

# The Role of Data in Ending Homelessness Among Youth

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**Putting It All Together:**  
Uniting Data, Technology, and People



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# Session Overview

As communities are working to end homelessness among youth, challenges related to data have begun to surface.

- Participants will understand key roles that data plays in ending homelessness among youth.
- Participants will learn from peers how to integrate data into every conversation about ending homelessness among youth.
- Participants will discuss strategies for ensuring that youth are active participants in the data collection process.



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# Session Flow

### Context Setting

- Lay out the big challenges around data and youth

### Peer Sharing

- Privacy and Building Relationships
- Consent to Share
- Utilizing Data at the Local Level

### Apply the Learnings

- Using Data for Advocacy and Cross-System Coordination



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# Fall NHSDC Conference – Youth Privacy Session

Things we heard from that session:

- Challenges for Youth:
  - Re-telling a story for the purposes of data collection
  - Consent to give/share data has created barriers to accessing projects (consent from the youth and/or guardian/parent)
  - When and for what can they provide consent on their own?
  - Phased assessment in CE is really important
- Challenges for Providers:
  - Being a good steward of youth data
  - Determining and documenting length of time homeless (i.e. showed up with a family and now on their own)
  - Cost of not allowing minors to consent on their own – who incurs that?
  - State laws are more protective
  - Disclosure to governmental entities (may vs. must)



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# Privacy and Building Relationships

- Asking Sensitive Questions
  - Taking time
  - Being trauma informed
- Differences in asking youth a question than an adult the same question



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# Consent to Share

- Explaining confidentiality and consent
- Consent to share from the young person
  - Minor vs young adults
- Consent to share from guardian/parent
  - Giving assurances based on local resources (voluntary)
- Cross-System Coordination and sharing



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# Utilizing Data at the Local Level

- Targeting services
  - Identification of gaps in community
  - Supporting new programs/services
- Interventions
  - Tailoring services to individual
- Coordinated Entry
- Getting data out of HMIS
  - Identifying populations in need





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# CAFÉ-TABLES

**Privacy and  
Building  
Relationships**

**Consent to  
Share**

**Utilizing Data  
at the Local  
Level**

### Directions

- Choose a table to start at
- Each table has a facilitator with questions or come up with your own
- 20 minutes per table for conversation
- You get to go to 2 tables



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# Wrap-Up from Tables

- What were the major topic areas you discussed?
- What were the key take-aways from the tables you went to?
- What will you do differently when you go back home?



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# Applying the Learnings

### Utilizing Data at the System Level

- Advocacy
  - Federal, State, and Local
  - Philanthropy
- Cross-System Coordination
  - Building a flexible continuum of housing and services
  - Increasing communication that is necessary and appropriate



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