

Youth Count: Roles for Youth Action Board (YAB) Members

Maryland's Youth Count is an information-gathering initiative to help legislators, federal and state agencies, community-based organizations and others understand the actual number and needs of those under the age of 25 who are experiencing homelessness.

YAB Member Engagement with Youth Count

Unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness are a “hidden population” who can be hard to locate. Because of that, youth and young adults with lived experience of homelessness and housing instability are an integral part of planning and implementing a successful Youth Count. Your Youth Homelessness Systems Improvement (YHSI) YAB members can help with this stipend-eligible count in several ways:

- Identifying places youth are likely to be locally
- Identifying places for posters and flyers to be hung
- Assisting in magnet event planning
- Acting as ambassadors for the project
- Promoting the count in their communities
- Surveying other youth during the count
- Recruiting new YAB Members
- And many more – just ask a YAB Member what they would like to do!

If you do not have a connection with a YAB Member, reach out to Amber Green to connect with youth service providers in your area. amber.green1@Maryland.gov