

YOUTH ACTION BOARD

What is the Youth Action Board (YAB)?

A space for young people with lived experience of homelessness to drive local strategies to prevent and end youth homelessness in Nashville. The Youth Action Board will advise on a range of initiatives, including working on the city's application for a federal youth homelessness grant.

Who should join?

People who have experienced homelessness in Nashville as a child, teen, or young adult. Young people who are under the age of 24 are strongly encouraged to participate. YAB members can be experiencing homelessness right now or in the past.

Young people who want to share their perspectives and improve Nashville's response to youth homelessness should join the YAB.

JOIN US!

Every Other Thursday
from 12-2pm

OASIS CENTER

1704 CHARLOTTE AVE, SUITE 200

COMPENSATION

Youth Action Board members are compensated for their time and expertise.

YAB participants are paid **\$20/hour** via direct deposit or Dollar General gift cards.

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WHAT IS THE CONTINUUM OF CARE?

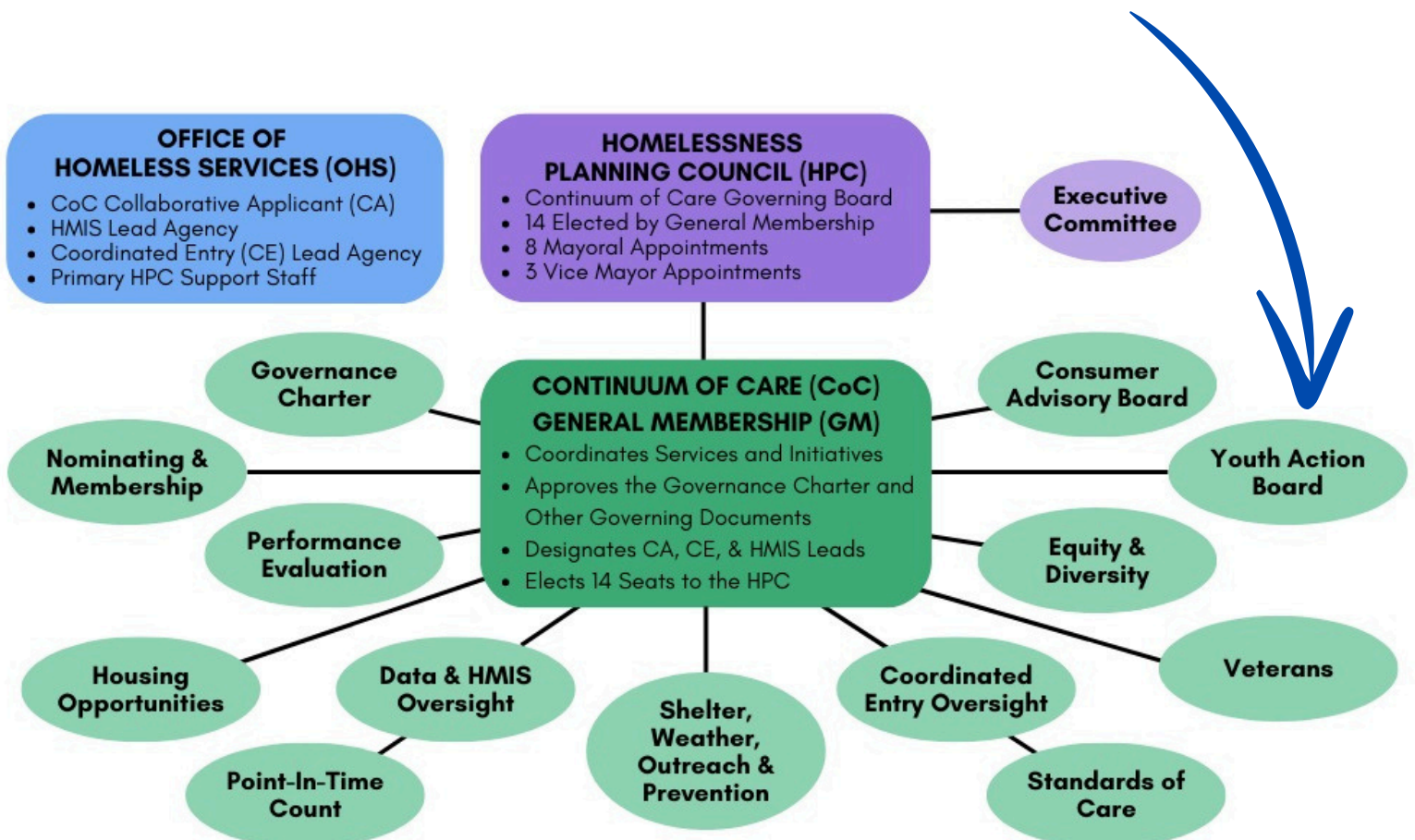
The Continuum of Care (CoC) program was created by the federal government to help fund and coordinate local initiatives to end and prevent homelessness.

Nashville's Continuum of Care is made up of many community partners working together to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness in our city.

The Continuum of Care is responsible for many homelessness initiatives in our community, including the Homelessness Management Information System, Coordinated Entry System, Point-in-Time Count, and housing programs funded through the Continuum of Care.

STRUCTURE

The Continuum of Care features 13 committees who strategize and advise on a range of issues. The Youth Action Board is the Continuum of Care's newest committee, made up of youth with lived experience of homelessness who will help lead Nashville's efforts to end youth homelessness.



YOUTH HOMELESSNESS DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

What is YHDP?

The Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) is a funding opportunity from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). YHDP provides funding for communities across the country to prevent and end youth homelessness.



History

In 2017, Nashville was chosen as one of the first communities to participate in YHDP. At that time, the Youth Action Board designed Nashville's application for the funding and chose how the money would be spent. The Oasis Center was awarded the YHDP grant, which they have used to provide rental assistance and services to help get youth into housing.

Applying for More Funding

Nashville's Continuum of Care just became one of nine communities in the country that is eligible to re-apply for more YHDP funding. The Continuum of Care is re-launching the Youth Action Board and gathering community partners to work together to prepare Nashville's application for YHDP. Communities applying for YHDP can receive grants between \$600,000 and \$15 million, depending on their community's size and needs.

