

NEWS & NOTES

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VoYC Site-Based Reports Going Out to Partners *VoYC Works with Local Leads to Ground Findings*

This month the VoYC In-Depth Interview team released site-based reports to the [five participating counties](#). Within the next month, all [22 counties](#) will receive drafts of their site-based reports, which are based on the Brief Youth Survey (BYS) and the Provider Surveys for each



county. Local sites will now have the opportunity to review these VoYC findings, ask questions and provide clarification, and shape how the work will be presented.

BYS and Provider Survey reports provide local details on youth demographics, involvement in child welfare and juvenile justice systems, and availability of services. The In Depth Interviews provide detailed information about the life trajectories of young people who have experienced housing instability.

VoYC Evidence Review Underway

Most Comprehensive Review of Youth Homelessness Interventions to Date

The Chapin Hall research team has made strong progress this spring with the VoYC Systematic Evidence Review. The evidence review synthesizes findings about the effectiveness of interventions for ending youth homelessness. It will be the most comprehensive review of its kind to date, both widening the focus of previous reviews and including the latest research in the field.



VoYC's Matt Morton spoke to the importance of the evidence review: "We will look at not only what works, but for what, for whom and for how long. Communities and policy-makers need a clear and nuanced understanding of what the current evidence base says, and what it doesn't say, about the impacts of interventions on youth homelessness and related outcomes." Chapin Hall has screened 1,935 articles thus far. The protocol has been published on [PROSPERO](#), an international registry for systematic reviews to promote research transparency.

Furthering the Agenda to End Youth Homelessness *VoYC Steering Committee Reviews Preliminary Findings*

VoYC's Steering Committee met in May to review preliminary findings, hone in on emerging themes, and discuss how VoYC and its partners can impact policy and practice.

Other key topics were: effectively engaging stakeholders; building on VoYC with deeper, topic-specific analyses of VoYC data; developing core outcome measures; and advancing prevention efforts.

To learn more about the VoYC Steering Committee, visit the [VoYC website](#). If you are interested in partnering with VoYC, please contact Matt Morton at mmorton@chapinhall.org.



Members of VoYC Steering Committee attending a retreat this May at Chapin Hall

Chicago Prioritizes Coordinated Response Work *VoYC Supports Chicago Taskforce on Youth Homelessness*

On April 24, VoYC's Matt Morton and Beth Horwitz facilitated an important discussion with the Chicago Taskforce on Youth Homelessness.

The goal of the meeting was to select priorities for the next 12 months. Priority areas identified included assessing the supply gap, developing a coordinated plan with a continuum of housing options, and focusing on prevention and diversion.

The group leveraged [NN4Y Criteria for Ending Youth Homelessness](#) and the [USICH Criteria and Benchmarks for Ending Youth Homelessness](#) in drawing up a list of priorities for the City of Chicago.

VoYC looks forward to continuing this important work in Chicago.



Breakout discussions take place at the Chicago Taskforce on Youth Homelessness

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