

NEWS & NOTES

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VoYC Marks Progress As New Year Begins

As VoYC moves forward in the new year, we are taking stock! In 2016, together we:

- Conducted **22 Youth Counts**
- Completed more than **212 In-Depth Youth Interviews**
- Collected answers from more **36,000 Gallup Surveys**
- Surveyed **529 youth-serving providers**
- Employed **672 youth**
- Engaged with **342 adult volunteers**



In 2017, we will build on this work through a review of the evidence of what works to prevent and end youth homelessness and an analysis of the policies impacting these youth and young adults.

We are grateful for all who have contributed and those who will participate in next steps to translate all our efforts into action.

VoYC Sites Selected for Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced 10 communities selected to participate in the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP). YHDP grants will help communities build systems of coordinated supports to end youth homelessness.



Niki Paul, Director of Operations for the Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO), is thrilled to be a grantee. "Over the past year, the Austin/Travis County community greatly benefited from participating in the Voices of Youth Count and A Way Home America's 100-Day Challenge. These efforts provided opportunities for youth and young adults to guide us toward a coordinated community strategy. We are excited to build on these efforts as part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program and continue our work to prevent and end youth homelessness in Austin/Travis County, TX."

Congratulations to all 10 communities, including three VoYC partner communities - King County, Travis County and Boyd County (as part of the Kentucky Balance of State)!



VoYC Joins PIT Count Efforts in Orange County, FL

VoYC's Jamie Hinsz and Matt Morton returned to Orange County, FL last week to volunteer for the annual HUD Point-in Time Count and learn more about different methods for collecting information about unaccompanied homeless youth.

In addition to meeting with advocates, funders, McKinney-Vento liaisons and service providers to discuss ways that policy research can inform practice, Matt and Jamie consulted with a group of youth and young adults to get their input in the planning of the VoYC Systematic Evidence Review.



VoYC is grateful to the Homeless Services Network, Covenant House, The Central FL Commission on Homelessness, youth and young adults, and Orange County's many partners in the count for the chance to witness, and assist with, such an important effort.



Introducing Matthew Morton

Voices of Youth Count is proud to welcome Dr. Matthew Morton, a Chapin Hall Research Fellow, to VoYC as our new Principal Investigator.



Matt brings deep experience and personal commitment to VoYC. As a former Special Advisor to the US Administration for Children and Families, he aided in the development of the national strategy to end youth homelessness. Since he was himself an adolescent, Matt has established youth development programs and served in leadership roles advocating for runaway, homeless, and other vulnerable youth in the US and abroad.

"What wonderful news that Matt Morton has joined Chapin Hall as the PI for Voices of Youth Count! Matt has been a consummate advocate and voice for the needs of the young people, for elevating good practice and the importance of an enhanced system of service. I believe I speak for many in celebrating his return to the youth homelessness field," said Debby Shore, Executive Director of Sasha Bruce Youthwork and Chair, National Network for Youth.

Matt holds a D.Phil. and M.Sc. in Evidence-Based Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation from the University of Oxford. Learn more about Matt's expertise [here](#).

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