Multnomah County Homeless Youth Continuum (HYC) Overview

**Coordinated System**
- Street outreach and referrals from youth, child welfare, juvenile justice, education, and community
- No wrong door: mobile access and stationary access for youth throughout the community
- 24-hour access to safety off the streets
- Single screening to determine eligibility and vulnerability
- Single HMIS record created at screening
- System-wide practice across agencies
- Referral to appropriate services with warm hand-off

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**Assertive Engagement**
*Positive Youth Development practice focusing on building youth resiliency through: caring relationships, meaningful opportunities to participate, and high expectations, & other culturally specific and responsive practice.*
Every youth is capable of learning to set their own goals and determining which services meet their needs

All youth have the right to be housed

Housing first is our goal, through a range of developmentally-appropriate housing options and supports

Funding follows the youth to promote individual choice and action

Housing options are culturally responsive, culturally competent, and affirmatively further opportunity for people who have traditionally been underserved

Youth need to have room to take risks and fail as part of their development

The Continuum operates as an integrated network sharing investment, risk, outcomes, opportunity, and accountability
CONTINUUM OF HOUSING OPTIONS

**Short-Term**
- Emergency Shelter
- Short-Term Shelter
- Medical Housing

**Transitional Housing/Rapid Re-Housing**
- Site-based options; multiple locations
- Scattered site options; different funders & eligibility criteria

**Permanent Supportive Housing**
- Site-based options; 2 locations
- Scattered site options; 3 different HUD projects