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[Youth Homelessness Subcommittee Website](#) - view details about its creation and our goals

**JANUARY 2023 CONNECTING YOUTH COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING**

**Attendees**

- Tiffany Masimore (CCYSB)
- Gabby Zelaya (CCLMB)
- Kerri Vitz (CCDCS)
- Jennifer Troutman (CCYSB)
- Christina Ogle (CCPL)
- Dominique Evans (CCWD)
- Lydia Naper (DORS)
- Jessica Cunningham (CCYSB)
- Angel Hill (TWOI)
- Eileen Vozzella (CCWD)
- Patricia Ryan (CCCMC)
- Corey Hardinger (CCG)
- Mary Naugle (CCPS)
- DaVida Anderson (CCC)
- Jade Thomas (CCYSB)
- Peg Ryan (CCDSS)
- Maria Buckley (DORS)
- Lorrie Yinger (HSP)
- Thoko Shumba (CCDSS)
- Ari Minyard (STEP/Goodwill)

**Agency Updates**

- Carroll County Public Library (CCPL) - Christina Ogle
  - Back to normal business. Still have COVID tests from Health Department.
- Together We Own It (TWOI) - Angel Hill
  - Have been working with Connecting Youth and Housing office to get a lot of kids housed over the last few months, but we have more coming in through our doors. One right now is street homeless and sleeping in the Night-by-Night shelter right now.
- Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) - Maria Buckley
  - Our Pre-Employment Transition services are available for students aged 14-21 (up to their 22nd birthday) who have any sort of diagnosis/documentated disability. Visit [www.DORS.maryland.gov](http://www.DORS.maryland.gov) and select “Begin DORS Services” on the left to start the enrollment process.
  - We are already gearing up for the summer youth employment program. Last year we partnered with Carroll County Workforce Development for 6-8-week-long work experiences for youth.
  - We offer self-advocacy sessions for students to talk about their disabilities, receive work readiness skills, and participate in career and college exploration.
  - We are planning to have a community resource fair at the end of April/beginning of May at Carroll Community College in their Atrium - will send out a Save the Date.
- Carroll County Community Mediation Center (CCCMC) - Patricia Ryan
  - Attendance mediations are occurring again.
- Human Services Programs of Carroll County, Inc. (HSP) - Lorrie Yinger
  - We saw an uptick in youth in the shelter last winter; while it declined over the summer, it is ticking up again.
  - We are also planning a community resource fair on April 27th (rain date May 4) in Taneytown. We will send out a flyer closer to the date of the fair.
- Department of Citizen Services (CCDCS) - Kerri Vitz
  - ERAP (the Emergency Rental Assistance Program) has not ended completely. Applications for rental arrears from calendar year 2022 can be sent through HSP, but we cannot provide ERAP

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funding for any arrears from calendar year 2023. We are waiting to hear from the state if there will be another program for rental arrears.

- Stephanie Krome, our HMIS Analyst, is getting everything ready for Point-in-Time Count on January 24th (rain date is January 31st). The survey will be done via app this year. Contact Stephanie Krome ([skrome@carrollcountymd.gov](mailto:skrome@carrollcountymd.gov)) if you want to get involved.
- Our Housing Stability program calmed down around the holidays and is picking back up now.
- Our Rapid ReHousing Youth program is still full; we had an unexpected opening and put a single mother into the unit. Our waitlist for this program is growing.
- Carroll County Workforce Development (CCWD) - Dominique Evans & Eileen Vozzella
  - We are also planning our summer youth program which includes partnering with DORS for 6 weeks to offer summer employment opportunities for 16-18-year-olds. We will send out flyers when they are available.
  - We host job fairs every month where participants can participate in a couple ways (post resume online, participate virtually, speak with employers, etc.).
- Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) - Mary Naugle
  - Mary the Pupil Personnel Worker (PPW) for Gateway School. She is planning to connect with the partners here to help spread the word about local resources and events.
- Department of Social Services - Thoko Shumba
  - Thoko coordinates independent living skills classes each month. If you or someone you know can provide a skills class on grief and loss or interpersonal/domestic violence, please contact her at [thoko.shumba@maryland.gov](mailto:thoko.shumba@maryland.gov).

**Connecting Youth Program Updates - Tiffany Masimore & Jessica Cunningham**

- Still hiring for Clinical Case Manager position, can take LMs and LGs
- Referrals decreased in Quarter 2 but we are starting to see an uptick in activity now.
  - Quarter 2 of FY22 - Quarter 1 of FY23: began receiving average of 20 referrals/quarter
  - Quarter 2 of FY23: have been receiving half as many referrals. However, there has been an increase in communication about clients/potential clients now in Quarter 3.
- Year-to-Date we have served 56 clients.
  - 23 are working right now.
  - 8 are in school (some still in CCPS; some at Carroll Community College)
- We just housed a family (not through the Rapid ReHousing Youth program) who just had a baby at the end of September and they are doing well. We also housed another couple. Both households have maintained their stability.
- We implemented a Client Satisfaction survey in Quarter 2; of those we received back, they seemed to be clients who participate in our support group. This support group has become something like a social skills group for our youth; some of them have diagnoses such as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Connecting Youth was not designed specifically for clients with diagnoses like ASD, but it is providing crucial support for them. Some of the quotes from these surveys include:
  - “I have a second family.”
  - “I’m learning to make friends.”
  - “I have people to talk to now.”
- The Connecting Youth team is planning to help with the upcoming PIT Count.

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- We are also continuing to support the Youth Action Board and looking to connect with other YABs.
- Youth Action Board of Carroll County Updates - Angel Hill, Tiffany Masimore, Gabby Zelaya, Corey Hardinger**
- The YAB wrote their Bylaws and is planning events over the next year or so, planning to piggyback on existing events, and wanting to spread awareness about being homeless to get a more accurate count of homeless youth and let youth know the resources available. They are mainly looking at breaking the stigma of being homeless.
  - Some YAB members went to a conference in Annapolis in November and several members are going to a conference in DC in March.
  - We are looking to partner with other YABs/related youth groups; one through Springboard Community Services in Baltimore City seems promising.
  - We want other agencies/organizations to interact with the YAB! Contact any of us to get involved:
    - Angel Hill: [angelhill@togetherweownit.org](mailto:angelhill@togetherweownit.org) or 410-878-3104
    - Gabby Zelaya: [gzelaya@carrollcountymd.gov](mailto:gzelaya@carrollcountymd.gov) or 410-386-3600
    - Tiffany Masimore: [tmasimore@ccysb.org](mailto:tmasimore@ccysb.org) or 410-848-2500
    - Katie Speert: [katiespeert@togetherweownit.org](mailto:katiespeert@togetherweownit.org) or 410-878-3104
    - Corey Hardinger: [Lhardinger@carrollcountymd.gov](mailto:Lhardinger@carrollcountymd.gov) or 410-386-2400
  - YAB of CC contact information:
    - [ccyouthactionboard@gmail.com](mailto:ccyouthactionboard@gmail.com)
    - Youth Action Board of Carroll County on Facebook
    - @yabcc2022 on Instagram

**Trainings - Tiffany Masimore**

- We want to provide training for the Coordinating Council and potentially the Youth Homelessness Subcommittee as well. We are taking training requests.
  - Angel Hill suggested a youth engagement training. Gabby and Tiffany will work on coordinating this training in the Spring.

**Adjournment**

***Next Youth Homelessness Subcommittee meeting: February 8, 2023 at 10:00 am***

***Next Connecting Youth Coordinating Council/YHS Meeting: April 12, 2023 at 10:00 am***

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