

Youth Housing Breakout Questions

We are going to take some time to review these questions in groups, add on to these goals, and start identifying steps we can take now/in between these meetings:

1. Immediate Action & Feasibility

- What is the lowest-hanging fruit we can act on in the next 30–60 days?
- Where can we test a small pilot (e.g., host homes or drop-in services) with minimal resources?
- What steps would it take to start something *small but visible* in Clatskanie?

2. Resource & Capacity Building

- Who else needs to be at this table to make this initiative successful?
- What partnerships or people do we already have access to that we haven't fully leveraged?

- What do we each (individually or organizationally) have to contribute – space, staff, funds, time, connections?

3. Youth Engagement & Centering

- What is the best way to get ongoing, meaningful feedback from youth?

- What role should the Youth Advisory Council play in shaping services and spaces?

- What have we already heard from youth (including past surveys), and how are we responding?

4. Long-Term Sustainability

- What does long-term success look like for this initiative – in 1 year? 3 years? What funding strategies can help us move from short-term wins to sustained impact?

- What organizational or structural support do we need to keep this going?

5. Communication & Coordination

- How do we prevent siloing and create a collaborative, transparent culture?

- What communication tools (shared doc, Slack, monthly check-ins) would make collaboration easier between meetings?

- What's the best way to keep momentum and accountability alive between meetings?

6. Equity & Access

- Where in the county is the need most urgent?
- What barriers exist in reaching or serving the most vulnerable youth?
- How do we ensure all towns and school districts are included in planning?

7. Systems Change & Policy

- What systems or policies are currently making it harder to support youth?
- Are there policy shifts we should advocate for at the county or state level?