can be found
on the CoC webpage located at:

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For other inquiries, please contact the Office of Care
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