Goals of the Needs Assessment

**GENERATE**
Generate an estimate for the number of young people aged 15-25 experiencing housing instability and homelessness.

**ENHANCE**
Enhance understanding of housing instability and homelessness based on the perspectives of young people with lived experience.

**EXAMINE**
Examine strengths and limitations of the current service system, including capacity issues affecting agencies.

**DEVELOP**
Develop recommendations for creating a coordinated and comprehensive community response to enhance services and supports for young people impacted by housing instability and homelessness.

**Young People Experiencing Homelessness in Bernalillo County**
- Invisible & diverse
- Impacted by structural inequality & its harms
- Affected by complicated family dynamics
- Lacking positive social support
- Struggling with mental health & substance use issues
- More likely system-involved
- Emerging adults with life skill, education, & job needs
- Put at risk for victimization, crime, & trafficking
- Vulnerable to being homeless as adults

**Ideal Living Situation**

**FORMAL SUPPORT**
- Life skills
- Case management
- Behavioral health services

**SAFE AND PRIVATE**
- Not on streets
- Less drug use, theft, and violence

**INDEPENDENCE**
- Sobriety
- Reliable transportation
- Job to pay rent and expenses

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