



COUNTY OF ORANGE
OFFICE OF CARE
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**Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC)
Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Collaborative
Committee Special Meeting
September 1, 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. **Everfree Freedom Lifemap Presentation** – Helen L. Striver, Program Coordinator, Everfree
3. **Youth Action Board (YAB) Development Update** – Marina Garcia, Lived Experience Partnerships Manager, United to End Homelessness, Orange County United Way
4. **CoC Updates** – Timothy Kirkconnell, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination
 - a. Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Funding Update
 - b. Coordinated Entry System (CES) Update

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 5, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Orangewood Foundation, located at 1575 17th St, Santa Ana, CA 92705.

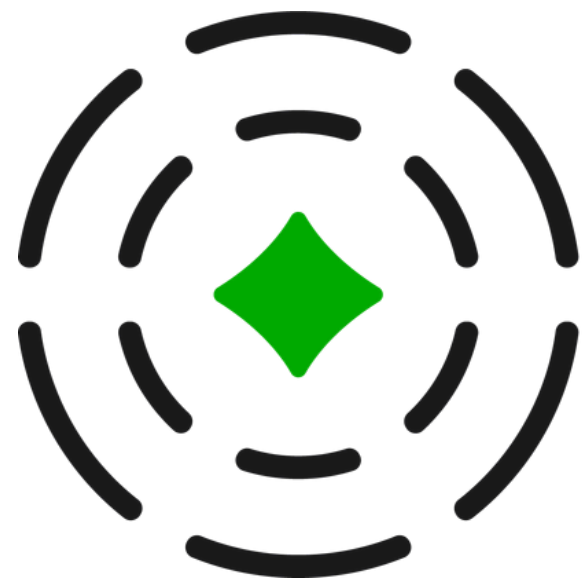
Business Calendar

Provider Announcements

Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Chair

Everfree Freedom Lifemap Presentation

Helen L. Striver, Program Coordinator, Everfree



Freedom
Lifemap

A digital platform that turns vulnerability into coordinated care, for survivors and individuals at risk.

About EverFree

EverFree breaks cycles of abuse and exploitation through survivor-led, tech-powered care that makes safety and healing accessible for all.

Safe homes and empowerment centers

Frontline experience, facing the same operational challenges your organization faces, is what shaped Freedom Lifemap. At our sites in Uganda and the Philippines, survivors and individuals at risk find a community that shows up for them with:

- Shelter
- Education and job training
- Medical and mental health care
- Legal services

Freedom Lifemap

Co-created with survivors, Freedom Lifemap Identifies Individual needs, tracks progress, and provides evidence you can bring to funders and boards.

- 50+ organizations
- 10 languages
- 12 countries across North America, Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Southeast Asia.

Funding and partnerships

We're grateful for UC Irvine's Blum Center as our research partner and the support of:

- The UK Home Office's Modern Slavery Innovation Fund
- Atlas Free Network,
- The Hovde Foundation
- The Samueli Foundation
- and others

EverFree's Impact

Care is effective, efficient, and accessible to break cycles of abuse & exploitation.



Individuals

Lead their own healing journey, so they receive the unique care they need.



Care Providers

Understand each person's unique needs to support more people, more effectively.



Global Movement

Aligns programs, policy & funding around effective solutions to break cycles of abuse & exploitation.

One Lifemap, One Person

Maya, 19, arrived at the safe home without stable housing or family to rely on. Her case manager, Diana, introduced Freedom Lifemap to understand where Maya was starting from.

Structured like a conversation rather than a questionnaire, the assessment moves through six life dimensions. Maya self-assessed 50 indicators as **Green** (met), **Yellow** (needs support), or **Red** (vulnerability).

Diana saved Maya's goals directly into Freedom Lifemap. In six months, they'll open it back up together and see how far she's come.

Health & Basic Needs

Medical Care ⓘ



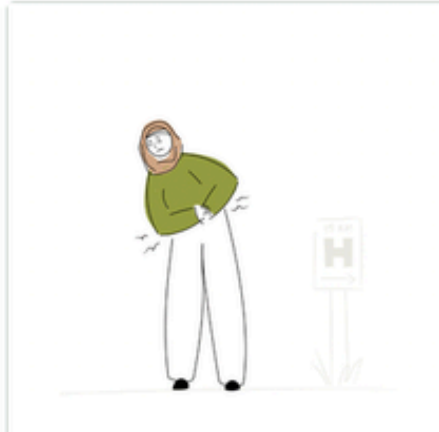
I know how to access medical care, and I am receiving medical care that meets my health needs.

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I know how to access medical care, but I am not receiving medical care that meets my health needs.

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I don't know how to access medical care, and I am not receiving medical care that meets my health needs.

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The 6 dimensions of Lasting Freedom

Health & Basic Needs

Rights & Safety

Community & Connection

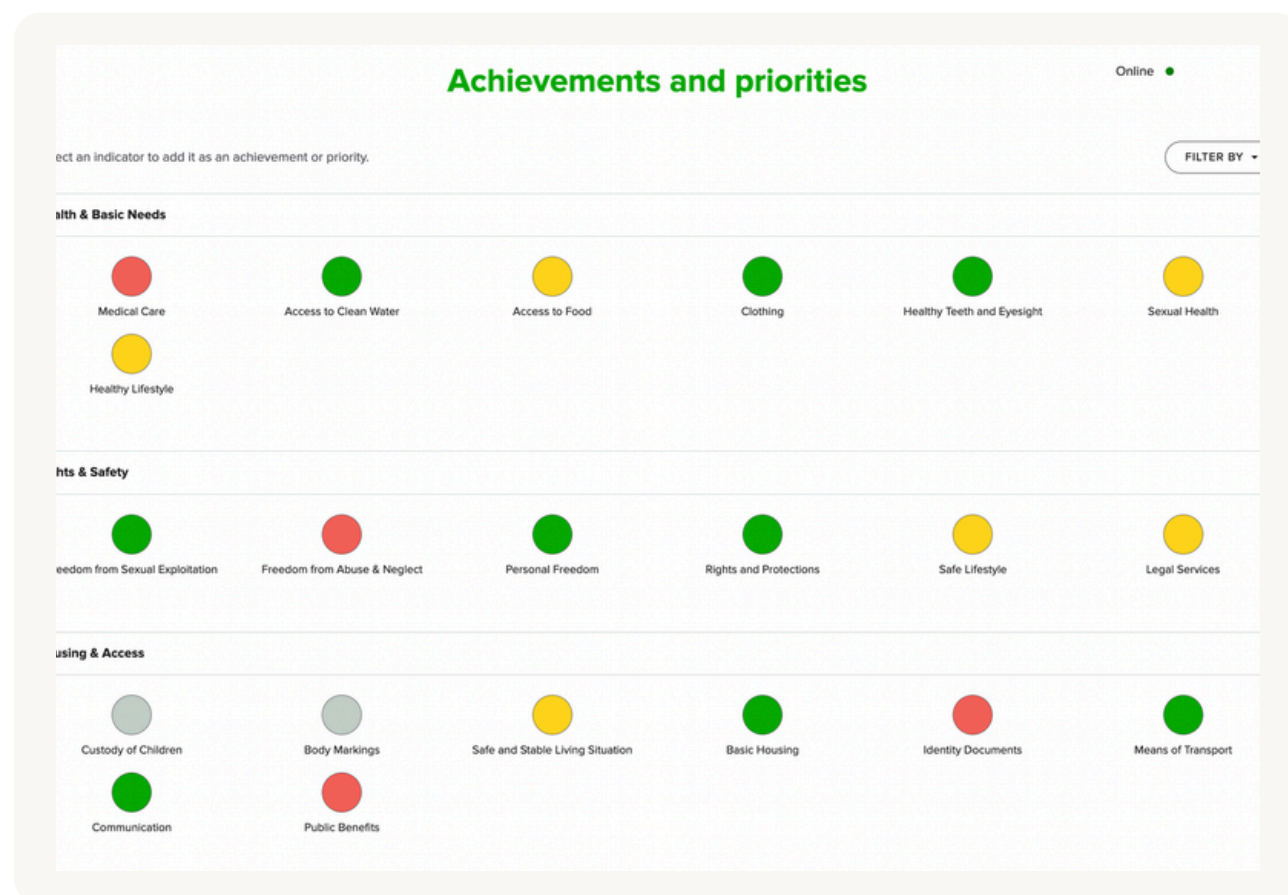
Housing & Access

Education, Employment & Finances

Mental & Emotional Well-Being

Seeing Herself Clearly

Maya expected a list of deficits. Instead, the results showed her ability to navigate systems, advocate for herself, and maintain connections despite instability in a way she'd never seen laid out before. For the first time, she felt like a person with a starting point, not a problem to be solved.



Strengths, Priorities and Achievements

With the results in front of her, Diane helped Maya name her top priorities:

Stable housing

Connect with a housing navigator, gather documents, and identify short-term options.

Consistent income

Employment readiness program, building on her reliability and problem-solving.

Rebuild community

Peer support group as a low-pressure starting point for reconnection.

What Changes for the Populations We Serve with FLM

38%

Increase in overall
well-being

50%

Reduction in
vulnerability

48%

Increase in case
manager productivity

65%

Higher goal
achievement

Lifemaps show what a participant already has, not just where the gaps are, and what they want to work toward next. For participants, that's a map of their strength, not only their struggle. For your organization, it's a plan already prioritized by the person living it, ready for your team to act on.

Participants keep their own Lifemap, and a copy stays on the platform too. For participants, that's a record that's truly theirs. For your organization, it's continuity, the relationship's history stays intact even as case managers change.

Source: EverFree randomized control trial in Uganda; qualitative feedback from Uganda program teams, including a request to increase case worker ratios from 1:27 to 1:40 after 18 months of Freedom Lifemap use.

Orange County Data - January 2025 to Present

Summary Compare Timepoint 1 Timepoint 2 Timepoint 3 Timepoint 4

Participant progress

Timepoints: ☒ T1 ☒ T2 ☒ T3 ☐ T4 ☐ Only include participants with all selected timepoints

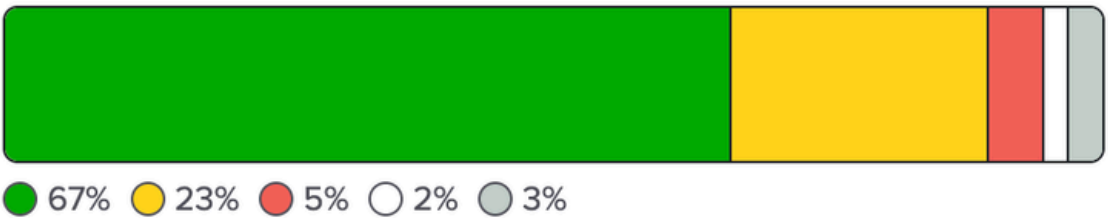
Lifemaps
1348

Participants
876

Priorities
1968

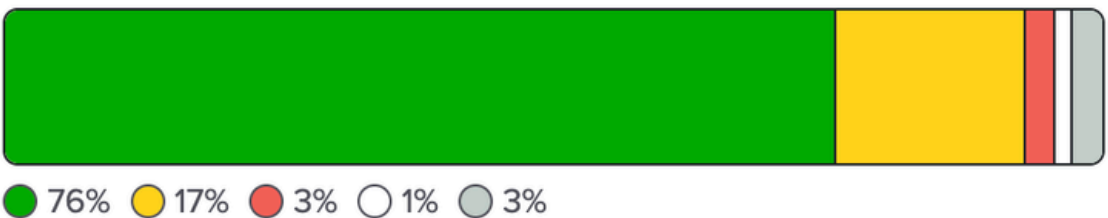
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T1
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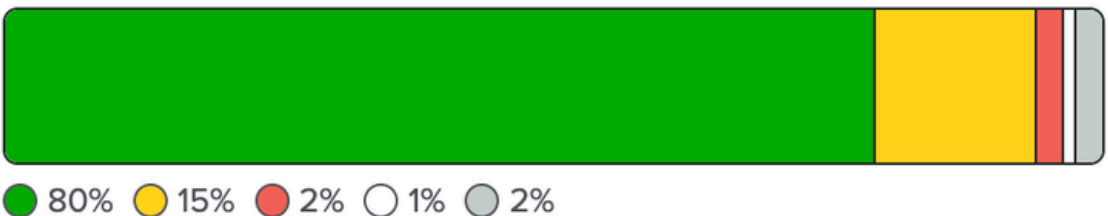
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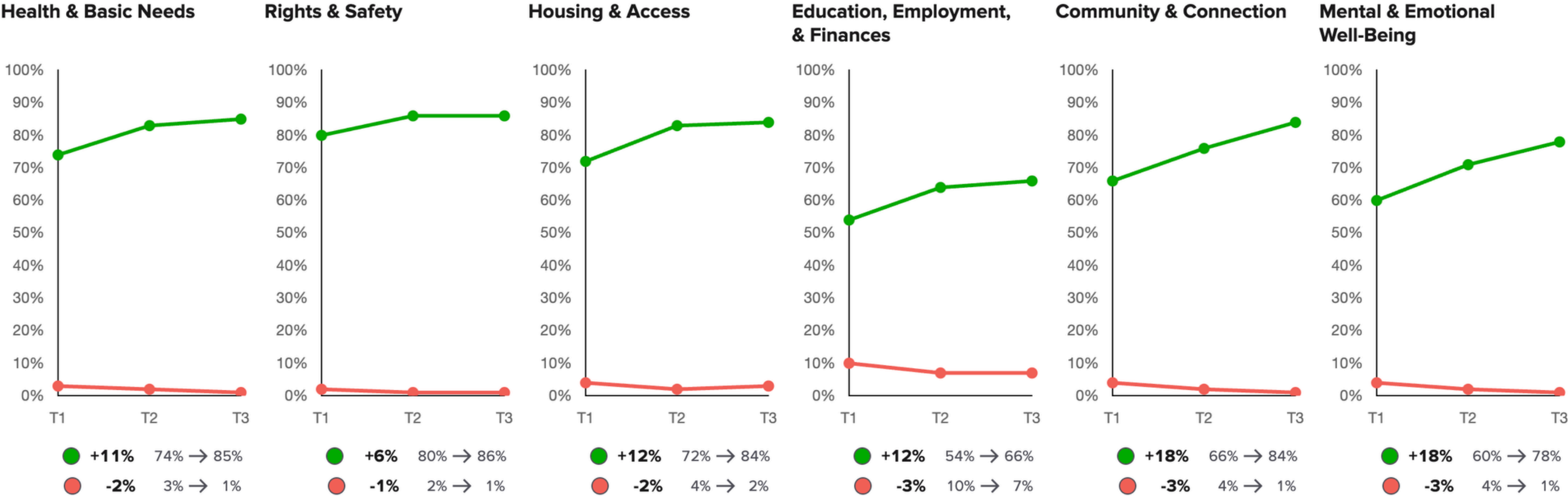
T3
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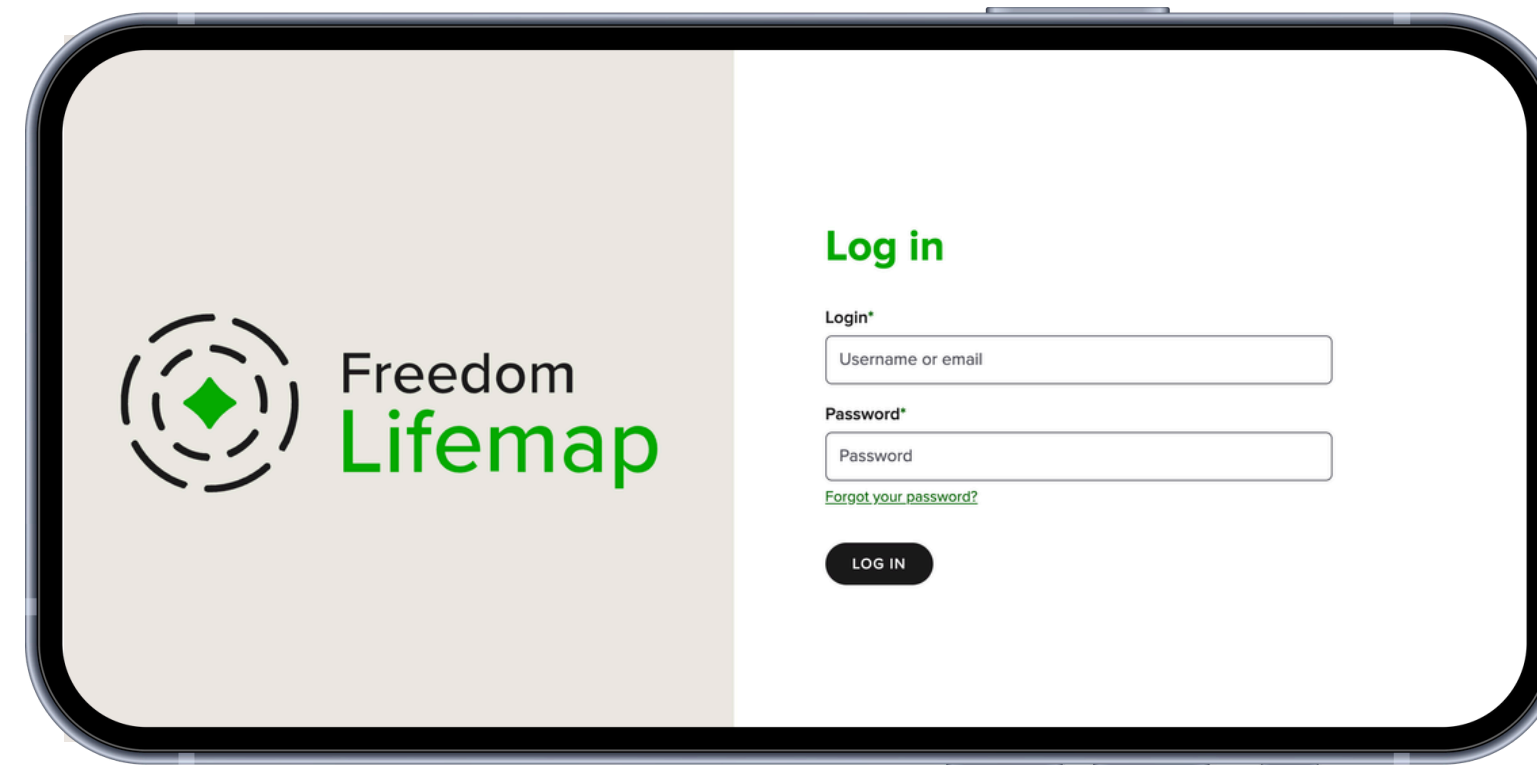


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Orange County Data - January 2025 to Present

Dimensions: Needs met & vulnerabilities reduced





Live Platform Walkthrough

One Session - Many Lifemaps

Freedom Lifemap can be completed one-on-one, or in a group session where multiple participants complete their own assessment at the same time.

Group facilitation doesn't compromise the individual assessment. **Each participant still self-rates privately and receives their own strengths, priorities, and goals.**

52.5 hrs → 2 hrs

Facilitator time to complete 70 lifemaps one-on-one, versus in a single group session.

26x

More participants reached in the same two-hour session.

The Process Continues

Every six months

Participants reassess their lifemaps, giving your team updated insight into how each participant's situation evolves over time.

Transition to independent living

With Direct-to-Participant, your participants can continue their journey between assessments, without you having to close their case before they're ready.

What The Aggregated Data Can Do

Primary prevention

Aggregated data shows the root needs of at-risk individuals before victimization occurs, so your organization can build prevention and advocacy work around documented needs instead of assumptions about your community.

Secondary & tertiary prevention

That same data sharpens how your team intervenes with survivors already in care, built on documented vulnerabilities, so every intervention targets what a participant actually needs.



What The Data Enables

Targeted training

Shows which exploitation topics matter most to your population, replacing generic curricula with what the data indicates.

Program Gaps

Identifies what your organization isn't covering, so you can build the service internally or partner to close it.

See your Impact

At a glance, how many participants you've supported, how often your team completes Lifemaps, and how many team members are actively using the platform.

Funder-ready evidence

Every baseline is on record the day someone enters your program, demographics, vulnerabilities, priorities, and it stays updated as indicators improve. That's documented proof of need and progress, ready whenever a funder or board asks.

Thank you for your time!

Reach out to your EverFree Point of Contact for any questions

Helen Stiver
North America Partner Coordinator
Helen@EverFree.org

**Youth Action Board (YAB)
Development Update**

Marina Garcia, Lived Experience Partnerships
Manager, United to End Homelessness,
Orange County United Way



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YOUTH ACTION BOARD (YAB) UPDATES

TAY Collaborative Committee Meeting
September 1, 2026

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	Completed	Completed
Launch YAB recruitment	Completed	Completed
Draft initial YAB scope & governance documents	In progress	September 2026
Draft CoC Board & YAB integration governance structure	In Progress	September 2026
Complete recruitment of YAB members	Completed	Completed
Hold YAB launch retreat / kickoff event	Completed	Completed
Training opportunities for CoC Board & YAB	Planning in progress	Fall 2026 & Beyond

ORANGE COUNTY YOUTH ACTION BOARD

Mission Statement

The Orange County Youth Action Board is a body of young leaders with lived expertise who share a goal of uniting and amplifying the voices of youth experiencing homelessness and housing instability. We strive to inform the public about barriers to accessible housing and supportive services, advocate for systems change, and promote collaborative community partnerships to ensure youth homelessness in Orange County is rare, brief, and non-recurring.

Vision Statement

We envision a community where all young people have access to safe and stable housing, feel empowered to use their voices, and have the support needed to build stable futures and thrive.

Values & Principles

Advocacy: Using our voices and lived experience to push for systems change and ensure youth have access to housing, resources, and opportunities.

Respect: Creating inclusive spaces where every voice is valued, heard, and treated with dignity.

Humility: Staying open to learning, valuing all perspectives, and recognizing that growth happens together.

Understanding: Seeking knowledge of youth experiences and systems to inform solutions that are effective and youth-centered.



YAB GOVERNANCE TIMELINE

Task	Status	Current Timeline
Group Agreements	Completed	8/17/26
Decision Making & Voting Process	Completed	8/17/26
Mission, Vision, Values & Principles	Completed	8/24/26
YAB Structure: Roles	Completed	8/31/26
YAB Recruitment & Selection Process	Completed	8/31/26
YAB Conflict of Interest & Grievance Policy	In Progress	9/14/26
Charter Review & Update Timeline and Process	In Progress	9/14/26
YAB Compensation & Budget	In Progress	9/21/26



Q&A





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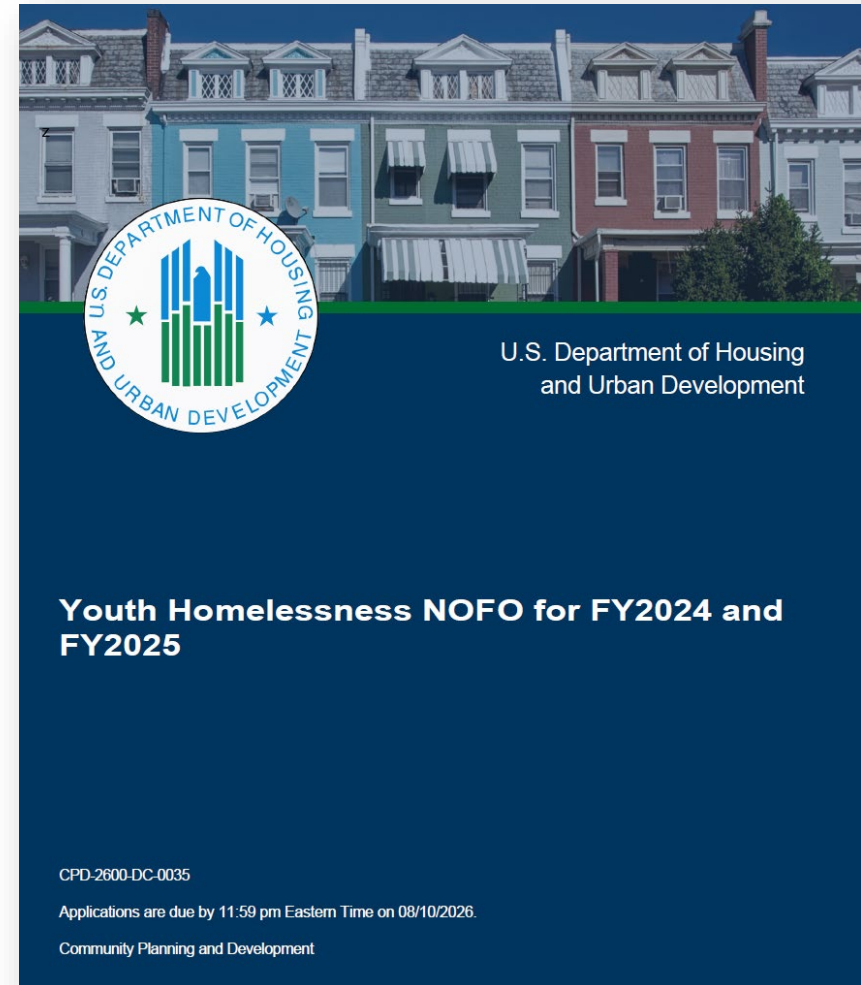
CoC Updates

Timothy Kirkconnell, CoC Manager,
Office of Care Coordination

Business Calendar – Item #4

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Submission

- The Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC facilitated the local competition for YHDP funding, as part of the Youth Homelessness Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and FY2025.
- On Friday, August 7, 2026, the Orange County CoC's YHDP Application, inclusive of the Priority Listing, Project Applications, and Consolidated Application was submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) ahead of the Monday, August 10, 2026, deadline.
- Thank you to the new project applicants, CoC Board and local stakeholders who made the completion of this application possible for this funding opportunity.

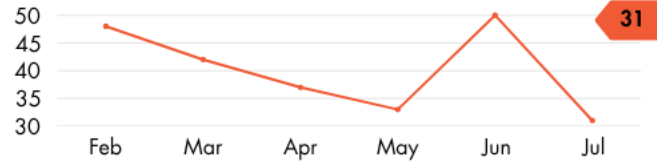


TAY Coordinated Entry System (CES) Dashboard

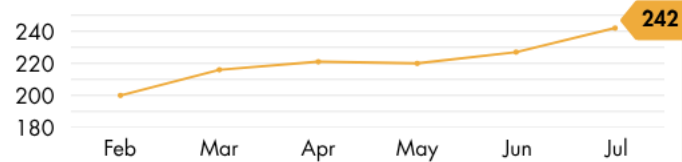
Transitional Aged Youth Registry - July 2026



New Enrollments



Total Households on the TAY Registry



TAY Households

242 ↑ 7%

including

HHs In ICES

219

HHs In FCES

23

Chronically Homeless TAY Households

66 ↑ 38%

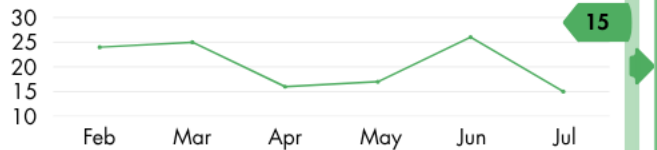
TAY Households on CQ

174 ↑ 9%

Chronically Homeless TAY Households on CQ

52 ↑ 4%

Exits



DATA ANALYSIS

During July, **31** TAY households were enrolled into CES. At the end of July, there were **242** TAY households enrolled, an increase of **15 (7%)** from June. The number of chronically homeless TAY households increased by **18 (38%)**.

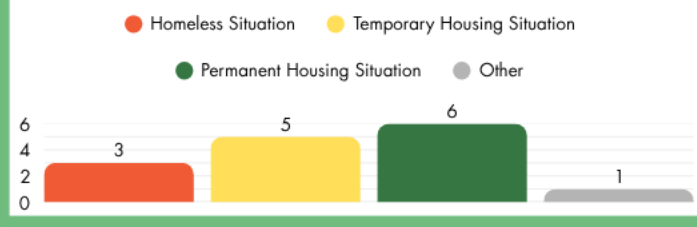
During July, **15** TAY households were exited, including **6** who moved into permanent housing, and **5** exiting to a temporary housing destination.

Of the **4** TAY households who moved into rental housing, **2** had ongoing rental assistance, and **2** did not have rental assistance.

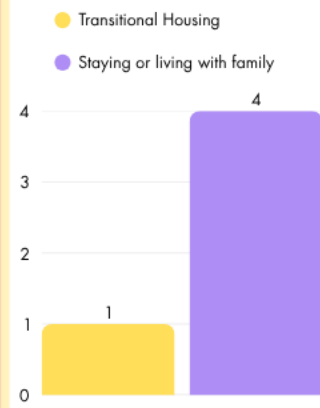
During July, **no** TAY housing referral was made.

From August 1, 2025 – July 31, 2026, there have been **82** TAY households that have moved into permanent housing.

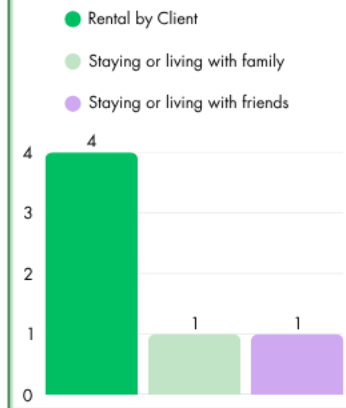
Exit Destinations for July



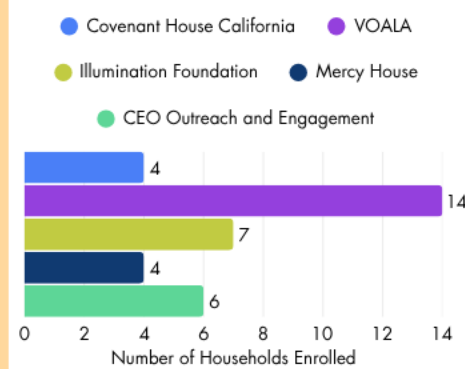
Temporary Destinations



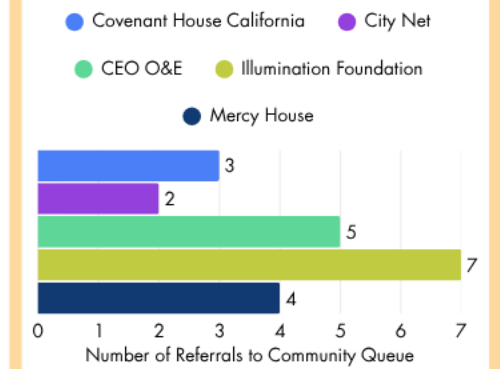
Permanent Destinations



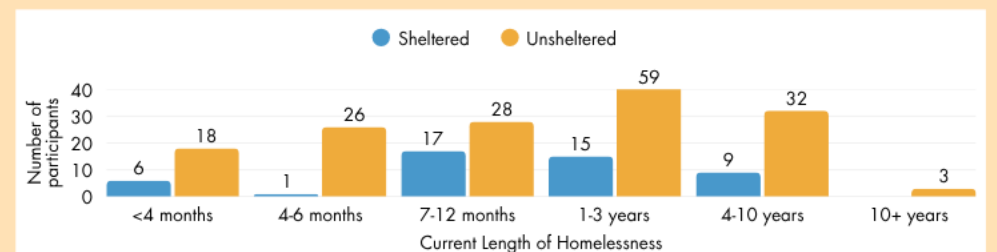
New Enrollments by Access Point - Top 5



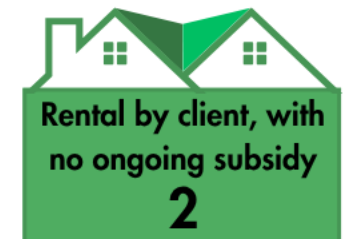
New CQ Referrals by Access Point - Top 5



Length of Homelessness of Enrolled Participants



Housing Referrals Made: **0**



Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Registry Dashboard



TAY Demographic Data

Age	Total
18	12 (6%)
19	33 (13%)
20	32 (13%)
21	38 (16%)
22	35 (14%)
23	45 (19%)
24	47 (19%)

Race	Total
Multi-Racial	89 (37%)
Hispanic/Latino/a	94 (39%)
White	25 (10%)
Black/African-American or African	27 (11%)
Asian or Asian American	4 (2%)
American Indian, Alaska Native or Indigenous	1 (<1%)
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	2 (1%)

Gender	Total
Man	128 (52%)
Woman	101 (41%)
Other	13 (5%)

Data current as of August 1, 2026

Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Registry Dashboard



TAY Demographic Data

Disabling Conditions*	Total
Chronic Health	21 (9%)
Developmental	31 (13%)
HIV/AIDS	1 (0.04%)
Mental Health	107 (44%)
Physical	15 (6%)
Substance Abuse	37 (15%)
Grand Total	212 (87%)

Total Income	Total
\$0 - \$99	138 (57%)
\$100 - \$499	13 (6%)
\$500 - \$999	30 (12%)
\$1,000 - \$4,999	61 (25%)

*Note: Some TAY may have more than one (1) disabling condition, and some TAY may not have any.

Thank you for joining!

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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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