

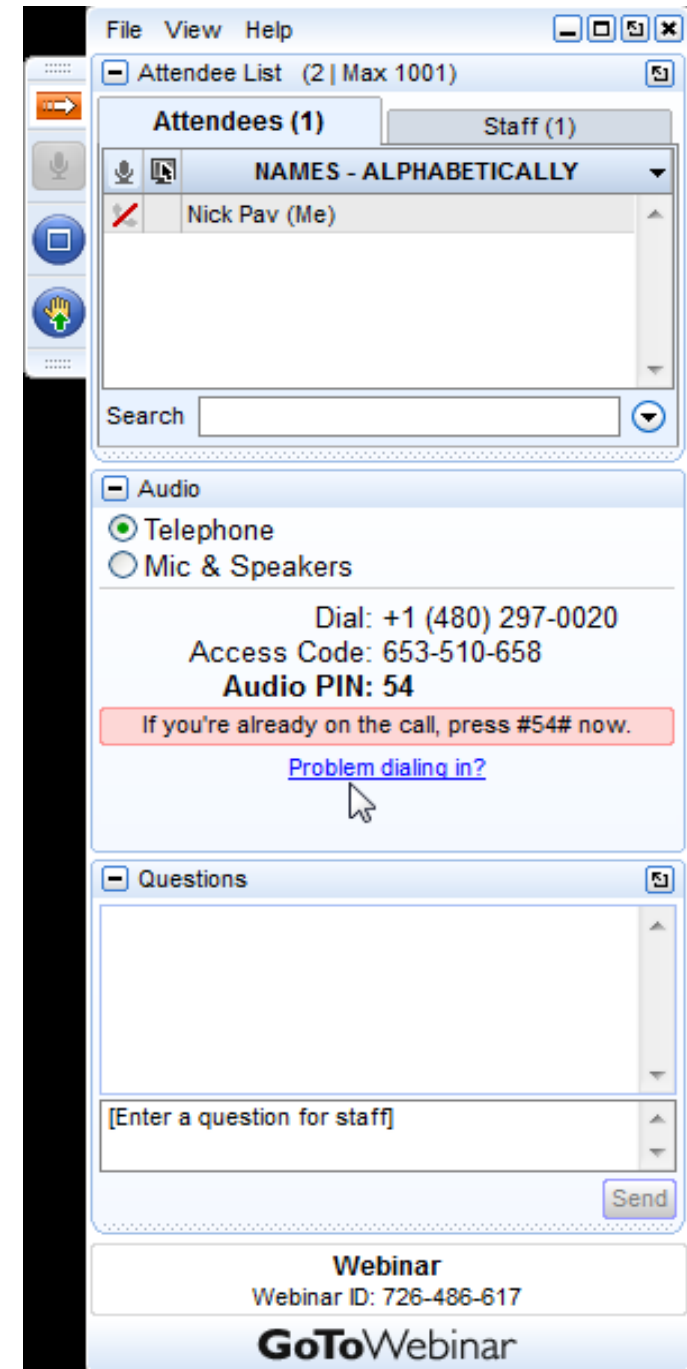
SIX IMMEDIATE STEPS COUNTIES CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOUTH IN THP- PLUS DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS

June 2, 2020



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AGENDA



Welcome & Introductions



Overview of THP-Plus



THP-Plus in Santa Clara County



Impact of COVID-19



6 Steps Counties Can Take



Question & Answer

TODAY'S PRESENTERS

- **Sabrina Forte, Staff Attorney**
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- **Britt Harwood, Senior Attorney**
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- **Carla Macias, Social Work Supervisor—ILP, Education, THP-Plus**
Santa Clara County Social Services Agency
- **Simone Tureck Lee, Director of Housing & Health**
John Burton Advocates for Youth

OVERVIEW OF THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM-PLUS (THP-PLUS)

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM-PLUS (THP-PLUS) HISTORY

Established in
2001 by AB 427
(Hertzberg)

CWS
Realignment
funds, formerly
state funded

\$34.9 M
statewide budget

THP-PLUS PROGRAM ELEMENTS

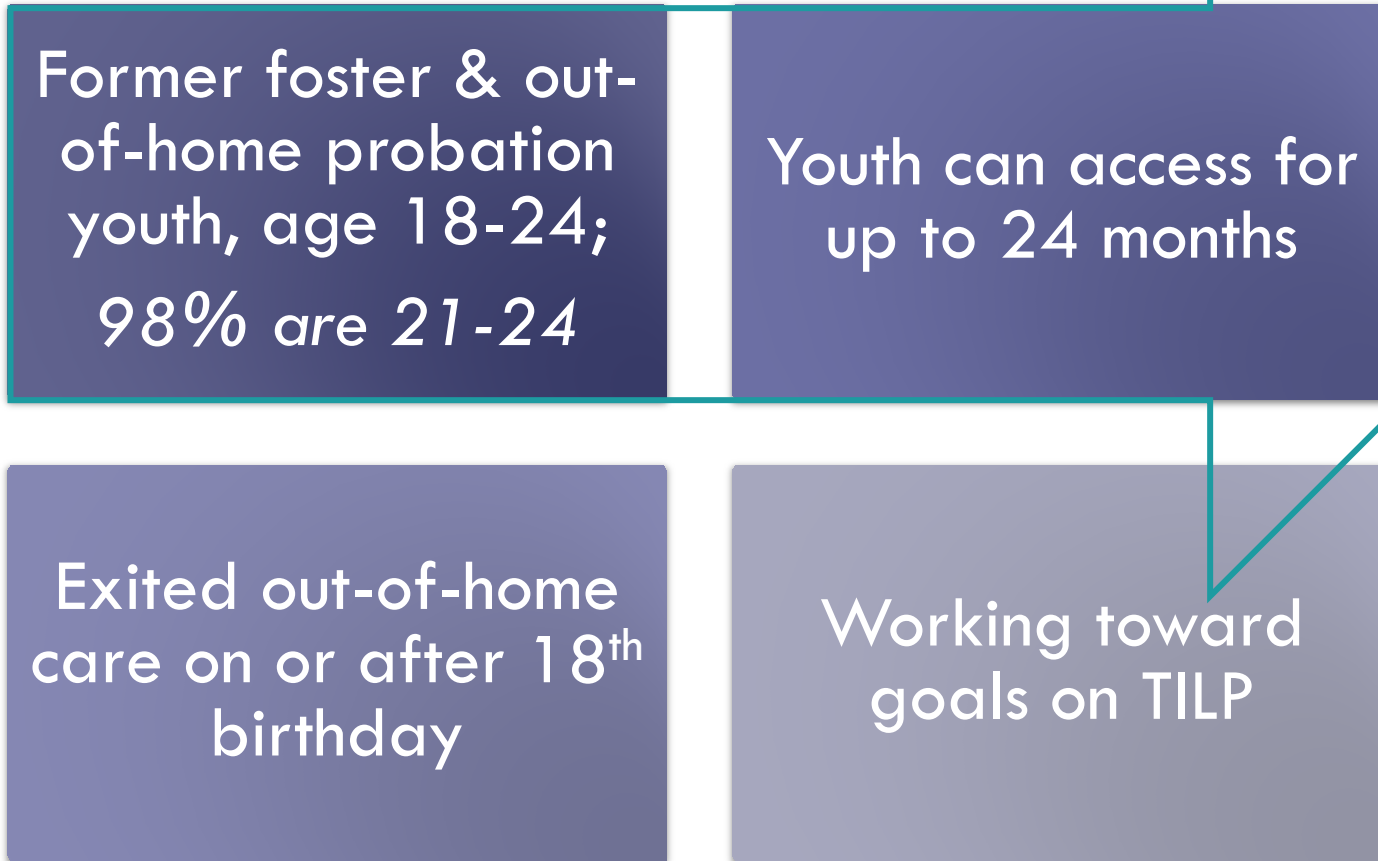
Affordable housing

- Subsidized and leased by nonprofit provider

Comprehensive supportive services, including:

- Counseling & case management
- Crisis intervention
- Educational support
- Employment support & connections
- Independent living skills
- Assistance finding affordable housing upon exit

THP-PLUS ELIGIBILITY



27 counties offer the THP-Plus extension: youth in school can participate for up to 36 months and/or up to age 25, whichever comes sooner.

THP-PLUS BY THE NUMBERS

TOTAL YOUTH SERVED OVER FY 2018-19



1,739

MOMENT-IN-TIME HOUSING
CAPACITY FY 2018-19



1,252

STATEWIDE PRESENCE



55 orgs operating **77** programs across **47** counties

YOUTH EXPERIENCE IN THP-PLUS (FY 2018-19)



YOUTH ARE WAITING FOR THE PROGRAM

- 636 youth on waiting lists for THP-Plus statewide as of June 30, 2019, a 53% increase from the year prior.



YOUTH ENTER FROM UNSTABLE HOUSING

- 35% of youth experienced homelessness between foster care and THP-Plus; 15% entered THP-Plus directly from homelessness or unstable housing.



YOUTH EXIT TO STABLE HOUSING

- Just 6% of youth exited to homelessness or unstable housing.

YOUTH EXPERIENCE IN THP-PLUS (FY 2018-19)



THE MAJORITY OF YOUTH COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL

- 88% had completed high school at exit.



LESS ARE ENROLLED IN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

- 26% of youth were attending post-secondary education or had earned a degree, certificate or license at exit.



YOUTH ARE WORKING

- 60% of youth were employed at exit.



YOUTH ARE CUSTODIAL PARENTS

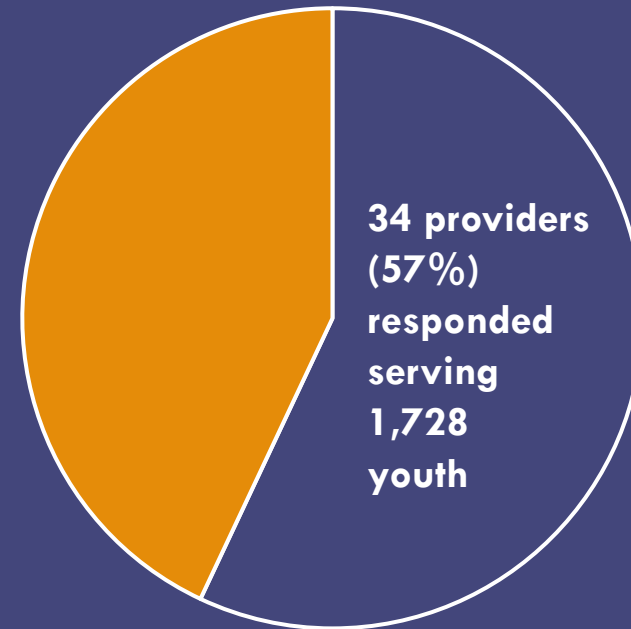
- 40% of young women were custodial mothers at exit .

HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH ARE INTERRELATED



HOW ARE YOUTH IN THP-PLUS IMPACTED BY COVID-19?

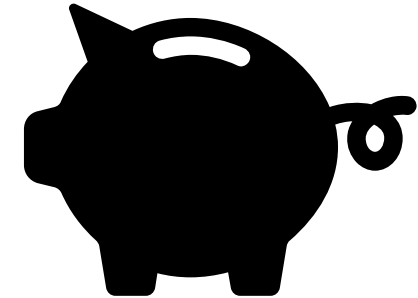
Examining April 2020
survey results
from youth in THP-NMD:
*Younger cohort with similar
experience*



<https://www.jbaforyouth.org/covid-19-thp-survey/>

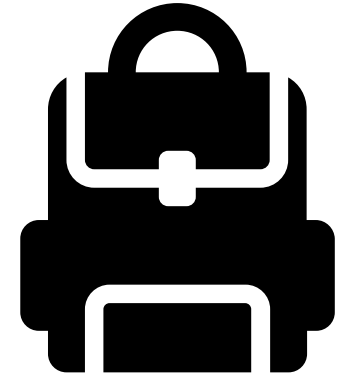
SURVEY RESULTS - FINANCIAL SECURITY

- 77% served youth who have been laid off
- 76% served youth who have had work hours severely cut
- 50% served youth who have a week or less of money available
- 40% served youth who indicated they are in a financial crisis



SURVEY RESULTS - EDUCATION

- 74% served youth who stopped participating in classes at school, either K to 12 or college
- 65% served youth who expressed a need for education support, including a laptop, tutoring or internet



SURVEY RESULTS - HEALTH

- 2% providers served youth who tested positive for COVID-19
- 21% providers served youth who have been required to be quarantined as a result of possible exposure to COVID-19



SURVEY RESULTS - MENTAL HEALTH

- 83% served youth who experienced depression, anxiety or another mental health condition
- 45% served youth who increased their level of drug or alcohol use
- 48% served youth who lost contact with supportive adults



SURVEY RESULTS - SAFETY

- 17% served youth who experienced domestic violence
- 12% served youth who experienced sexual exploitation



THP-PLUS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY



Total THP-Plus slots:
142

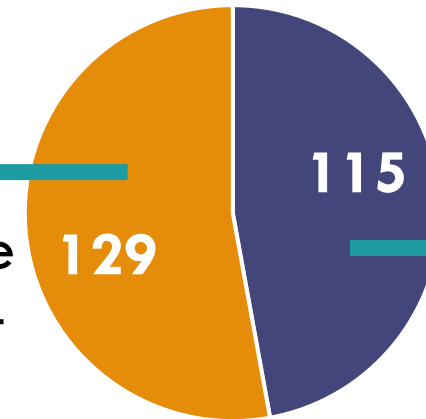
Total on
waitlist: 244



If on WL under #100, takes about 3 months for a slot; if higher, it can take 6-8 months

THP-PLUS WAITLIST

Youth
who have
aged out



Current
NMDs

SANTA CLARA COUNTY'S THP-PLUS WAITLIST

SCC Non-Minor Dependents	
Age	Total # on waitlist
18	13
19	36
20	56

SCC Youth Aged Out	
Age	Total # on waitlist
18	2
19	17
20	22
21	34
22	12
23	11
24	5

**SIX IMMEDIATE
STEPS COUNTIES CAN
TAKE TO ENSURE
HOUSING STABILITY
& MAXIMIZE
PARTICIPATION IN
THP-PLUS DURING
COVID-19**

Communicate
a clear,
county-wide
strategy

Maintain youth
in THP-Plus

Expand county
housing
options for
TAY

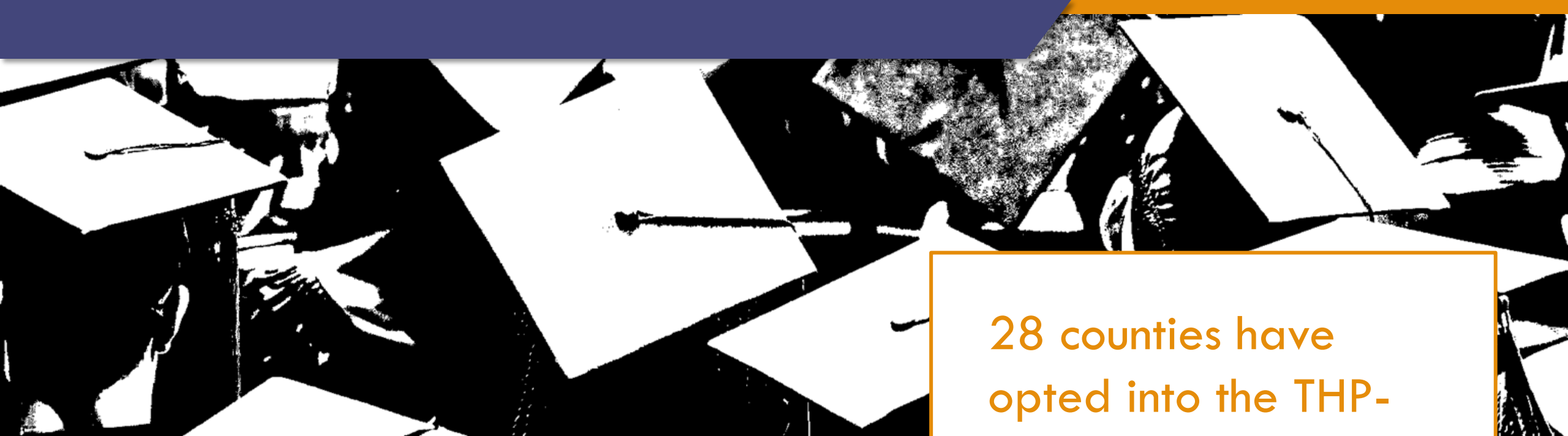
**Released by Youth Law Center, John
Burton Advocates for Youth & Bay Area
Legal Aid in May 2020**

<https://www.jbaforyouth.org/6-steps/>



1. EXPAND THP-PLUS ELIGIBILITY BY EXTENDING THE AGE AND DURATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS

- Authorized by SB 1252 (2014)
- Extension allows students to participate in THP-Plus for a total of 36 months or until they turn 25 years old, whichever is earlier.
- Purpose is to allow youth to stay in THP-Plus while they complete their education (diploma, GED, college, or vocational certificate).
- Once a county opts into the extension, they must apply it to all eligible participants (not on a case-by-case basis).

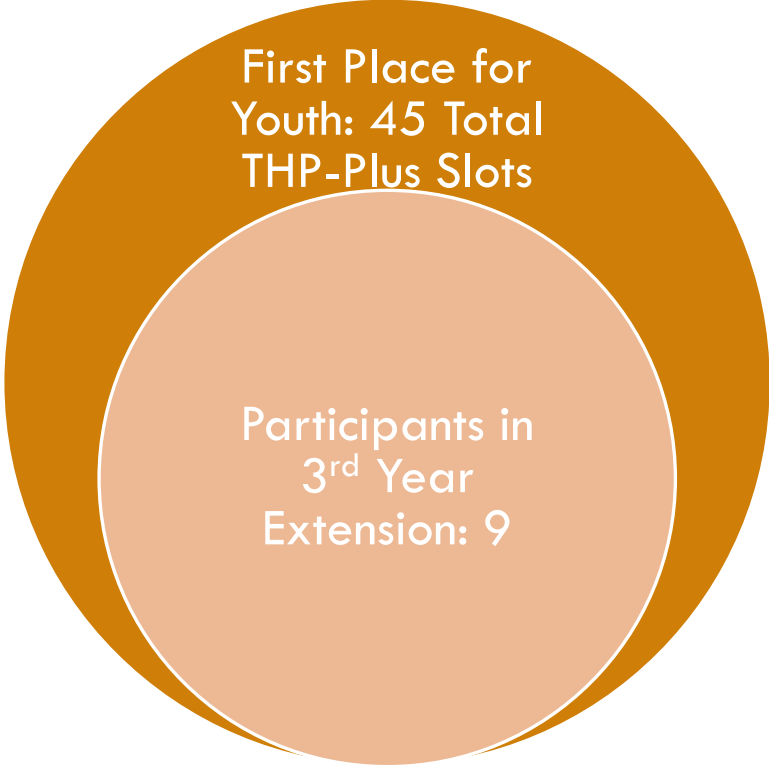
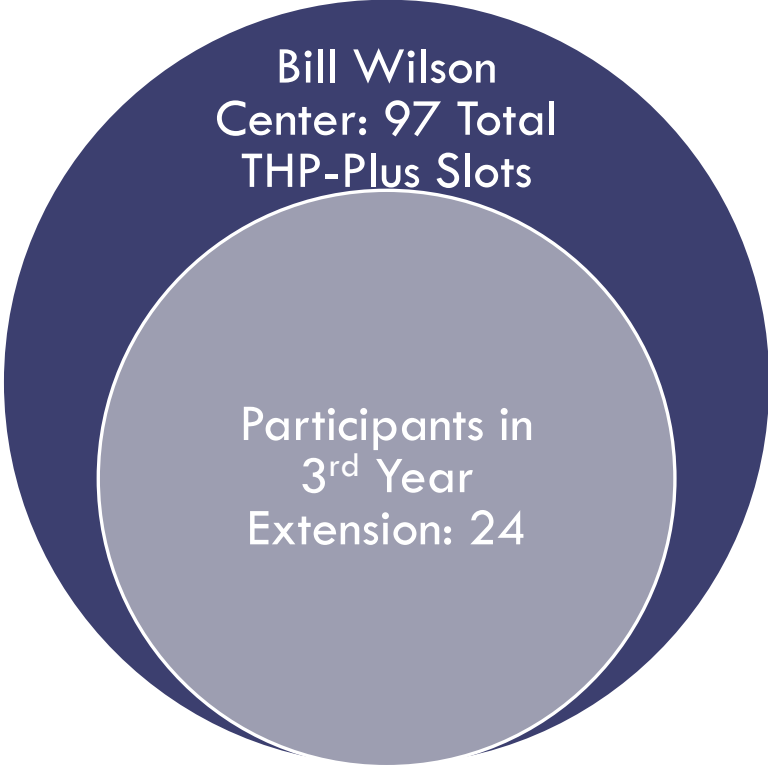


■ COUNTIES CAN CONTACT
TAYPOLICY@DSS.CA.GOV TO
OPT INTO THE EXTENSION

28 counties have
opted into the THP-
Plus extension for
youth in school:
[https://www.jbaforyo
uth.org/thp-plus-
extension/](https://www.jbaforyouth.org/thp-plus-extension/)



SANTA CLARA COUNTY OFFERS THE THP-PLUS EXTENSION





2. SUPPLEMENT THP-PLUS FUNDING WITH NEW MONEY AVAILABLE THROUGH THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM

- \$8 million included in FY 2019-20 budget
- Administered by California Department of Housing & Community Development; allocated to County Child Welfare Agencies
- Annual allocation subject to budget appropriation: each year's allocation has 3-year spending timeframe
- Eligible youth are 18-25, priority for former foster and probation youth
- No maximum program duration

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM

Funds shall be used to help young adults who are 18 to 25 years of age secure and maintain housing.

Use of funds may include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Identify and assist housing services for this population in your community;
- 2) Assist this population to secure and maintain housing (with priority given to those in the state's foster care or probation system);
- 3) Improve coordination of services and linkages to community resources within the child welfare system and the Homeless Continuum of Care; and
- 4) Provide engagement in outreach and targeting to serve those with the most severe needs.





■ COUNTY CHILD WELFARE AGENCIES WERE REQUIRED TO ACCEPT THEIR ALLOCATIONS BY APRIL 15

■ HCD EXECUTING STANDARD AGREEMENTS & DISBURSING FUNDS IN MAY/JUNE

48 counties accepted their THP funding for FY 2019-20:

<https://www.jbaforyouth.org/sb-80-implementation/>



SANTA CLARA COUNTY IS ENHANCING WHAT THEIR THP-PLUS PROGRAM CAN OFFER YOUTH WITH THEIR THP ALLOCATION

Flexibility based on individual participants' needs

Increase individual participant client support funding

Extra food support, technology for remote learning, etc.

Increase rental subsidy

Average rentals in SCC based on Fair Market Rate FY 2020:

- 1 bedroom: \$2,458
- 2 bedroom: \$2,970
- 3 bedroom: \$3,943

Currently rental subsidy lower than SCC Rapid Re-Housing Rates



SANTA CLARA COUNTY THP-PLUS RENTAL SUBSIDY

Slot Allocation	Housed THP-Plus Rate	Un-housed THP-Plus Rate
Single	\$2,400	\$1,550
Parenting	\$2,800	\$1,750

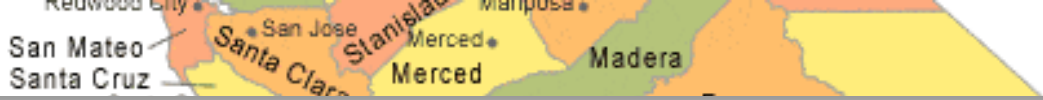
Rental Subsidy Portion of THP-Plus Rate

Bill Wilson Center

- \$850-\$950 Single
- \$1,050- \$1,150 Parenting

First Place for Youth

- \$850 Single (subsidizes rent)
“youth select housing”
- \$1,250 Single (covers full rent)
- \$2,146 Parenting (covers full rent)

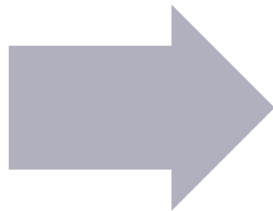


3. MODIFY OUT-OF-COUNTY ELIGIBILITY POLICIES AND COORDINATE REGIONALLY TO STREAMLINE REFERRALS

Youth experiencing homelessness may have exited care in a county with no available THP-Plus units, or they may have moved since exiting care.

Counties have the option of serving youth in THP-Plus that exited from a different jurisdiction ("out-of-county youth").

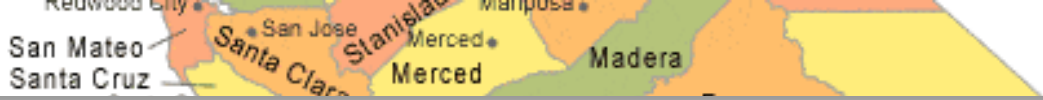
- At least 37 counties accept out-of-county youth in some capacity: <https://www.jbaforyouth.org/out-of-county-youth-thp-plus/>



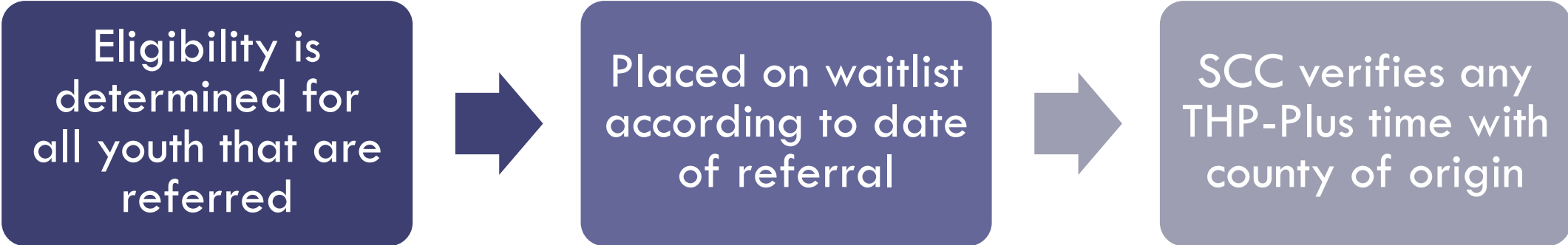
Counties can:



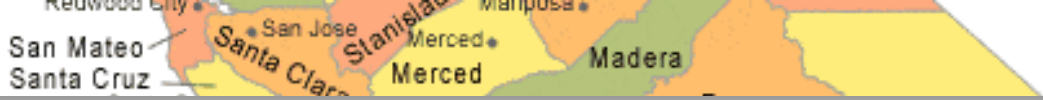
- Coordinate regionally
- Assess THP-Plus capacity across multiple counties
- Develop expedited inter-county referral processes



SANTA CLARA COUNTY HAS A POLICY TO SERVE OUT-OF-COUNTY YOUTH



Currently have 37 out of county youth



OUT-OF-COUNTY YOUTH IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY'S THP-PLUS PROGRAM: BREAKDOWN BY AGE

Out-of-County Non-Minor Dependents	
Age	Total # on Waitlist
18	1
19	3
20	7

Out-of-County Youth, Aged Out	
Age	Total # on Waitlist
20	1
21	11
22	4
23	5
24	5



4. UTILIZE NEW STATE FUNDING TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR FORMER FOSTER YOUTH AT RISK OF OR EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

Homeless Housing, Assistance & Prevention Program (HHAP) in 2019-20 state budget

\$650 million one-time block grant

Provides local jurisdictions with funds to support evidence-based solutions to address their immediate homelessness challenges.

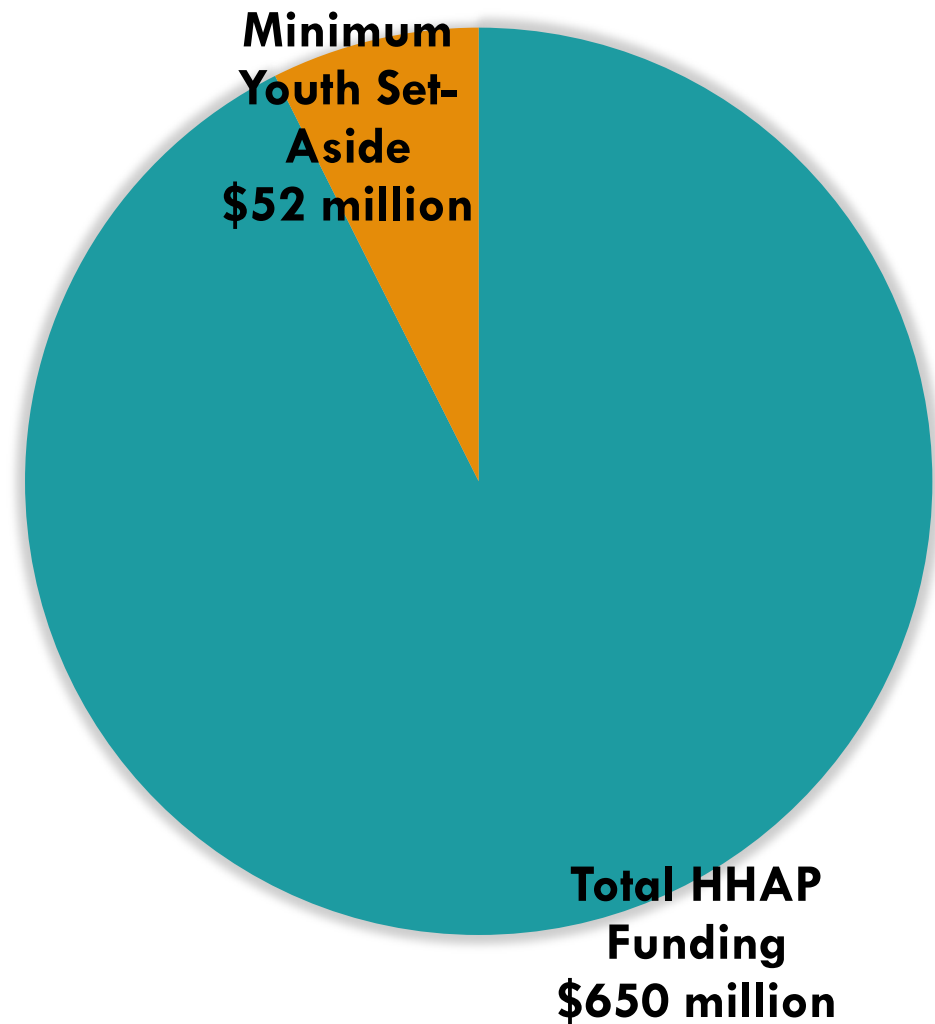
9 eligible uses



HHAP YOUTH SET-ASIDE

“A program recipient shall use at least 8%, of the funds for services for homeless youth populations.”

- 8% is a floor not a ceiling
- <https://www.jbaforyouth.org/hhapp/>

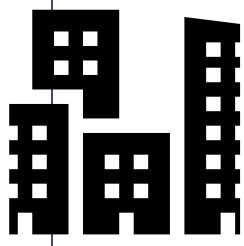




HHAP ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS



The 44 Continuums of Care (CoCs)

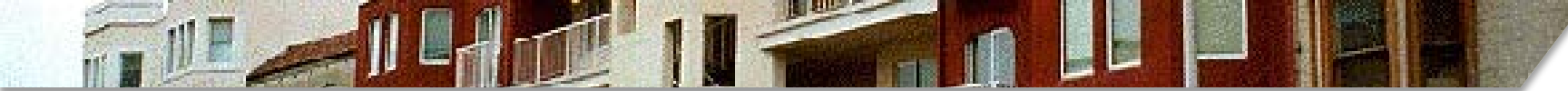


The 13 large cities

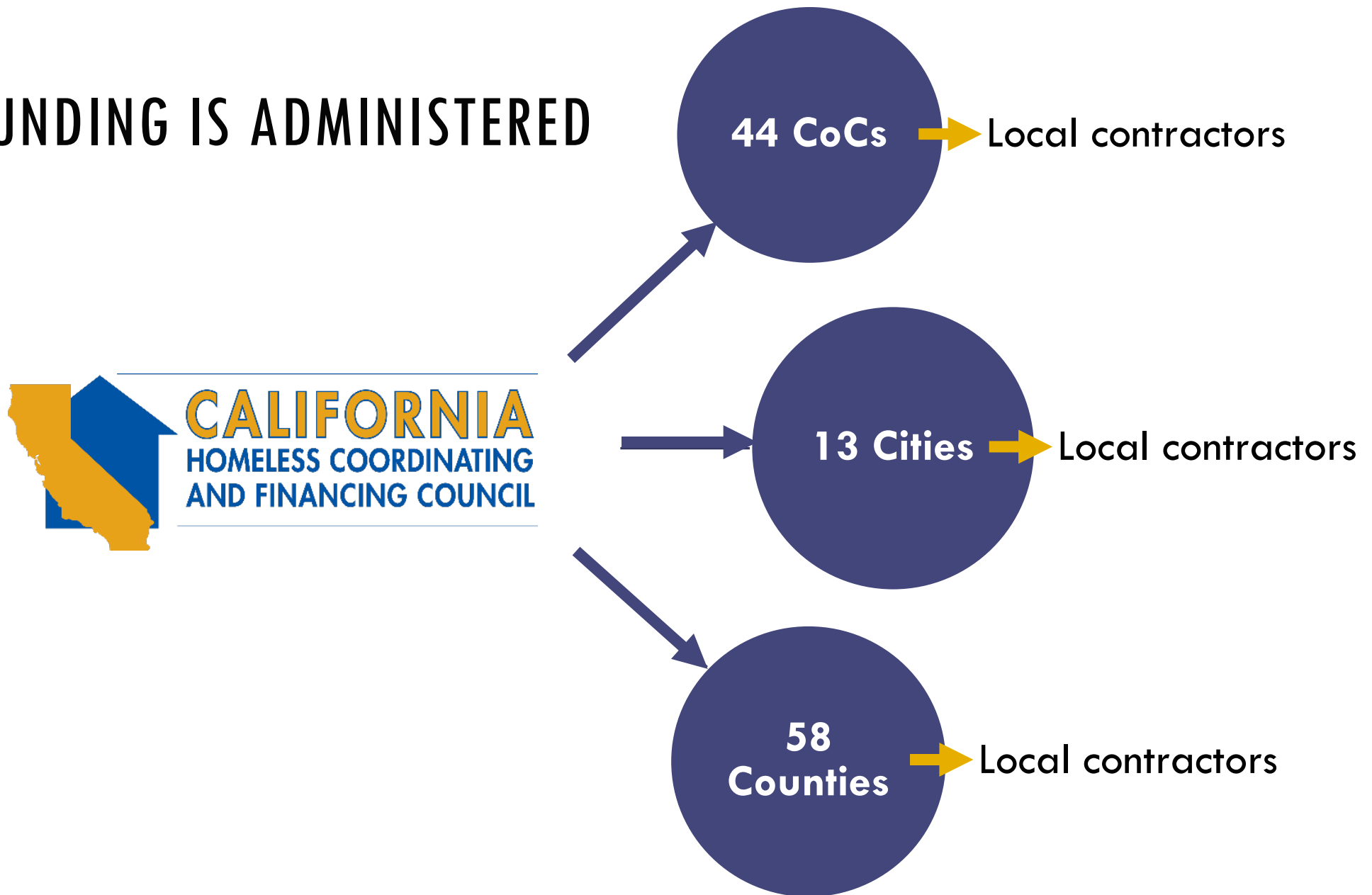
- Populations of 300,000 or more as of 1/1/19



The 58 counties



HOW FUNDING IS ADMINISTERED





FIND OUT HOW YOUR COUNTY IS USING THEIR YOUTH SET-ASIDE FUNDING

- **Allocation amounts by jurisdiction**

https://www.bcsh.ca.gov/hcfc/documents/hhap_allocations.pdf

- **County contacts**

<https://www.jbaforyouth.org/hhap-county-contacts/>

- **More information on the youth set-aside**

<https://www.jbaforyouth.org/hhap/>

5. COLLABORATE WITH THE LOCAL PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY (PHA) TO PROVIDE SUBSIDIZED HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Subsidized housing for
former foster youth

Housing Choice
Vouchers - Family
Unification
Program (FUP)

Tenant Protection
Vouchers - Foster
Youth to
Independence
Program (FYI)

- ✓ FUP vouchers provide for up to 36 months of subsidized housing and 18 months of supportive services.
- ✓ FYI vouchers provide for up to 36 months of subsidized housing AND supportive services.
- ✓ PHAs cannot receive both FUP and FYI.
- ✓ **Child welfare agencies can collaborate with multiple PHAs to maximize vouchers for youth.**

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?



ACCESSING FUP AND FYI

- **Find out if your local PHAs currently administer FUP, FYI, or neither.**

- Find your local PHAs:

- https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/pha/contacts

- List of PHAs administering FUP:

- https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories/HUD_No_20_046

- List of PHAs NOT receiving FUP and eligible for FYI:

- https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/PHAs_with_an_ACC_with_HUD_for_HCVs_that_do_not_administer_FUP_080919_5.8.2020_update.pdf

- **If you work with a PHA that administers FUP vouchers, assess how many FUP vouchers are available for youth.**

- **If you work with a PHA that is eligible to receive FYI funds, follow the HUD guidance here:**

- https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/fyi_tpv

SANTA CLARA COUNTY COLLABORATES WITH THEIR HOUSING AUTHORITY & CONTINUUM OF CARE TO SERVE PARENTING YOUTH WITH FUP VOUCHERS

100 existing FUP Vouchers dedicated to parenting foster youth; awarded 48 new FUP vouchers, effective September 1, 2020

Serves Child Welfare Families with open FM and FR cases and former foster youth ages 18-24 with children

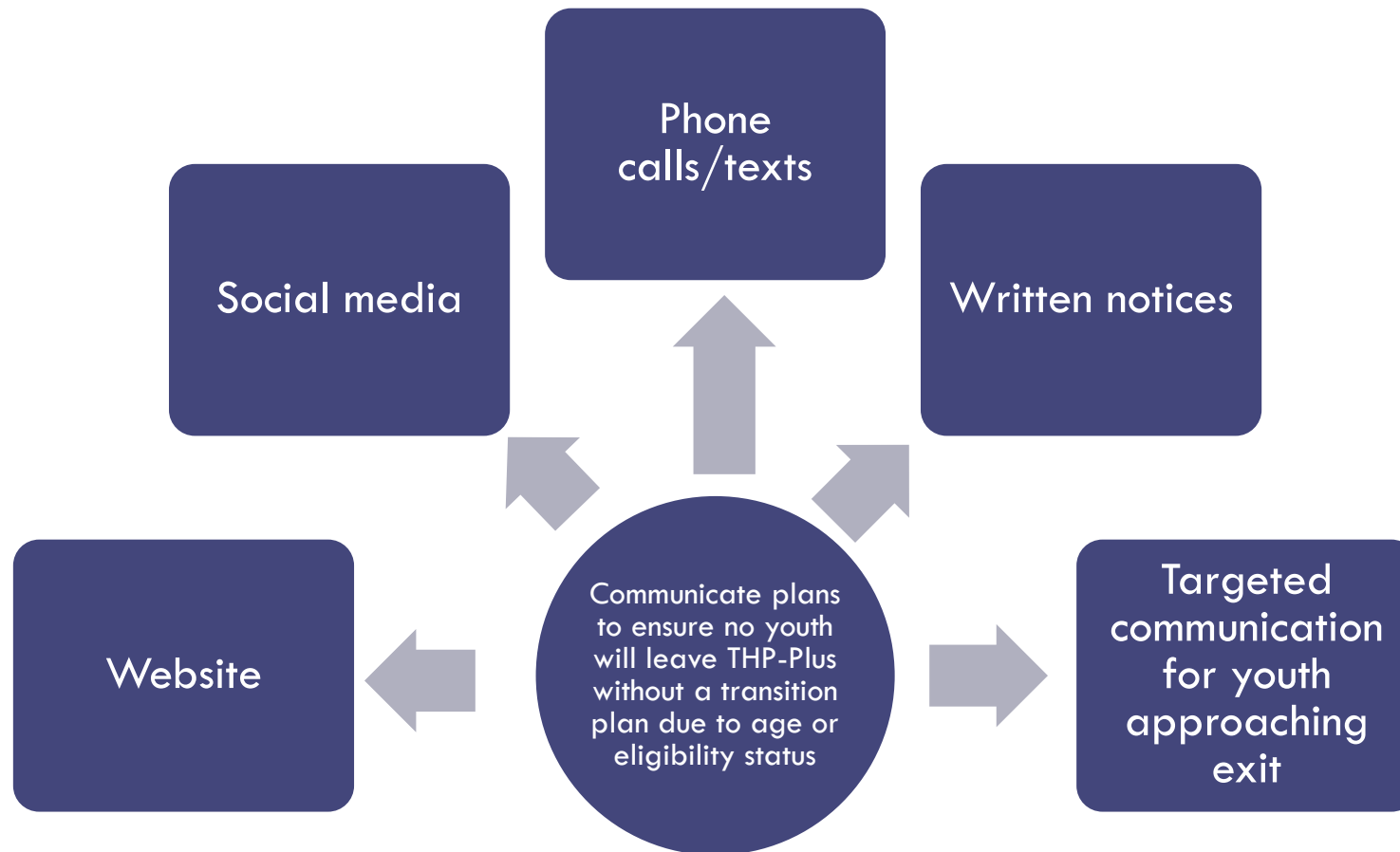


In collaboration with the Continuum of Care, families and youth are identified through HMIS and CWS/CMS data match

SCC Housing Authority administers vouchers

Housing services and case management are provided by Abode non-profit through contract with SCC SSA.

6. ALLEVIATE PARTICIPANTS' ANXIETY BY CLEARLY COMMUNICATING COUNTY AND PROGRAM PLANS TO PRESERVE HOUSING AND SERVICES





SANTA CLARA COUNTY IS PILOTING UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME FOR FORMER FOSTER YOUTH

- 72 vouchers for SCC youth
- 24 years of age and determined federally eligible
- Resident of Santa Clara County
- \$1000.00 per month
- Mentorship/ case management



SANTA CLARA COUNTY GETS YOUTH EXITING THP-PLUS INTO THE QUEUE FOR CONTINUED HOUSING SUPPORTS, SHOULD THEY NEED THEM

SCC refers youth to complete the Coordinated Entry System assessment* to get them in the queue for housing and services for Rapid Rehousing through the Continuum of Care.

***VI-SPDAT-Vulnerability Index - Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool** is a survey administered both to individuals and families to determine risk and prioritization when providing assistance to homeless and at-risk of homelessness persons.

QUESTION & ANSWER

- Type your question into the chat box and hit “send”
- This presentation & recording will be sent to all registrants



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