100 Day Challenge to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness

Fairfield County is one of eight regions participating in the 100 Day Challenge to prevent and end youth homelessness. The purpose of the 100 Day Challenge is to help catalyze community action to establish bold and creative ways in order to build a systematic response to a significant community problem. The short timeline is intentional, inviting a cross-sector of partners from each community, to generate urgency and action. With support from the Rapid Results Institute, the process will provide our community with the opportunity to understand and learn about our current system and pursue ambitious 100 Day goals that unleash intense collaboration, innovation, and execution.

The 100 Day Challenge Team set a goal to safely and stably house or divert seventy-five young adults during the 100 Day Challenge. A goal was also set to ensure that 50% of homeless youth will be employed or actively engaged in an employment or educational program. The 100 Day Challenge Team has developed relationships with providers that serve homeless youth, such as community colleges, public school systems, and Court Support Services. The 100 Day Challenge Team is also implementing protocol to minimize barriers to housing for youth experiencing homelessness, as well as finding ways to ensure these changes to the system are sustainable. To date, thirty-two young adults have been housed or diverted from homelessness. Eleven of the thirty-two young adults that have been housed or diverted are connected to an employment or educational program. In addition, to the thirty-one young adults that have been housed or diverted, nine young adults are in the process of searching for an apartment and signing a lease.

The 100 Day Challenge ends on Friday, August 9, 2019.