

2021 Comprehensive Needs Assessment of Young People Experiencing Housing Instability and Homelessness in Bernalillo County, New Mexico

### 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



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



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