

# STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN FLORIDA: UPDATES + SOLUTIONS

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**HOMES**  
FOR ALL



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# Roadmap:

- **Definitions**
- **Background**
- **Solutions**
- **Next Steps**

# MIAMI HOMES FOR ALL

## VISION

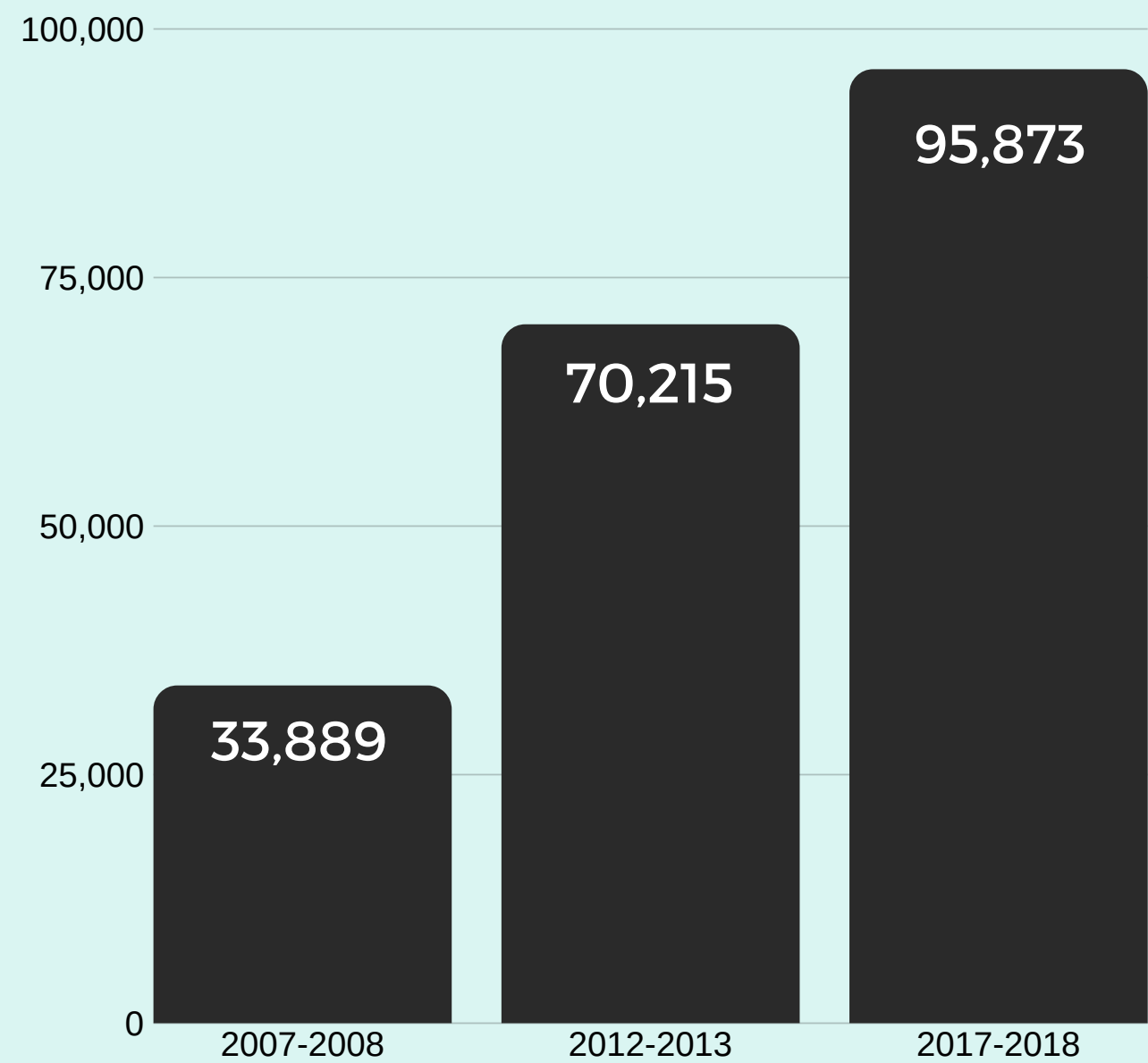
Everyone deserves a place to call home.

## BACKBONE TO THE HOMY COLLECTIVE

The HOMY Collective - Helping Our Miami-Dade Youth is a collective impact effort of 100 agencies working together to address youth homelessness.



# Number of students experiencing homelessness



*The number of students experiencing homelessness has nearly tripled in the past decade*

SOURCES: FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION;  
SHIMBERG CENTER FOR HOUSING STUDIES

# Unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness

## UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH

**"Unaccompanied" youth** is generally a minor or young adult who is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian. The National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty lists examples of these youth to include:

- Were asked to leave home by a parent
- Left home with the consent of a parent
- Do not have formal custody papers or arrangements while their parents are in the hospital, jail, or a rehabilitation center
- Ran away from home



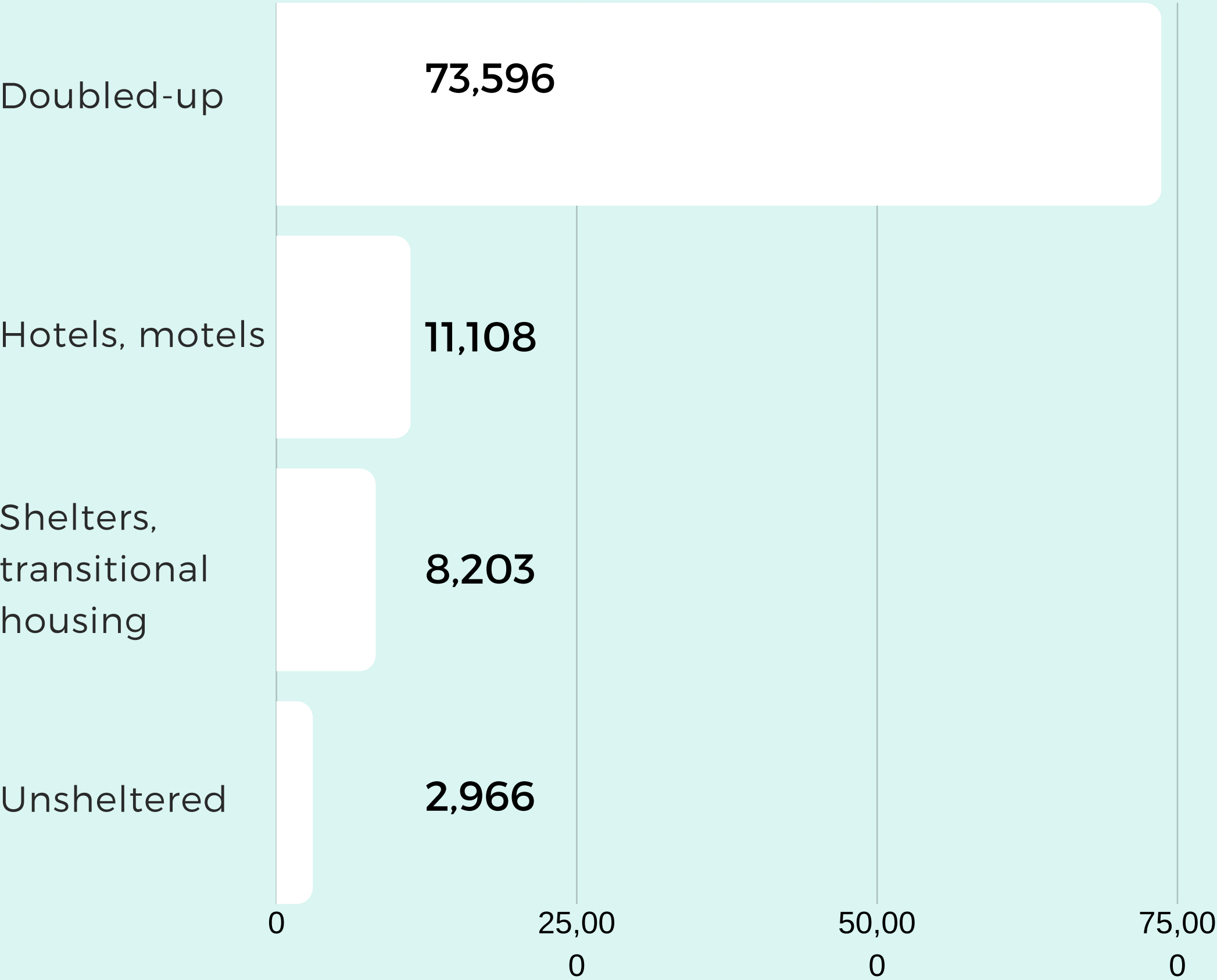
# Where are families or youth sleeping if experiencing homelessness?

If families or unaccompanied youth lack a **fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence**, they are experiencing homelessness. That includes:

- Doubled-up
- Couch surfing
- Living in motels, hotels, FEMA trailers, or camp grounds
- Living in emergency shelters
- Living in transitional housing
- Living in abandoned in hospitals
- Staying in cars, parks, public spaces, vacant buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or other places not designed for sleeping

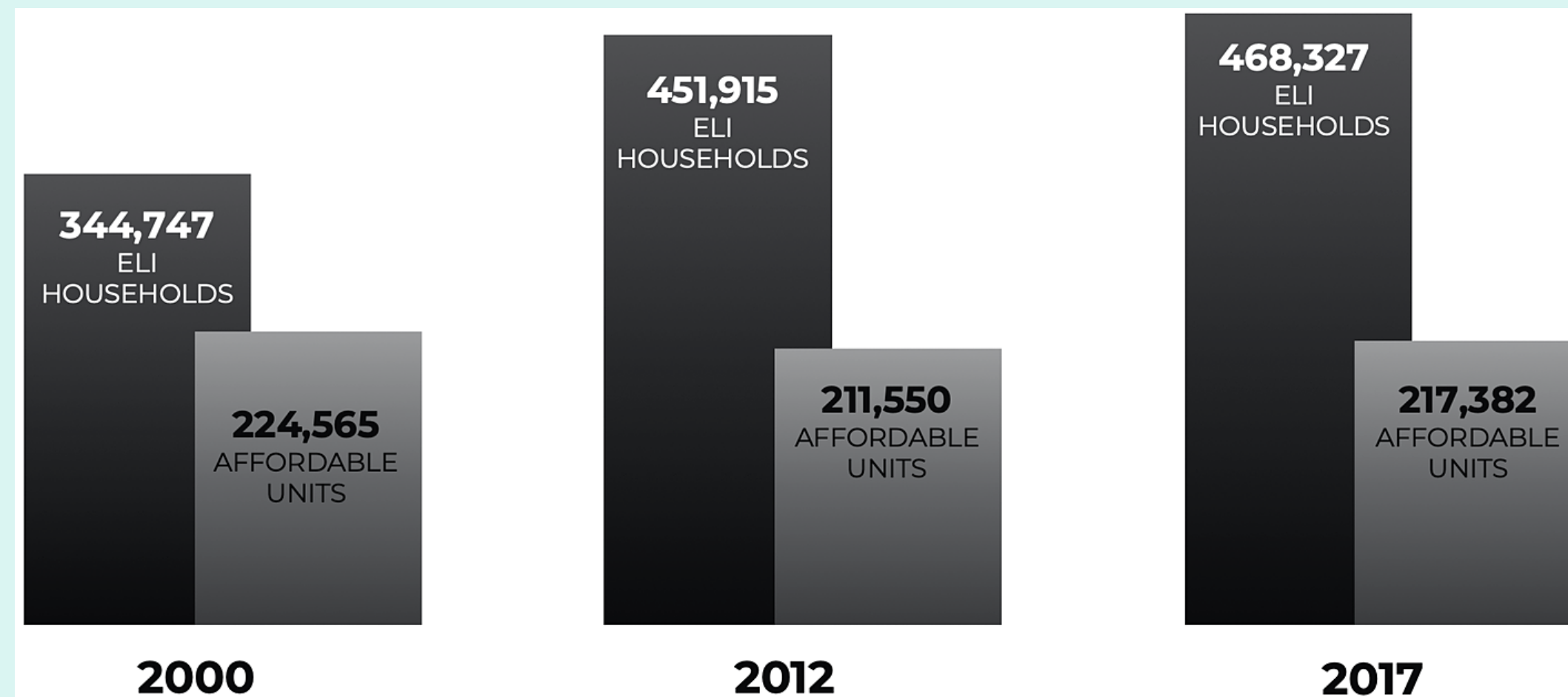
## PLACE OF NIGHTTIME RESIDENCE

# Florida's affordable housing shortage



# The crisis in Florida...

- **95,873** students experienced homelessness in the **2017-2018** school year.
- **7,850** were unaccompanied, youth and young adults without a parent or legal guardian.
- **23** rental units are affordable + available for every **100** extremely low-income renters.





- **1 out of 5 students (19,721 students)** experienced homelessness as a result of hurricanes.
- **74% of students experiencing homelessness graduate high school.**
- **82% of students that are housed, economically disadvantaged graduate high school.**
- **91% of housed, not economically disadvantaged students graduate high school.**



# SOLUTIONS



SOLUTIONS	FAMILIES WITH STUDENT CHILDREN	UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH
<p>➔ <b>INCREASE FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING</b>  Increase public funding sources to build and preserve subsidized and naturally occurring affordable housing, especially for those households earning extremely-low incomes.</p>	✓	✓
<p>➔ <b>COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEMS</b>  Prioritize rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing. Ensure that the CES centers families with minor children and unaccompanied youth. Create youth-friendly processes that include "Youth Access Points."</p>	✓	✓
<p>➔ <b>YOUTH POINT IN TIME COUNT</b>  Separate from the general PIT Count.</p>		✓
<p>➔ <b>HOUSING UNACCOMPANIED MINOR YOUTH</b>  Host homes, group homes, respite housing, and emergency shelters are all options. Need to assess needs of unaccompanied youth that need a temporary break from their families versus those that need longer-term housing. Florida needs to remove barriers in order to allow unaccompanied minors to secure shelter and other basic services without emancipation.</p>		✓

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<b>→ BY-NAME LISTS AND MEETINGS</b> Monitor and address families' and young peoples' needs in real time.	✓	✓
<b>→ YOUTH-LED ACTION BOARDS</b> Provide the CoC with feedback about how it can best address young people's needs.		✓
<b>→ CDBG-DR STATE ACTION PLANS</b> Include families with children, unaccompanied youth, and youth aging out of foster care as vulnerable populations.	✓	✓
<b>→ LOCAL HOMELESS PREVENTION POLICIES</b> Enact preventive legislation (extending termination notice time, repair-and-lien ordinances). Devote maximum funding to eviction prevention. Pair funding resources with legal services.	✓	✓

**THANK YOU!**  
**Questions?**

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