



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



## Collaboration & Partnership



Prioritize and support youth voice



Align leadership across public sectors, systems, and community-based organizations



Create structures for cross-sector collaboration, transparent decision-making, and communication with feedback loops



## Enhanced Continuum of Services & Supports



Invest in multiple housing options



Ensure timely access to behavioral health, education, and employment services and supports



Remove legal, bureaucratic, and structural barriers to getting help

## RECOMMENDATIONS



## Prevention & Coordinated Entry



Promote public awareness and knowledge of local services and supports



Provide early engagement and intervention services



Establish coordinated entry and assessment system



Address the unique needs of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, LGBTQ+ youth, and others impacted by structural inequities



## Strengthening Capacity to Deliver Services



Support the local workforce with expertise in caring for young people without stable homes



Help agencies grow and plan for the future



Encourage agencies to work together to build out the continuum of care