

# CCEH Workshop Summary

## From the 2018 National Conference on Ending Homelessness



### **The More You Know: The Latest Research on What Works for Youth**

A summary of this workshop by CCEH's Carl Asikainen.

How well are we assessing youth and how do the assessments inform the housing interventions that they suggest? Most recent data from the Voices of Youth Count (U Chicago), Eric Rice (USC School of Social Work) and Ian Dejoing from Org Code attempt to answer this question.

- The Next Step Tool is not a full assessment of strengths nor is it a service planning tool. It IS a brief risk assessment tool that addresses vulnerability for prioritization.
- This work looked at data of 11k young people ages 15-24 assessed in CE systems from January 2015 to May 2017.
- Higher risk scores predict higher likelihood of returning to homelessness without an intervention.
- Long wait times for services after assessment are detrimental to positive outcomes and increase likelihood of returning to the homeless system.
- Race and ethnicity in data, point to the need addressing equity in homelessness response for youth.