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

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