



COUNTY OF ORANGE
OFFICE OF CARE
COORDINATION

**Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC)
Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Collaborative
Committee Meeting
May 7, 2026**

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Chair

Public Comments

Meeting Agenda

1. **Provider Announcements** – Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Chair
 - a. Providers and members of the public are invited to share announcements and feedback related to youth homelessness
2. **Anaheim Project Lease Up Housing Match (PLUHM) Process** – Yanira Ruis, Management Assistant; Eric Chavira, Project Manager; Linda Ly, Senior Administrative Analyst, City of Anaheim
3. **TAY Coordinated Entry System (CES) Dashboard** – Daniel Garcia, CES Administrator, Office of Care Coordination
4. **Whatever it Takes Youth (WIT-Y) Program** – Kristine Peters, Senior Director, Programs, United to End Homelessness, Orange County United Way
5. **Youth Action Board (YAB) Development** – Marina Garcia, Lived Experience Partnership Manager, United to End Homelessness, Orange County United Way

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 2, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Orangewood Foundation, located at 1575 17th St, Santa Ana, CA 92705.

Business Calendar

Provider Announcements

Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Chair

Coordinated Entry System (CES) Evaluation Survey

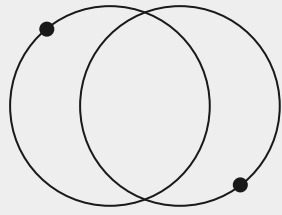
- The evaluation examines whether CES is effectively resolving housing crises, whether it improves the impact of housing and service interventions accessed via CES, and whether resources available through CES are appropriately aligned with community needs across subpopulations and regions.
- As part of the evaluation, please take a few moments to complete this voluntary and confidential [survey](#) to share your experience, insights and recommendations with the Element team. ***The survey will remain open until 5:00 p.m., Friday, May 22, 2026.***
- Additionally, for frontline staff who directly work with people experiencing homelessness, the survey asks if you are interested in participating in a virtual focus group to share additional insights and help identify opportunities for system improvement. Staff who indicate interest may be invited by Element to participate in a focus group.

Orange County Continuum of
Care: Stakeholder Survey



**Anaheim Project Lease Up Housing
Match (PLUHM) Process**

Yanira Ruis, Management Assistant;
Eric Chavira, Project Manager;
Linda Ly, Senior Administrative Analyst,
City of Anaheim

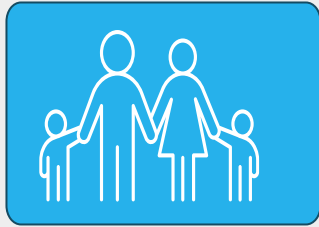


Affordable Housing Overview

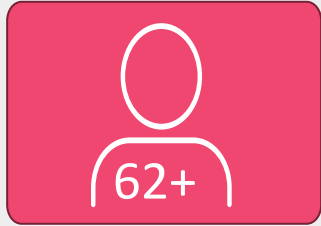
Sandy Lozeau – Deputy Director
Eric Chavira – Project Manager
Linda Ly – Senior Administrative Analyst
Yanira Ruiz – Management Assistant



Citywide



2,623
Family Units



1,140 Senior
Units



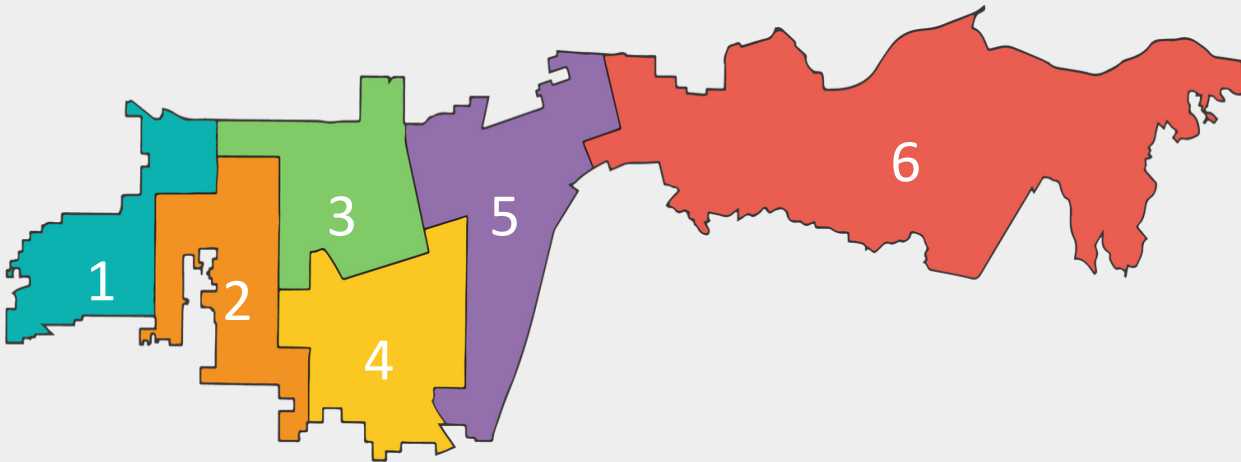
338
Permanent Supportive
Housing (PSH)/Homeless
Units



338
Special
Needs Units



246
Home
Ownership Units

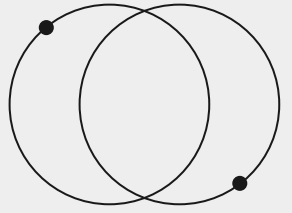


Population							
District	Family	Senior	Special Needs	PSH	Middle Income	Home Ownership	Total
1	356	403	70	69	0	12	910
2	564	113	12	0	0	0	689
3	676	426	0	111	231	204	1,648
4	784	41	0	116	786	30	1,757
5	243	27	31	42	265	0	608
6	0	130	0	0	0	0	130
Total	2,623	1,140	113	338	1,282	246	5,742

**5,742
Total Affordable Units**



Project Pipeline



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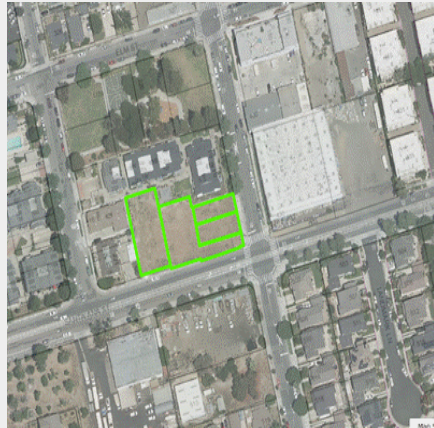
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ASSEMBLAGE/RFP

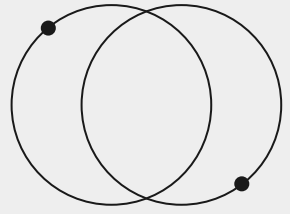
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APPROVALS

FINANCING

CONSTRUCTION

OCCUPANCY





Tampico Motel Conversion



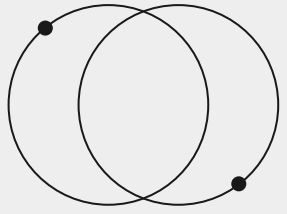
Address: 151 S. Cenpla Way

Number of Units: 31 Affordable – 1 Market Rate

Population: Young Adults (ages 18-26)

Project Status: Construction of this affordable housing development kicked off in August 2025 and is expected to be completed in March 2027.





Beach & Lincoln



Address: 100 S. Beach Blvd.

Number of Units: 46 Affordable - 1 Market Rate

Population: 37 Senior / 9 TAY

Project Status: Construction of this affordable housing development kicked off in June 2025 and is expected to be completed in February 2027.



Project Lease Up Housing Match (PLUHM)

City of Anaheim



What is PLUHM?

- Mechanism used to assist households who are at risk or experiencing homelessness with matches to housing programs.
- Acts as the local, coordinated network for housing resources.
- Matches to program vacancies will be facilitated through a pre-application submitted by household's case manager.
- Referrals are accepted **exclusively** from homeless service providers. Household cannot submit on their own application.

Housing Match Process

At-a-glance

PRE-APPLICATION

Service providers identify eligible applicants and submit a pre-application into PLUHM portal.



REVIEW

Housing Match team reviews pre-application and applies preference and prioritization factors.



QUEUE

Completed and screened pre-applications are placed in the PLUHM queue based on preference and prioritization factors.



HOUSING MATCH

Applicants who have met criteria for a vacant housing opportunity will be pulled up to a 3-to-1 basis.



LEASE UP

Service providers will work closely with applicants and supply required documentation for lease-up.



Prioritization Factors

Referrals will be prioritized and ranked based on the following factors:

1. Proof of Anaheim Ties

2. Proof of ties to a City of Anaheim Program

3. Homeless Chronicity Status as defined by HUD

4. Veterans Status

5. Housing Status in order by the following:

- **At-risk of Recidivism:** *Enrolled in a City of Anaheim housing program that is at risk of homelessness due to loss of subsidy or other extenuating circumstance.*
- **Bridged:** *Residing in housing that is temporary in nature (rapid rehousing, transitional housing, or motel) paid for by the City of Anaheim as part of a City program.*
- **Sheltered:** *Living in an emergency shelter paid for by the City of Anaheim as part of a City program*
- **Unsheltered:** *lacks access to traditional forms of shelter and is living in a place not meant for human habitation within the City of Anaheim*

Submitting a Referral

Getting Started:

- 1) Gather required documents and household information.
- 2) Create Neighborly account.
- 3) Complete referral* and upload requested documents.

Failure to upload required documents or providing incomplete information could result in a denial or referral without prioritization preferences.

***By submitting a PLUHM Referral, the service provider acknowledges that they must commit to one year of housing stability case management services after the client's lease-up.**



Required Documents

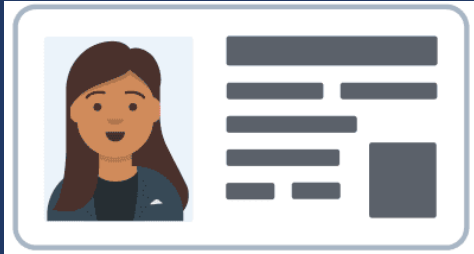


Photo ID – State issued ID or Driver’s License for all adults in household



Social Security Cards–for ALL household members



Birth Certificate–for ALL household members

PROFILE HISTORY SERVICES PROGRAMS ASSESSMENTS NOTES FILES CONTACT LOCATION

HISTORY

Advanced search options View ▾

Service Name	Start Date	End Date
Financial Assistance Ongoing Tenant-Based Rent... City of Anaheim	06/01/2024	03/18/2026
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Senior Safety Net Program City of Anaheim	06/01/2024	Active
Financial Assistance (Anaheim ESG) Rental Assist... Lutheran Social Services of Southern California	05/03/2022	05/03/2022
Anaheim ESG Program - Homeless Prevention Lutheran Social Services of Southern California	04/27/2022	05/03/2022
Individual Coordinated Entry System County of Orange	04/27/2022	04/27/2022

Homelessness verification – HMIS history

Income Requirements

- ▶ Household income must not exceed 30% of AMI as determined by the Department of Housing & Urban Development.
- ▶ In addition to rental portion, residents will be required to pay for utilities.
- ▶ Must have a form of income to cover utility costs.
- ▶ Case Managers must work with the resident to apply for resources to help cover housing costs if they do not have income.

FISCAL YEAR 2026 INCOME LIMITS*
Orange County
Santa Ana-Anaheim-Irvine, CA HUD Metro FMR Area
Effective 05/01/2026

Median Income: \$138,600	ELI	VLI
Family Size	30%*	50%
1	\$ 39,100	\$ 65,150
2	\$ 44,700	\$ 74,450
3	\$ 50,300	\$ 83,750
4	\$ 55,850	\$ 93,050
5	\$ 60,350	\$ 100,500
6	\$ 64,800	\$ 107,950
7	\$ 69,300	\$ 115,400
8	\$ 73,750	\$ 122,850

Documentation for Anaheim Preference

- Applicants who have ties to Anaheim or working with a City of Anaheim sponsored program must provide any of the following to receive preference:
 - Child's enrollment in Anaheim School for at least last 6 months.
 - Old lease agreement prior to falling into homelessness.
 - HMIS History showing direct services with Anaheim Providers.



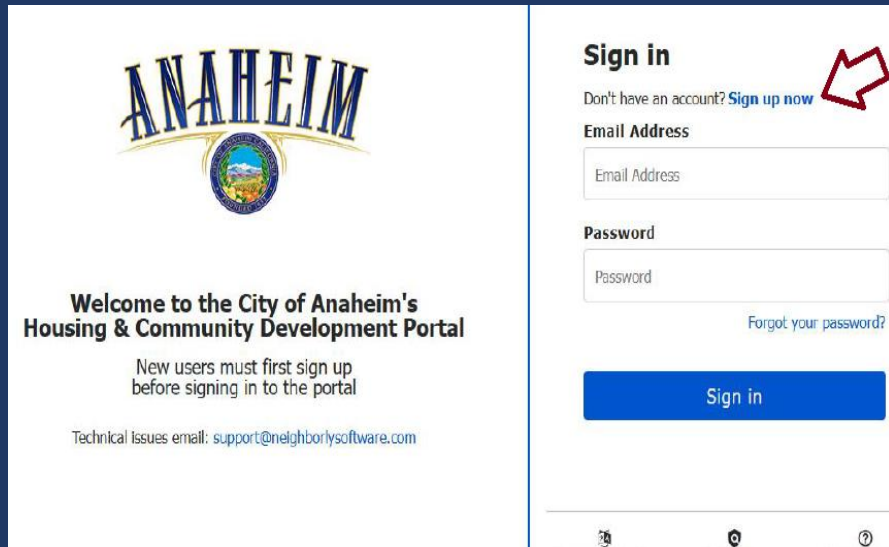
Chronically Homeless

In order to be eligible for housing restricted to chronically homeless individuals or families under the CoC program, participants must meet the definition of chronically homeless. The definition of chronically homeless is:

- A homeless individual with a disability as defined in section 401 (9) of the McKinney-Vento Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360(9)), who:
 - Lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter, and
 - Has been homeless and living as described for at least 12 months* or on at least 4 separate occasions in the last 3 years, as long as the combined occasions equal at least 12 months and each break in homelessness separating the occasions included at least 7 consecutive nights of not living as described.

Creating a Neighborly Account

<https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/anaheimca/Participant>



ANAHEIM

Welcome to the City of Anaheim's
Housing & Community Development Portal

New users must first sign up
before signing in to the portal

Technical issues email: support@neighborlysoftware.com

Sign in

Don't have an account? [Sign up now](#)

Email Address

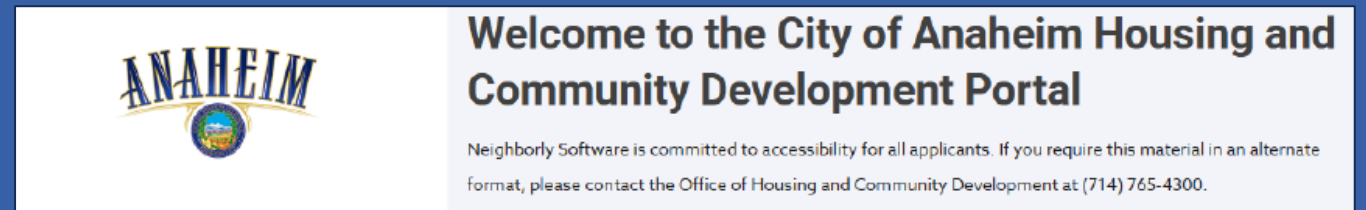
Password

[Forgot your password?](#)

Sign in

Using the link above, create an account and login.

After logging in, you will be redirected to the City of Anaheim Participation Portal.



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Start a New Application

Search Applications

Application Name	Description	Action
Project Lease Up Housing Match (PLUHM)	Project Lease Up Housing Match (PLUHM) is a coordinated assessment and referral mechanism for households experiencing homelessness with Anaheim ties to match to housing opportunities available through the Anaheim Homelessness System of Care. Eligibility: Applicants who live, work, or can demonstrate strong ties to the City of Anaheim. Applicants that are currently enrolled in a City homelessness program meeting certain demographic preferences (chronicity, veteran status, or housing status) are prioritized for housing matches under PLUHM.	Start Application

Locate the **“Project Lease Up Housing Match (PLUHM)”** application and click on **“Start Application.”**

Beginning a PLUHM Referral

▶ You will be prompted to enter a name for the application. Please enter your **client's last name, followed by their first name**. Proceed to **“Start Application.”**

▶ You will be taken to the application page. Click **“Continue”** to start the application.

The screenshot displays the PLUHM application interface. At the top, it asks the user to provide a name for the application, with a red arrow pointing to an empty text input field. Below the input field are two buttons: a white 'Cancel' button and a blue 'Start Application' button. The main content area is titled 'Application' and contains a 'Continue' button, which is circled in red. To the left of the main content is a sidebar with a progress indicator showing four steps: 'Instructions', 'A. Application', 'B. Client Information', and 'C. Household Members'. The 'A. Application' step is currently selected. Below the sidebar, there is a 'Submit' button.

Please provide a name for the application:
Use the following format:

Cancel Start Application

Project Lease Up Housing Match (PLUHM)
Status: Application in Progress
Name: Test, Test
Case ID: 12463

Application

Please use the link below to continue the application process.
Questions regarding the funding process may be referred to PLUHM@anaheim.net and (714) 765-4320 ext. 4294.

Continue

Submit

Instructions

- ▶ Read the instructions and overview of the process.
- ▶ Select “Complete and Continue” to proceed to the next page.

Instructions

Print This Step

Please provide the following information.



City of Anaheim
Project Lease Up Housing Match (PLUHM)
Application Instructions

PROJECT LEASE UP HOUSING MATCH (PLUHM)

The Anaheim Homeless System of Care (AHSOC) serves as the coordinating entity for City Departments and a large network of community partners involved in addressing homelessness in Anaheim. Project Lease Up Housing Match (PLUHM) is the mechanism by which the AHSOC ensures a consistent and equitable process to connect households that are at risk of homelessness or those that are experiencing homelessness to housing opportunities available through the AHSOC; including during an initial lease up period of new PSH developments, for subsequent PSH vacancies, and for admissions into other tenant-based rental assistance opportunities earmarked for persons experiencing homelessness funded by either the Anaheim Housing Authority or the City of Anaheim.

How To Apply

Eligible applicants must be referred to PLUHM by a Homeless Service Provider. A complete pre-application must include all referral required documents, including establishment of a strong tie to the City of Anaheim. Applicants will be considered for a housing match available in the AHSOC when a complete pre-application referral has been submitted on their behalf by a case manager and approved by the PLUHM Match Team.

CURRENTLY LEASING

The Anaheim Project Lease Up Housing Match Team will begin accepting pre-application referrals for the AZURE APARTMENTS PBV project beginning Tuesday, August 19th, 2025. Referrals will only be accepted from the Homeless Service Provider (detailed information on how to connect is below). This interest list will remain open until further notice. The Azure Apartments PBV project is located at 1251 N. Harbor Blvd. Anaheim, CA 92801, and will offer furnished studio and 1-bedroom units.

To be eligible, applicants must meet the City of Anaheim live or work preference (Anaheim INCORPORATED ties) and have an income that does not exceed the Extremely Low-Income limit (30% of the Area Median Income). Among eligible applicants with the live or work preference, placement on the interest list will be applied in the following preference order:

1. Existing Homekey project participants who were connected to the interim Studio 6 project.
2. Individuals experiencing chronic homelessness
3. Individuals experiencing homelessness
4. Individuals at risk of becoming homeless

Within each category above, applicants who are actively working with a City of Anaheim program will be given priority. Additionally, U.S. military veterans (including surviving spouses) and active-duty service members will receive an added priority in the application ranking process. Final placement on the waiting list will be determined by a combination of preference category and the date and time.

No save history

Save

Complete & Continue

A. Application Page

- Section A1–A5 requests agency information.
- Section A6–A8 requests the head of household information.
- When finished, click “Complete and Continue” to proceed to the next page.

A. Application This Step

Please provide all the information requested. Applicant data remains private and is used for program purposes. Tell the whole truth. Leaving out information may cause your application to be delayed or rejected. Giving false information may lead to criminal prosecution or permanent denial of all federal assistance.

Agency Information	Contact Information
A.1. Agency Name <input type="text"/>	A.6. Head of Household Name (First, Middle, Last) <input type="text"/>
A.2. Caseworker's Name (First, Middle, Last) <input type="text"/>	A.7. Client Phone Number <input type="text" value="()- -"/>
A.3. Agency's Mailing Address Address Line 1 <input type="text"/> Address Line 2 <input type="text"/> City <input type="text"/> State <input type="text"/> Zip Code <input type="text"/>	A.8. Client Address Address Line 1 <input type="text"/> Address Line 2 <input type="text"/> City <input type="text"/> State <input type="text"/> Zip Code <input type="text"/>
A.4. Phone <input type="text" value="()- -"/>	
A.5. Email Address <input type="text"/>	

No save history

B. Client Information

- ▶ Complete the requested information. Note that any question answered “yes” will require verification to be uploaded.
- ▶ Proceed to “Complete and Continue”.

Project Lease Up Housing Match (PLUHM)
Status: Application in Progress
Name: Jane Doe
Case ID: 12860

Instructions
A. Application
B. Client Information
C. Household Members
D. Required Documents

Submit

B. Client Information

Please provide the following information.

B.1. Does the client currently meet HUD's definition of homeless?
 Yes
 No

B.2. Is the client chronically homeless (Chronically Homeless: a household that meets the definition of chronically homeless as defined by the "Defining Chronically Homeless Final Rule" established in the Federal Register)?
 Yes
 No

B.3. Has the client actively participated in any of the following city-funded homeless or at risk of becoming homeless program (City program: a City of Anaheim public service program funded by and run on behalf of the City by a service provider partner):

- Senior Safety Net Program
- Homeless Individual Program (HIP)
- Homeless Assistance Program for Families (HAP-F)
- Anaheim Comprehensive Encampment Solutions (ACES) Program
- Anaheim Collaborative Court – Evaluating Strategies and Solutions (ACCESS) Program
- Community Care Response Team (CCRT)
- Anaheim Emergency Shelter

 Yes
 No

B.4. Does the client have ties to Anaheim Incorporated, Live/work preference (City preference: a household that lives, works, receives homelessness services, or has a minor child that goes to school in the City of Anaheim)?
 Yes
 No

B.5. What is the client's shelter status?

B.6. What is the client's ethnicity?

B.7. What is the client's race?

B.8. What is the client's preferred language?

B.9. Is the client ready and able to live independently?
 Yes
 No

B.10. What are the client's barriers to permanent housing?

B.11. Is there a service provider that has committed to providing case management at least 1 year?
 Yes
 No

Print

C. Household Members

- ▶ Begin by selecting “Add Household Member”. Fields will appear requesting household member information, beginning with “Primary Household Member”.
- ▶ To add more than one household member, select “Add Household Member” and complete requested information.
- ▶ To remove a household member, click “Delete Household Member” to the right of the screen.

C. Household Members Print This Step

List all household members.

1. Primary Household Member Collapse This Section

First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Birthdate Social Security Number Delete Household Member

Demographics

Relationship to Applicant Gender Disabled

Legal Identity Declaration Veteran

Add Household Member

D. Required Documents

- Upload all required documents for all household members.
- Note: Missing documentation may deem the application incomplete, or applicant will not be granted preference/prioritization in the PLUHM queue.

D. Required Documents

Please provide the following information.

<input type="radio"/> Third-party verification of Anaheim ties (if applicable).	Upload file
<input type="radio"/> Third-party verification that the client actively participating in a city-funded homeless or at risk of becoming homeless program (if applicable).(Optional)	Upload file
<input type="radio"/> Third-party verification that the client meets category 1 or 4 of HUD's homeless definition; or a narrative from the referring agency that includes how outreach was conducted, a timeline of homelessness, describes their intake, states where they are currently living, and includes third-party verification.	Upload file
<input type="radio"/> ID's or driver licenses for all adults	Upload file
<input type="radio"/> Social Security cards of everyone in the household.	Upload file
<input type="radio"/> Certified birth certificates of all minors in the household. (Optional)	Upload file
<input type="radio"/> Proof of child enrollment in an Anaheim-based school. (Optional)	Upload file
<input type="radio"/> If chronically homeless/disabled, proof of permanent disability (Anaheim Housing Authority's Certificate of Disability Form). (Optional)	Upload file

Submit Page

- ▶ You can only access the Submit page once all required documents and application information have been provided.
- ▶ Case Manager must electronically sign and submit.
- ▶ Note that the contact information provided will be used for communication regarding a housing match for the applicant.

Double check information is correct.

Submit

Please provide the following information.

Agency Name

Case Manager Name

Case Manager Title

Phone Number

Date

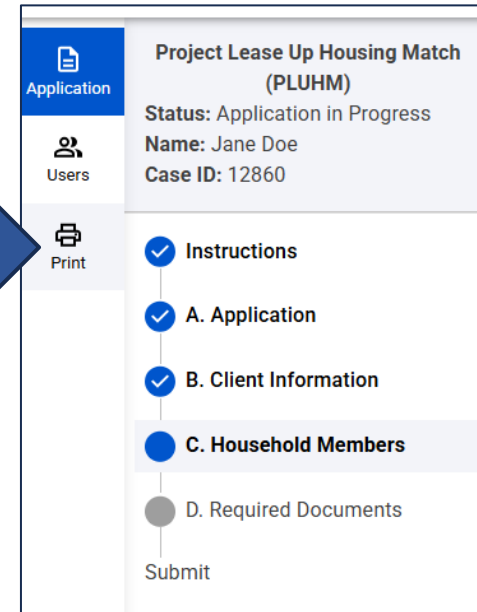
Case Manager's Signature

[Click here to electronically sign](#)



Print Application

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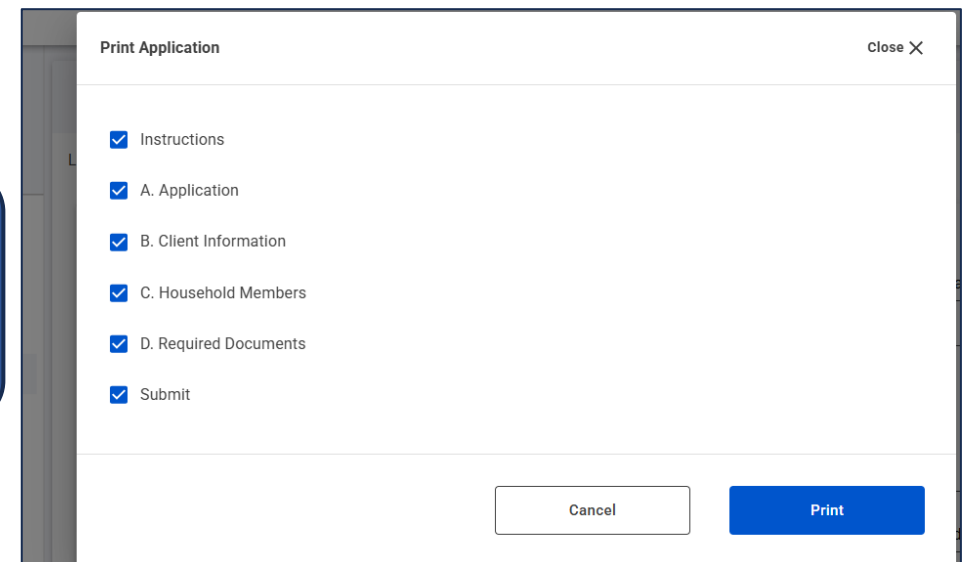


Project Lease Up Housing Match (PLUHM)
Status: Application in Progress
Name: Jane Doe
Case ID: 12860

- Instructions
- A. Application
- B. Client Information
- C. Household Members
- D. Required Documents

Submit

You are prompted to select the sections you would like printed.



Print Application Close X

- Instructions
- A. Application
- B. Client Information
- C. Household Members
- D. Required Documents
- Submit

Cancel Print

Continue an Application in Progress

► When you return to the main dashboard, all in-progress applications will be found at the top of the screen under “Continue an Existing Application”. Select “View Application” and it will redirect to the last completed section of the referral.



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Continue an Existing Application

Case ID	Name	Program	Year	Status	Expires	Action
12861	Doe, Jane	Project Lease Up Housing Match (PLUHM)	2025	Application in Progress	N/A	View Application

This section of the screen will also display all completed applications and their status.

Application Statuses

Application in Progress: Application has been initiated by the Service Provider and in progress.

Application Submitted: Application has been submitted by the Service Provider.

Application Under Review: Application was assigned to a PLUHM Caseworker for review.

PLUHM Queue: Application was screened and deemed to have met the minimum criteria for a housing match. The application was added to the queue with Anaheim preference.

No Anaheim Preference: Application was screened and deemed to have met the minimum criteria; however, the application does not have Anaheim ties and will not receive Anaheim preference.

PLUHM Queue Match: Application has been matched to a housing opportunity and has been leased-up.

Denied: Application was screened and determined to have not met the minimum criteria for a housing match OR the application was incomplete.

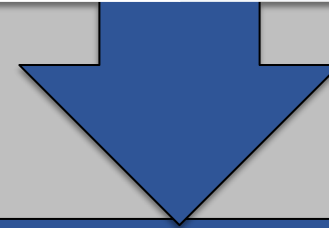
Denials



Applications will be denied for one of two reasons:

Incomplete application

Client does not meet HUD's definition of homelessness



Referring case manager will receive a status notification from Neighborly as soon as application has been screened.

Housing Match Notification



- Once lease-up begins, up to 3 applicants will be pulled for each vacancy.
- The PLUHM Match Team will contact the referring case manager by email detailing the next steps.

It is important to complete and return requested information by the deadline provided.

A housing match does not guarantee a unit.

Housing Match: Next Steps



Anaheim Housing Authority (AHA)

AHA will screen and request additional documentation and schedule fingerprinting/background checks for prospective residents.

Property Management

After application has been screened and approved by AHA, the applicant will need to complete eligibility screening with Property Management.

Thank You

pluhm@anaheim.com

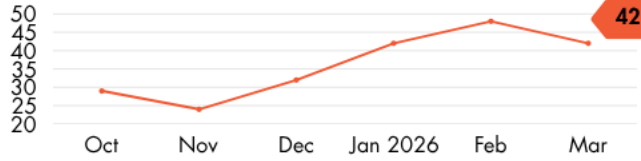
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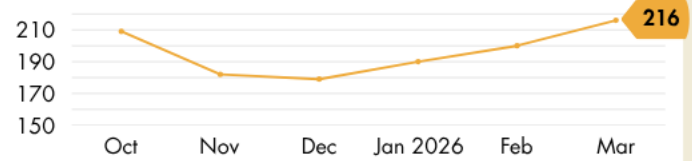
Transitional Aged Youth Registry - March 2026



New Enrollments



Total Households on the TAY Registry



TAY Households

216 ↑ 8%

including

HHs In ICES

194

HHs In FCES

22

Chronically Homeless TAY Households

59 ↑ 5%

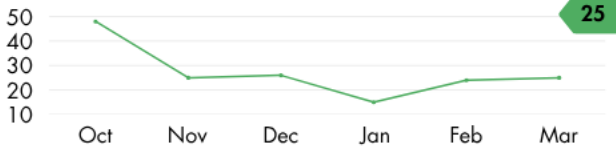
TAY Households on CQ

140 ↑ 11%

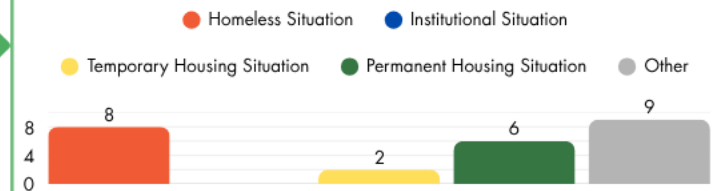
Chronically Homeless TAY Households on CQ

41 ↑ 11%

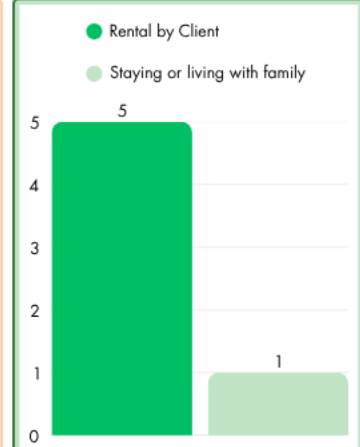
Exits



Exit Destinations for March

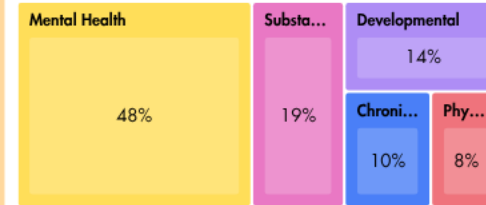


Temporary Destinations

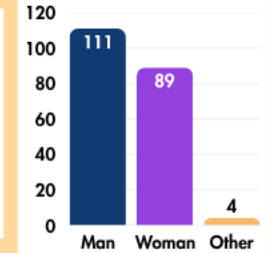


TAY Demographics

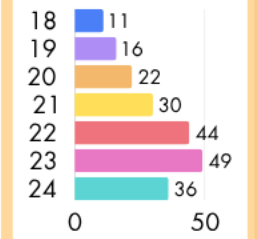
TAY HHs with a Disability: 59%



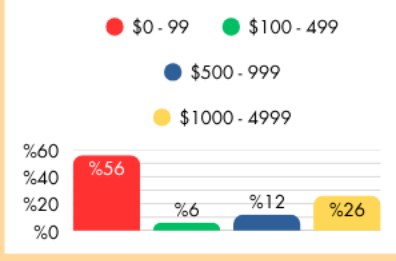
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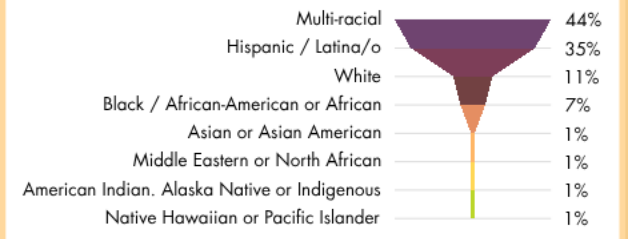
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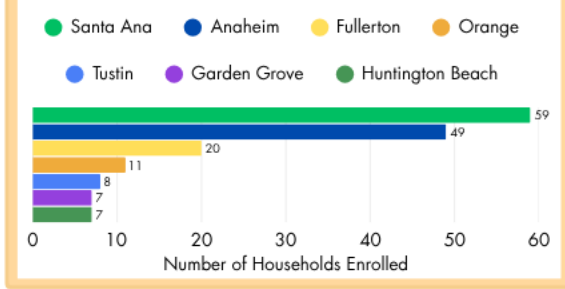
Total Income (monthly)



Race / Ethnicity



City Prior to CES Enrollment



Current Living Situation



DATA ANALYSIS

During March, **42** TAY households were enrolled into CES. At the end of March, there were **216** TAY households enrolled, an increase of **16 (8%)** from February. The number of chronically homeless TAY households increased by **3 (5%)**.

During March, **25** TAY households were exited, including **6** who moved into permanent housing, and **2** exiting to a temporary housing destination.

Of the **5** TAY households who moved into rental housing, **3** had ongoing rental assistance, and **2** did not have rental assistance.

During March, no TAY housing referrals were made.

From April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026, there have been **98** TAY households that have moved into permanent housing.

Housing Referrals Made: **0**

Rental by client, with ongoing subsidy: **3**

Rental by client, with no ongoing subsidy: **2**

*Data as of 04/01/2026

Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Registry Dashboard



Active TAY Enrollments by CES Access Points

Individual CES Access Point	Enrollments
The Orangewood Foundation	56
CEO – Outreach and Engagement	34
Covenant House California	23
Friendship Shelter	10
Mercy House	8
Salvation Army	8
PATH	7
City Net	6
Illumination Foundation	6

Family CES Access Point	Enrollments
Families Forward	1
Health Care Agency – Housing and Supportive Services	1
HIS-OC	1
Illumination Foundation	2
Mercy House	3
The Orangewood Foundation	9

Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Registry Dashboard



March 2026 TAY Enrollments by CES Access Points

Individual CES Access Point	Enrollments
City Net	6
The Orangewood Foundation	6
CEO – Outreach and Engagement	5
Mercy House	5
Illumination Foundation	3

Family CES Access Point	Enrollments
Mercy House	2
The Orangewood Foundation	4

Whatever it Takes Youth (WIT-Y) Program

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United to End Homelessness, Orange County
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Launch day June 10, 2025

3 Partner Agencies
26 Staff Members Trained

What is WIT-Y?

The goal of Whatever it Takes-Youth is to pair creative housing/diversion conversations with one-time payments to stabilize a housing crisis and prevent a young person from experiencing homelessness.

- **Exploratory, strengths-based conversation** to brainstorm practical solutions for people to resolve an immediate housing crisis quickly and safely outside of the homelessness system
- Focused on helping people get past the **immediate barriers** they face in stabilizing their housing
- Generating **creative ideas** to identify realistic options for safe housing
- Identifying housing options based on the **person's own available resources** rather than those of the homeless response system
- Flexible financial assistance where needed to **fund young people's housing plans**

WIT-Y can be used to...



Eliminate a barrier to housing



Create a new opportunity for housing



Make existing housing safer or more tenable



Resolve a conflict that was threatening housing



Result is a client being housed permanently or temporarily outside of the homelessness system

Who is eligible?

- **Young people 12-24 experiencing homelessness or a crisis threatening housing**
- **Unaccompanied or at imminent risk of becoming unaccompanied**
- **Current Living Situation**
 - Literally homeless or living in a place not meant for human habitation
 - Staying in shelter
 - Unsafely or unstably doubled up/couch surfing
 - Fleeing DV or trafficking
 - At imminent risk of losing housing
- **Has, or can come up with, a concrete, specific plan for stabilizing their housing situation within ~30 days**

Young people are NOT eligible if they are already housed within a Rapid Rehousing, Transitional Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing, or housed with a voucher

Spirit of Diversion

Person-centered and strength-based approach that assists an individual or household to quickly secure a **permanent** or **temporary** housing solution outside of the homeless response system.

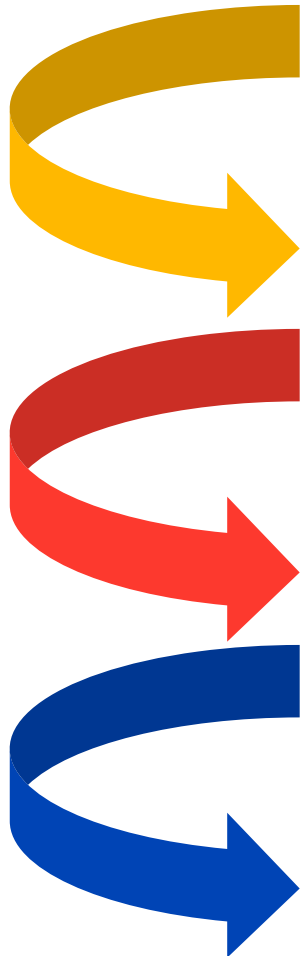
- Crisis Resolution
- Youth, Equity and Trust
- Fast, Simple, Flexible
- Progressive Engagement



- Flexibility
- Creativity
- Immediacy

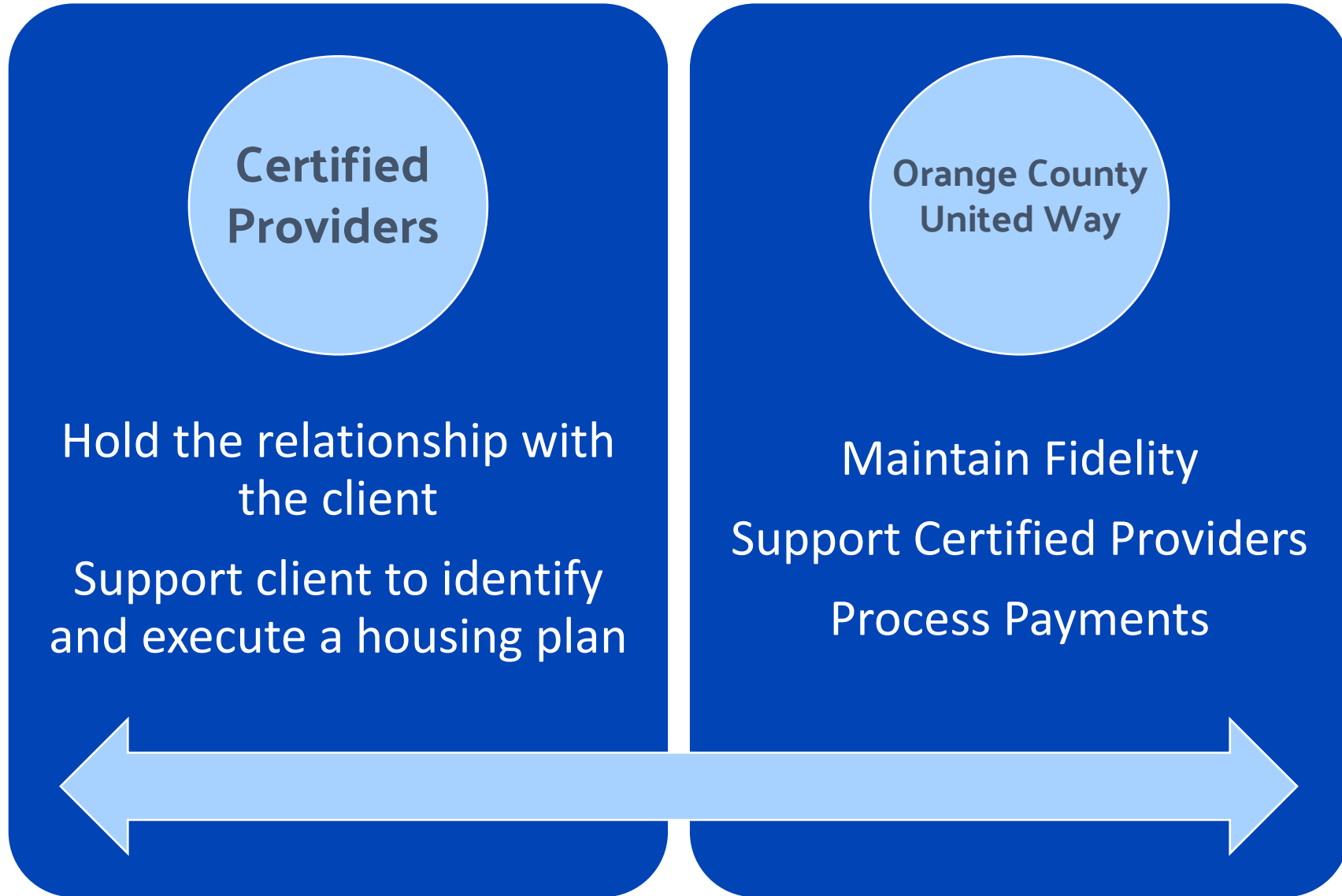
Eligibility Deep Dive

WIT-Y flexible financial assistance **can be used for virtually anything provided that:**



- 1) There is a direct line between that payment and safe, stable housing outside of the homeless response system, **and**
- 2) The housing solution can be implemented within ~30 days, **and**
- 3) The housing plan will result in the client being housed for at least 90 days

Roles



Housing Plan: Claim Evaluation Process

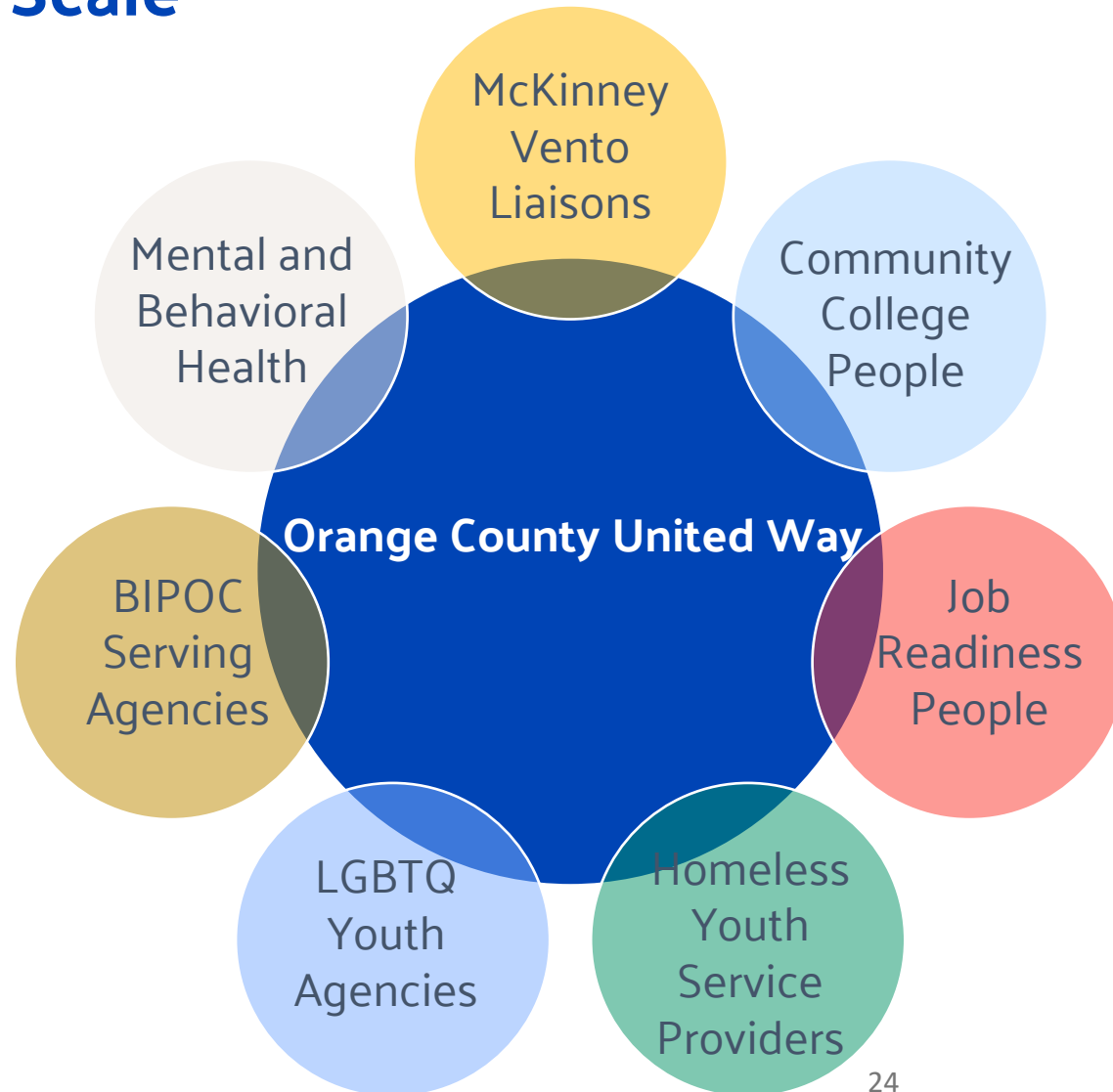


Payment Parameters

- WIT-Y is **not** meant to be a long term housing intervention
- The costs in the budget should be reasonable and **aligned** with the housing plan
- The budget should result in the young person **being/staying stably housed**

- Variable Amount
- Soft cap of \$2,500
- Possibility of getting an exception if absolutely necessary
- Can return if the housing plan has changed

Centralized Diversion Vision at Scale



- No wrong door
- Can support young people before they enter the “system”
- Community program, rather than program in the community



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**Next Monthly Training:
May 14, 2026**

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Q&A



Youth Action Board (YAB) Development
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YAB DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS & TIMELINE

Task	Status	Current Timeline
Develop compensation Policies and Procedures	Completed	Completed
Meet with Transitional Age Youth (TAY) providers	Completed	Completed
Meet with CoC Board Officers re: YAB	Completed	Completed
Hold listening sessions with Lived Experience Advisory Committee (LEAC) to inform YAB launch	Completed	Completed
Develop YAB recruitment materials & messaging	In progress	April 2026
Launch YAB recruitment	Not yet started	April 30, 2026
Draft initial YAB scope & governance documents	In progress	By May 2026
Draft CoC Board & YAB integration governance structure	Not yet started	By May 2026
Complete recruitment of YAB members	Not yet started	May 2026
Hold YAB launch retreat / kickoff event	Planning in progress	May/June 2026
Training opportunities for CoC Board & YAB	Planning in progress	June 2026 & Beyond

We are also asking the TAY Collaborative to *champion* the development of the YAB and integration of young people into the decision-making process across the CoC.





Q&A



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Thank you for joining!

Next Meeting: *Thursday, July 2, 2026,
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*

Location: *Orangewood Foundation, located at
1575 17th St, Santa Ana, CA 92705*

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

<https://ceo.ocgov.com/continuum-care>

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