

YCAP NEWSLETTER

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HOUSING: Coordinated Entry Breaks Service Records

Coordinated Entry is a streamlined system that enables families to access resources as well as housing and YCAP shelter programs. In 2017, YCAP established the first coordinated entry system for Yamhill County both online via the website www.anydooryamhill.org and by phone at 503-687-1494. Any individual seeking support for eviction prevention, rental assistance, shelter services, rapid rehousing, etc. goes through the coordinated entry process to determine what programs might be available that best serves their needs. When Coordinated Entry started seven years ago, YCAP had one staff member dedicated to answering these calls for help. Over the years, as more families have reached out needing housing support, YCAP has expanded the number of staff available to answer the calls and direct clients to the most appropriate programs.

YCAP's Coordinated Entry	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Percentage change between 2018 and 2023
Clients Served	550	492	683	977	1021	2033	270%
Adults (over 18)	389	381	511	755	781	1533	294%
Non-Adults (under 18)	139	101	161	207	223	475	242%
Chronically Homeless	94	123	160	273	304	374	298%
Veterans	46	33	26	44	51	94	104%

YCAP's coordinated entry system data shows a dramatic increase in the number of calls from our community. The percentage of unduplicated clients served by YCAP through coordinated entry has increased by 270% from 2018 to 2023. Most of the clients served by YCAP are families who are seeking rental assistance or eviction prevention. Keeping these families housed is a critical step towards reducing homelessness in our community. It is much easier to help someone stay housed than to find housing for them after an eviction. Another large group served by coordinated entry, which has increased by 298%, are individuals experiencing chronic homelessness. Households who are chronically homeless often need the highest level of wrap-around services to achieve housing stability. Programs like Turnkey and the Navigation Centers are designed to address the significant housing barriers associated with chronic homelessness.

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HOUSING: 2023 PIT Count Reveals Surprising Trend



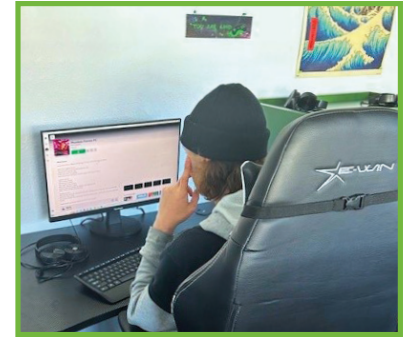
The 2023 Point-in-Time (PIT) homeless count identified 182 people who were unsheltered in Yamhill County representing a significant reduction from prior years. While the number has declined, the percent of individuals experiencing physical, mental, and behavioral health barriers has increased which continues to impact the community.

YOUTH OUTREACH: YO Mac One Year Anniversary



Last Spring, Youth Outreach opened the long-awaited McMinnville Drop-In Center, and the new location has already made a significant difference in the lives of at-risk, runaway, and homeless youth in McMinnville. To date, 86 unduplicated youth have received vital support and services at the new YO Mac. While the footprint of the center is small, the impact of the services received by youth is immeasurable. In addition to helping youth directly, YO Mac staff have deepened connections with Chemeketa Community College, McMinnville Public Library, McMinnville High School, McMinnville counselors, Juliette’s House, and more.

With three dedicated on-site staff members, YO Mac is able to provide a wide variety of services that support the social, emotional, physical, and mental health of at-risk youth. YO Mac has been an incredible resource for McMinnville youth to have equal access to the Transitional Living Program, and area youth no longer need to travel to gain access to critical shelter, employment, and housing resources. YO Mac already has two tremendous success stories from the past year highlighting the importance of the new Drop-In Center:



Jay* came into YO Mac unsure if the staff could help him. He was couch surfing and occasionally living with his ailing grandmother ever since his parents kicked him out of their home when he turned 18. Jay was able to find a job but was struggling to maintain it because of his lack of stable housing.

Youth Outreach staff talked to Jay about participating in the Transitional Living Program (TLP) which seemed like a great fit, and he quickly moved into one of the group apartments. Jay is now able to continue working and saving money while living in the TLP apartment, and he is grateful to get a chance at a fresh start. Since joining this program, Jay has been able to connect with other youth, excel at his job, and is beginning to consider working towards his GED. The staff are all excited to continue working with Jay and for what the future brings.



Felix* is a young adult who the Youth Outreach case managers met while conducting street outreach. He had been living on the streets in a number of different communities in Yamhill County for over a year and was unsure about working with YO staff. In the beginning, he expressed mistrust in other organizations with which he had worked.

At first, he only came into the Drop-in Center for basic needs such as a new tent and hygiene supplies, but slowly he began to develop a connection with the staff. After some time, Felix began working with a case manager and set a goal to obtain a job and housing with YCAP’s assistance. In January, he was able to get a job and is working with us to utilize a housing voucher in the future. We are all very excited to see Felix succeed and look forward to continuing to work with him!

*Names were changed to protect privacy.

FOOD BANK: The Ever Growing Need To Feed



March is National Nutrition Month, which focuses on sustainable and healthy eating habits. This year's theme, set by [health.gov](https://www.health.gov), is "Beyond the Table" which highlights the farm-to-fork approach to nutrition.

The YCAP Regional Food Bank collects, purchases, and delivers approximately 2 million pounds of food annually to families facing hunger in Yamhill County. The distribution of fresh, nutrient rich food to our partner pantries and meal sites is vital for healthy children, adults, and seniors who are struggling financially. Fresh produce and proteins are the costliest items purchased by the Food Bank. With increased demand and a significant surge in food prices this past year, we continue to need your help to fill the shelves to ensure that our partner agencies have nutritious food available for families in need!

With summer just around the corner, it is the perfect time to start thinking about a backyard garden. If you have an exceptional green thumb, please remember that your bounty would be happily accepted by the YCAP Food Bank. For many children, the summer months can mean food insecurity because they no longer have access to regular school meals. You can help not only by donating fresh produce and proteins, but also by making an automatic monthly gift to the Food Bank.

You can support the families in our community who rely on the YCAP Food Bank by donating online at www.yamhillcap.org/donate or you can make a gift using the enclosed envelope.

FOOD BANK: The 2024 Melt Down



The 2024 Melt Down once again met our *grate* expectations! For every sandwich purchased during the month of February, \$2 is donated to the YCAP Regional Food Bank. With help from Big Gouda sponsor Simpson Electrical Construction Company, 44 participating businesses, and community

supporters, 12,664 sandwiches were sold and more than \$25,442 was raised for the Food Bank! Not only does this fundraiser support the Food Bank, it also benefits our local businesses and encourages some friendly competition as they *grilled* their way to win the coveted "Biggest Cheese" Awards.

Announcing the *gouda* news!

The 2024 Winners are, *cheese roll* please...

Two Dogs Taphouse, Wheel Division Winner with 954 sandwiches,

The Diner, Wedge Division Winner with 844 sandwiches,

Taste of the World, Slice Division Winner with 751 sandwiches,

and... Taste of the World, People's Choice Winner with 146 votes.

Thank you to everyone for participating this year. Mark your calendars because the Melt Down will *brie* back in 2025!

Now, go forth and *Cheese* the day!



They really *melted* the competition!

WEATHERIZATION: Safety For Seniors



YCAP's Weatherization staff was helping a senior man who has a disability. He lives in a manufactured home that received a new heat pump, insulation, and bathroom fans. During the energy audit, staff noticed he was not able to use his sinks due to leaky plumbing, and the sinks were no longer attached to the waste line. This unhealthy situation needed to be resolved to ensure he could stay safely in his



home. YCAP utilized Hillside Foundation funding to replace both sinks and all plumbing fixtures which will make the home more livable for this senior.

The YCAP Weatherization team would like to recognize The Hillside Foundation for their incredibly generous gifts. Their support helped ensure this gentleman was safe to continue living in his home.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



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