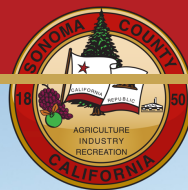


NACo Presentation Feb 2024



\$2M Earmarked Federal Grant sponsored by Congressman Thompson

- Problem:
 - Transitional Age Youth (TAY) cycling in/out of justice system. Helping them towards self-sufficiency.
- SAMHSA grant story and why
 - Wanted to address issues with youth population in the justice system or adult-foster youth
 - ACCESS initiative (a Safety Net collaborative process with our community partners) was the best place to start
 - Chair of the Board met with Congressman Thompson and made this a top county priority.
 - Congressman Thompson sponsored this initiative at the federal level
 - Passed on Biden's Omnibus Bill
 - \$2 million grant from Federal agency Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSA) approved (\$400,000 came from County)

SAMHSA \$2M Earmarked Federal Grant

- Partnership & Collaboration with Law enforcement on mental health and substance abuse
 - Law enforcement statistics, TAY 18-26 is a critical age to intervene and change trajectory
 - County relies on strong partnerships with community-based organizations to help provide services beyond what the county provides
 - Education
 - Driving Lessons, car insurance, parking tickets
 - Assistance in improving credit
 - Filling out job applications / applying for jobs / resume building
 - Parenting classes and job skills training
 - Many, many more items
- What's next?
 - TAY becomes an ongoing cohort in the ACCESS initiative
 - Pursue additional funding for staffing and technology enhancements with our local congressmen and other funding sources

TAY Population

TAY cohort focused on youth in justice system, adult foster youth, and TAY with mental health and substance use

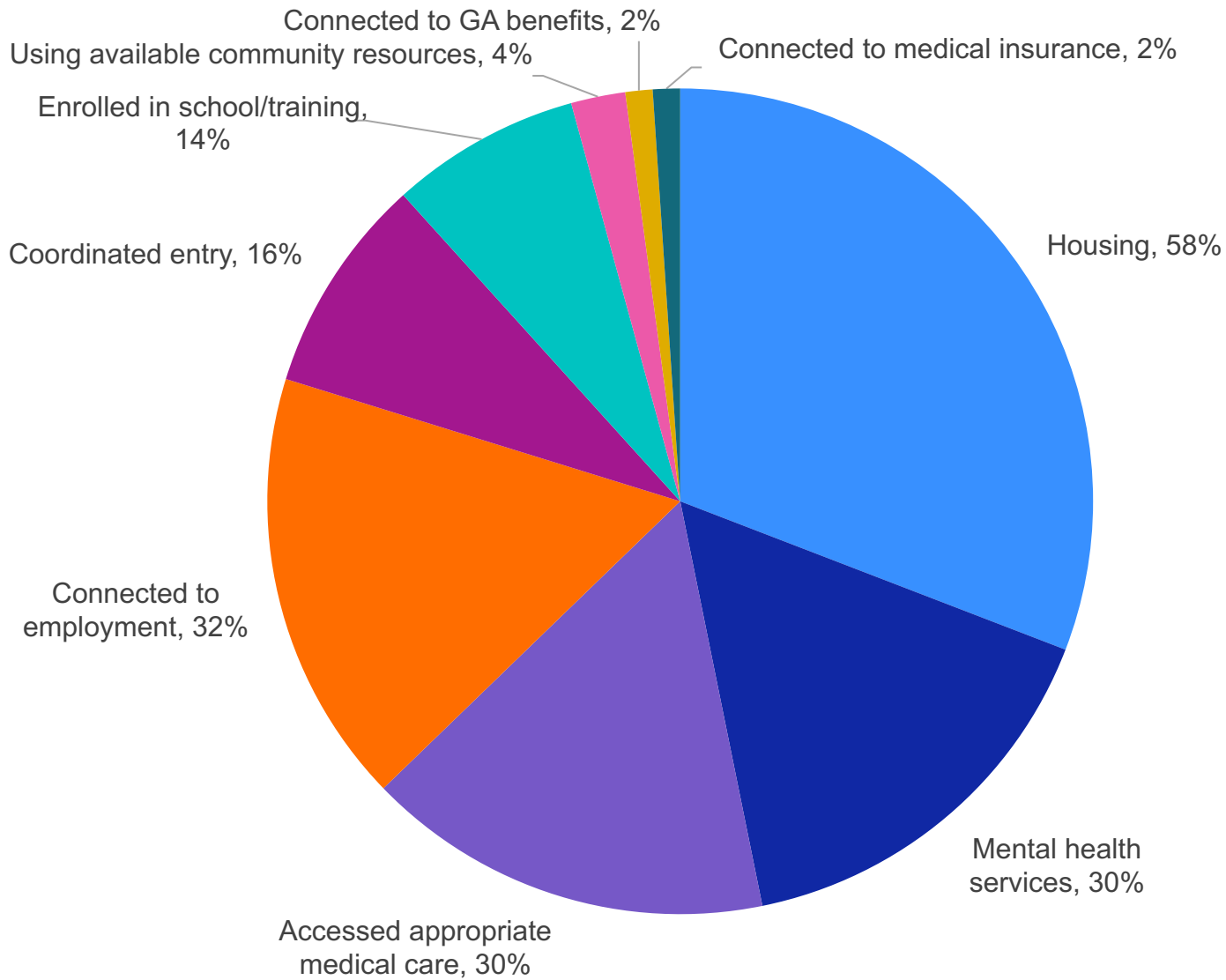
2020-2022

- **50** Transition-Age-Youth (15–24-year-olds) died from deaths of despair. This includes mental health-related deaths due to suicide, alcohol, and drug overdose causes
- **26** Transition-Age Youth died from drug overdose deaths, specifically
- In 2021, Transition-Age Youth visited the Emergency Department for Mood Disorders at a rate of **2,871 visits per 100,000 population**

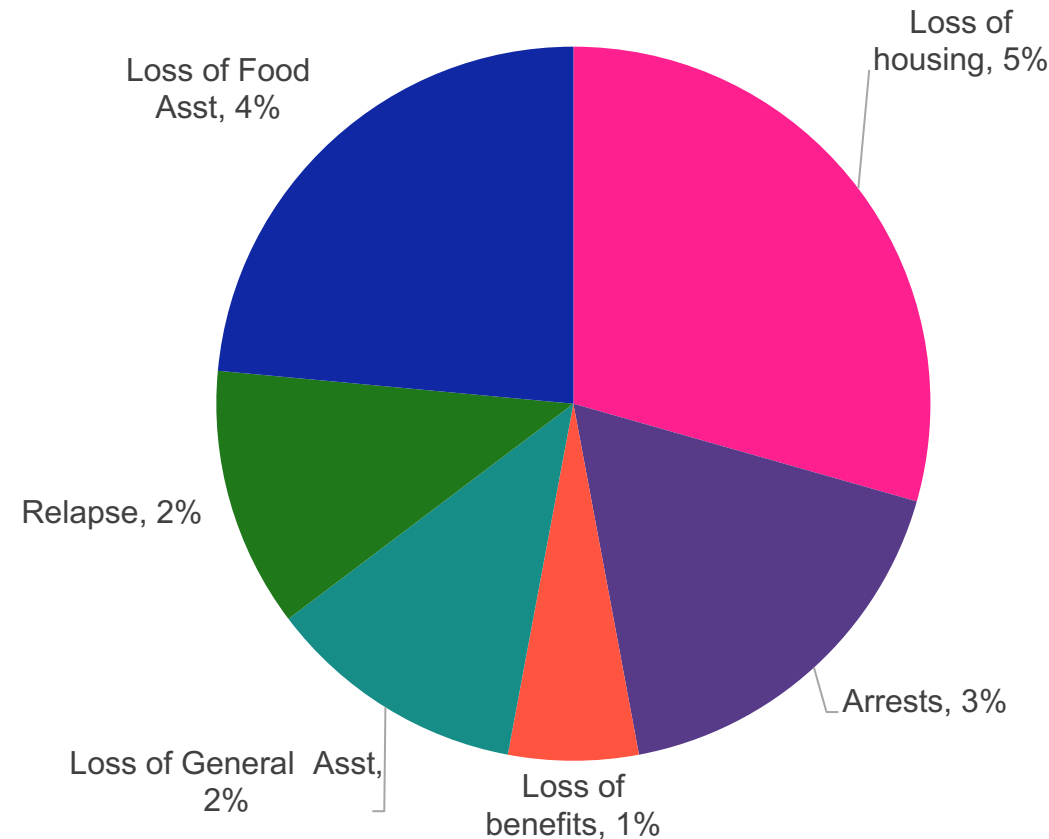
2023

- **13%** of all homeless individuals counted were Transition-Age Youth.
- Currently, **258** Transition-Age Youth (18–24-year-olds) are on active probation in Sonoma County
- As of July, **92** foster care youth aged 18–21 were enrolled in the foster care system due to child welfare or probation supervision reasons

TAY Successes



Events Avoided



TAY Barriers

