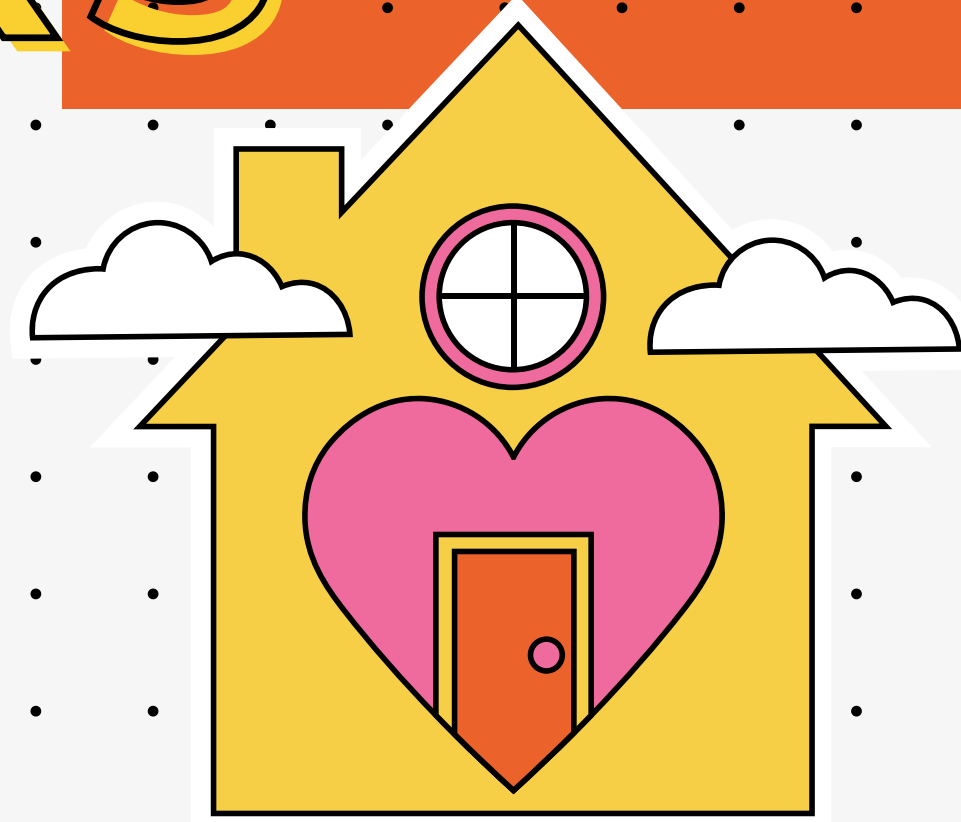


MUTUAL AID YOUTH LEADERS PROGRAM

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project



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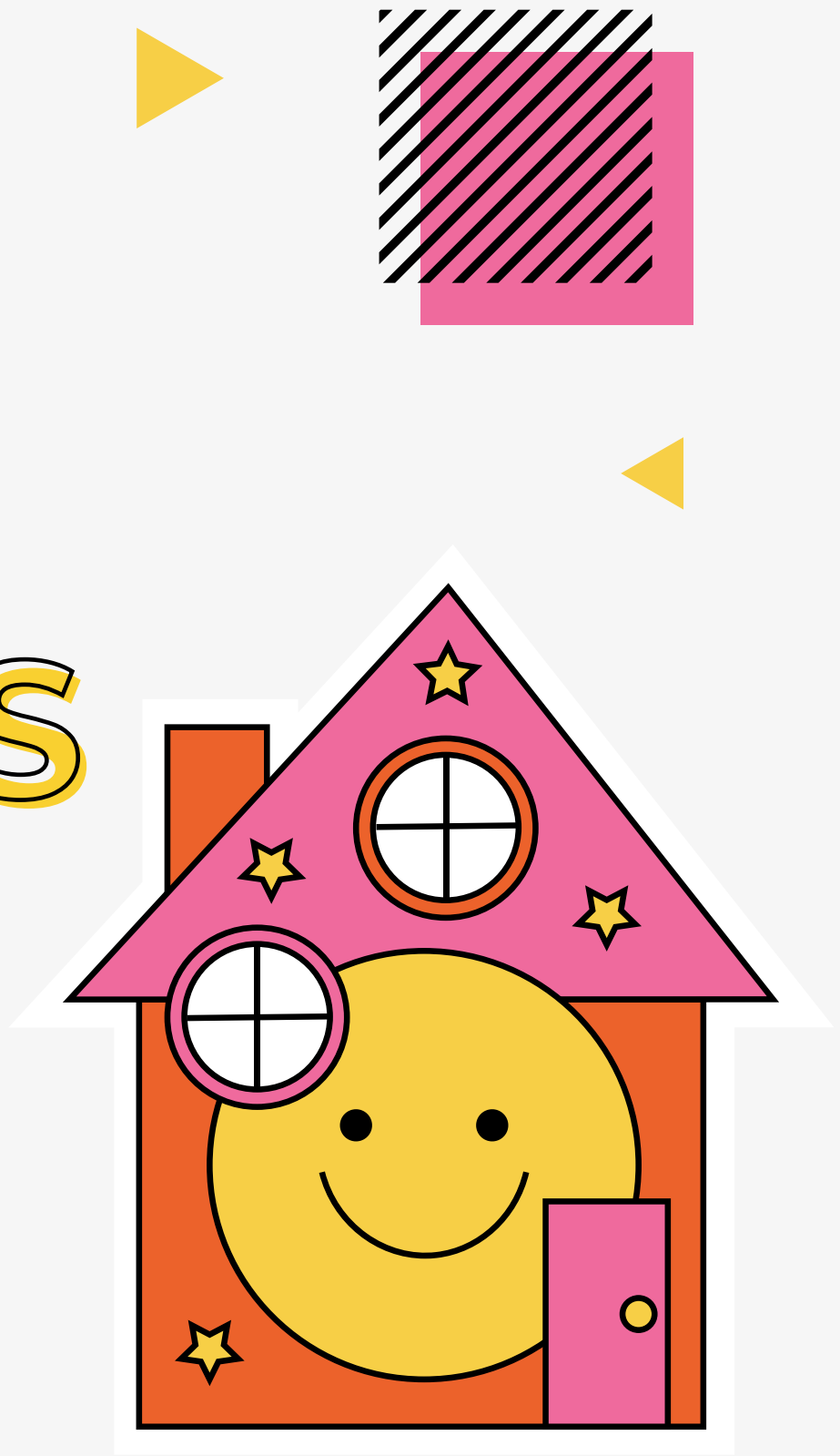
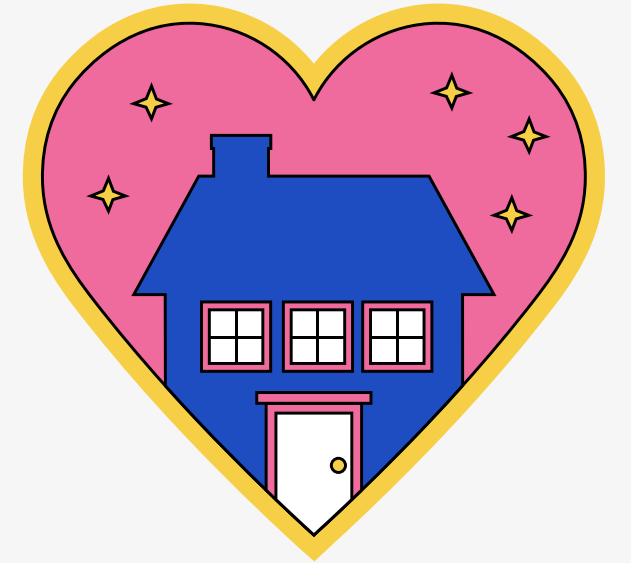


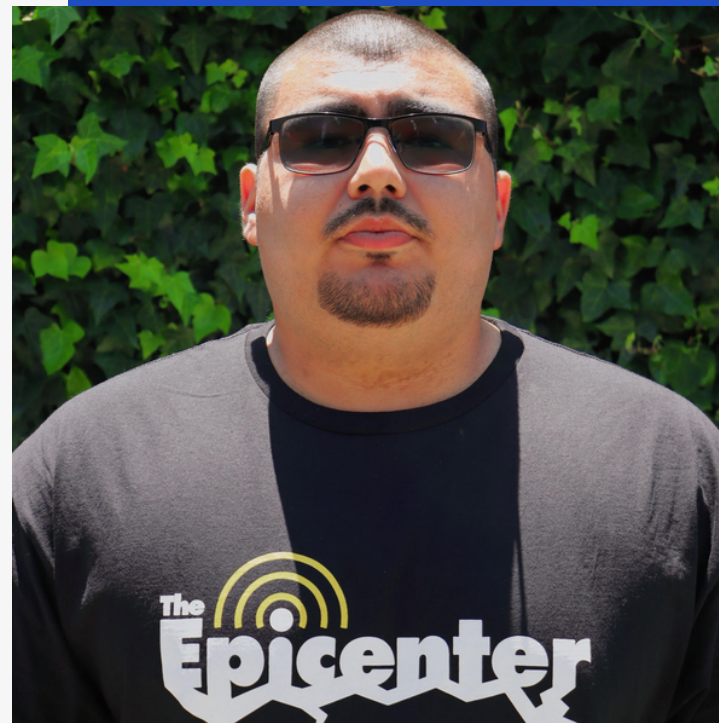
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MEET OUR TEAM



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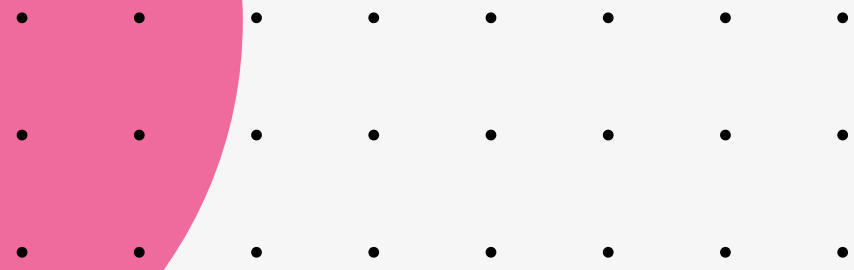


WHAT IS MUTUAL AID?

Mutual Aid Projects are projects based on the voluntary and reciprocal exchange of resources and services for mutual benefit.

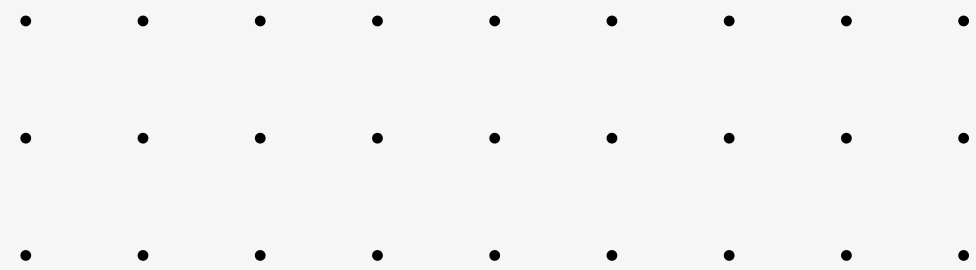
In these projects, people take responsibility for caring for one another through challenging conditions, such as homelessness or food insecurity.

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▶ OUR VISION

The Epicenter envisions a Monterey County that offers accessible resources needed to eradicate youth homelessness.

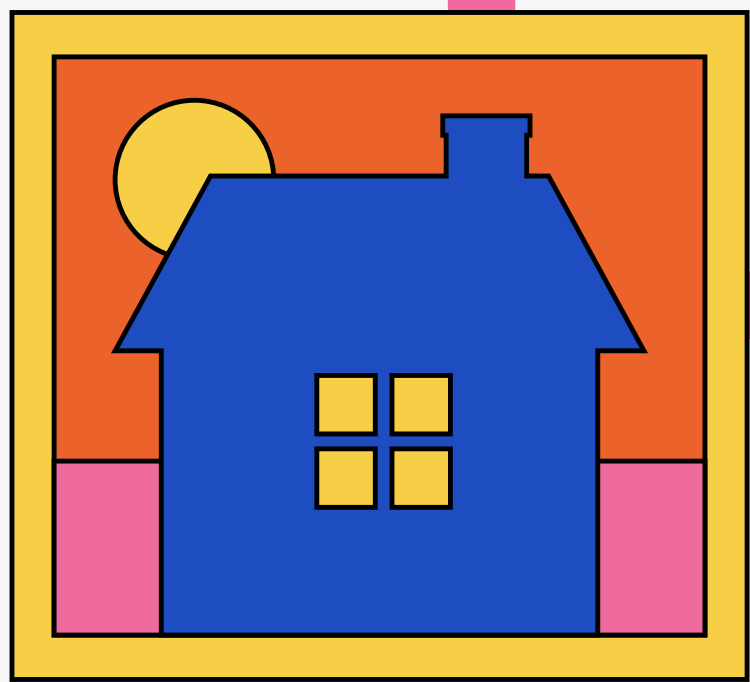
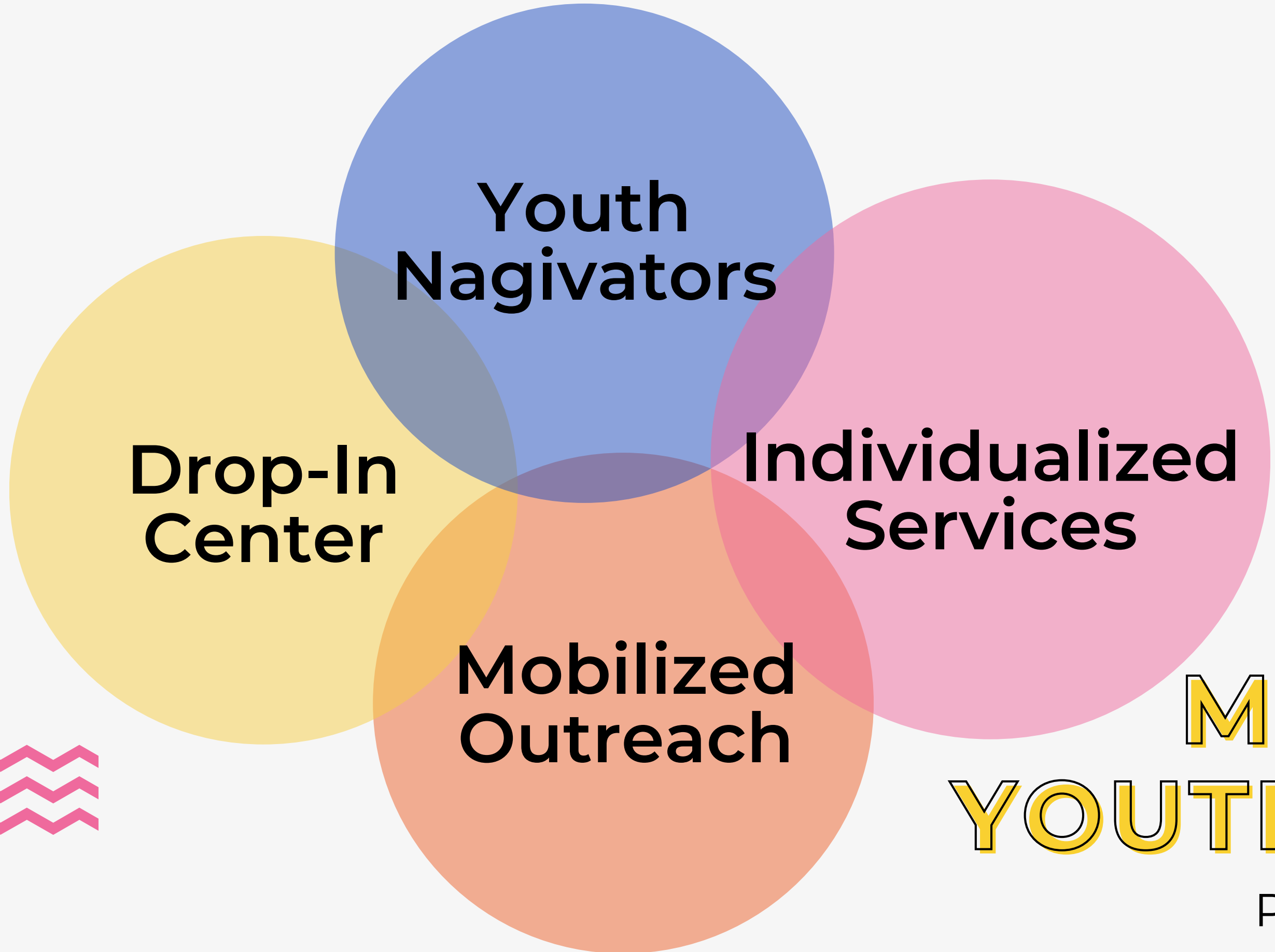


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OUR MISSION

To connect youth with social services, a network of community resources, housing, employment, training, counseling, and other basic needs to break the cycle of poverty caused by structural oppression.





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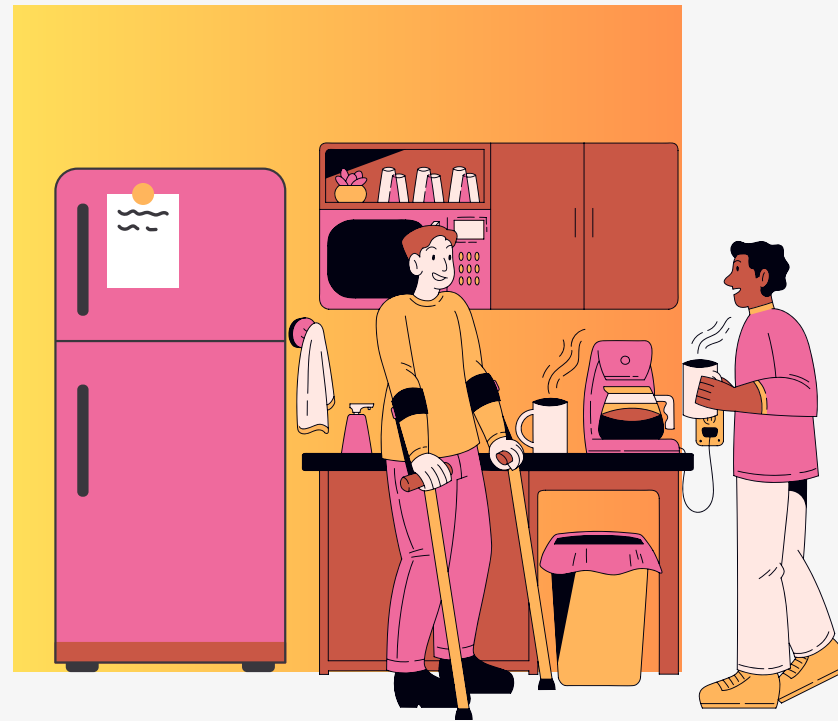
Program Components

▶ DROP-IN CENTER



Teen Closet

- Clothing
- Hygiene Items
- Shoes
- Accessories



Community Pantry & Fridge

- Snacks & Drinks
- Meal Ingredients
- Kitchen appliances available for use

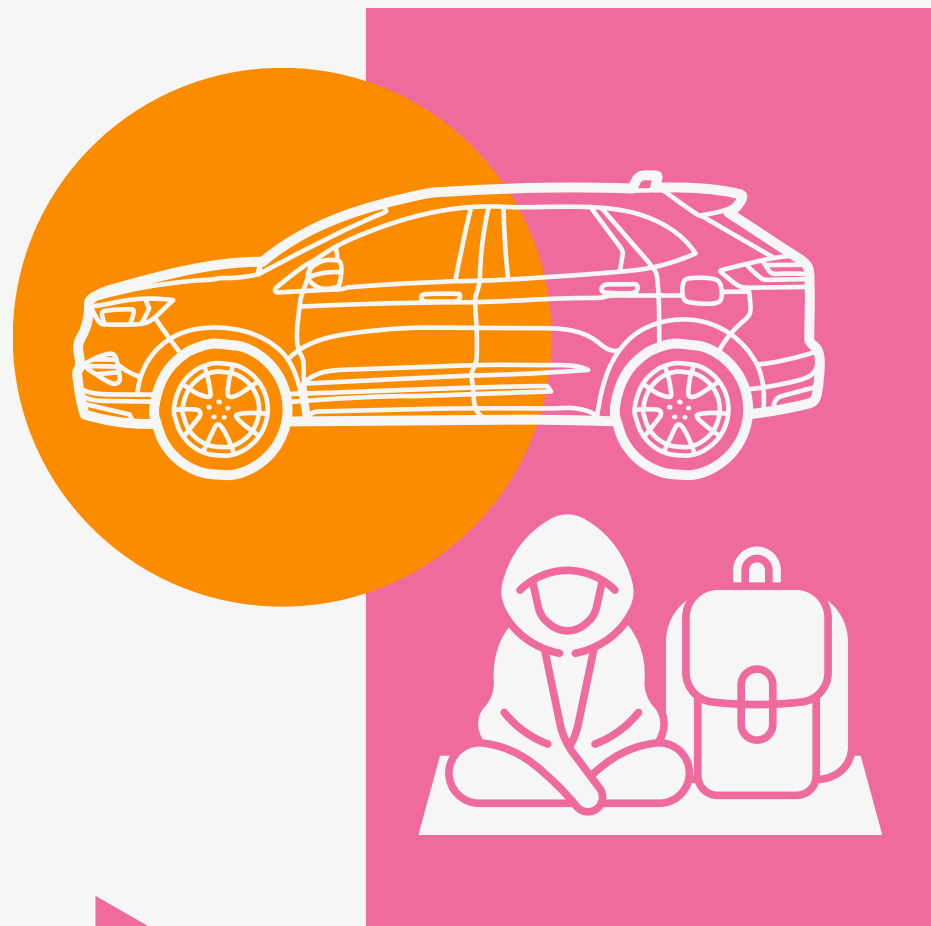


Multi-Purpose & Living Rooms

- Access to computers & free printing
- Arts & Crafts Supplies
- Board & Video Games

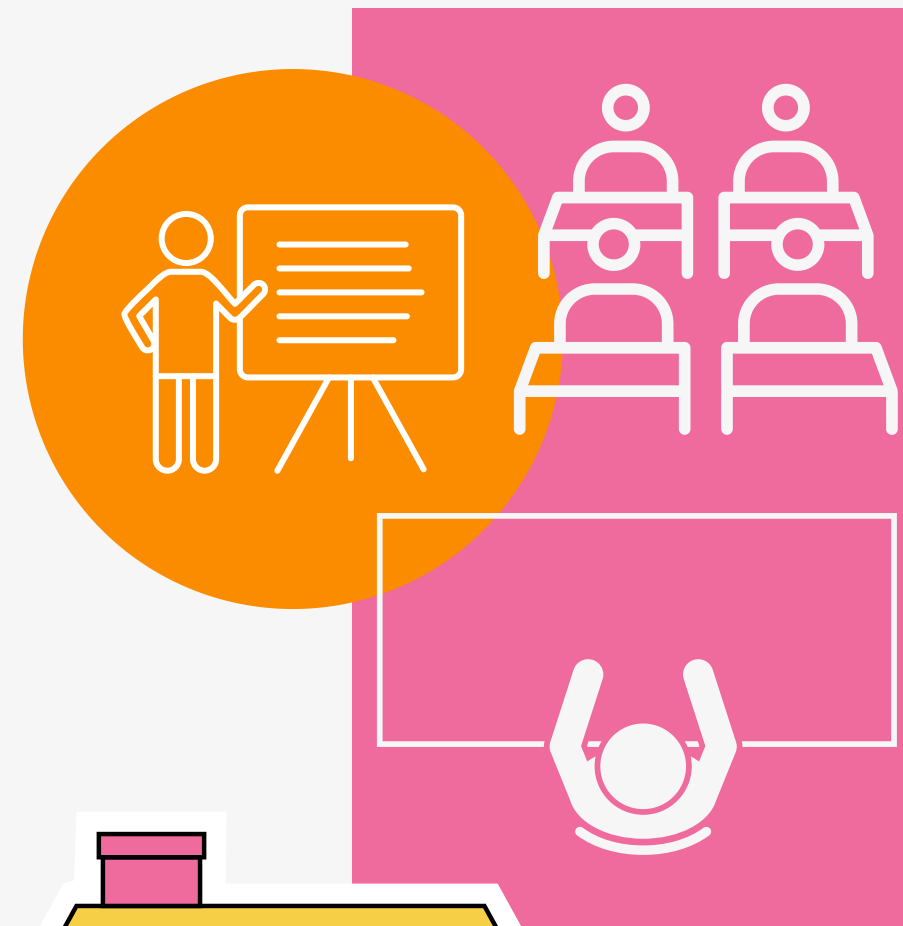


MOBILIZED OUTREACH



Street Outreach

- Reaching encampments throughout Monterey County
- Visiting Youth Shelters
- Mobilizing our Services
- Providing Client transportation

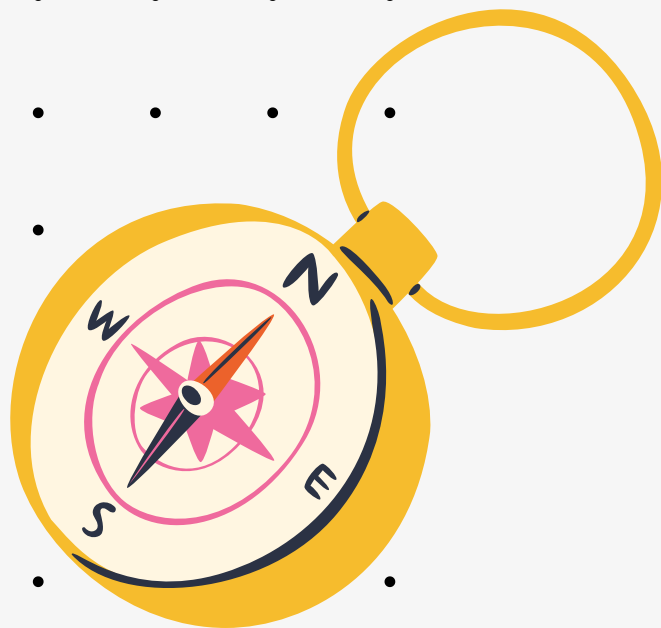


Community Outreach

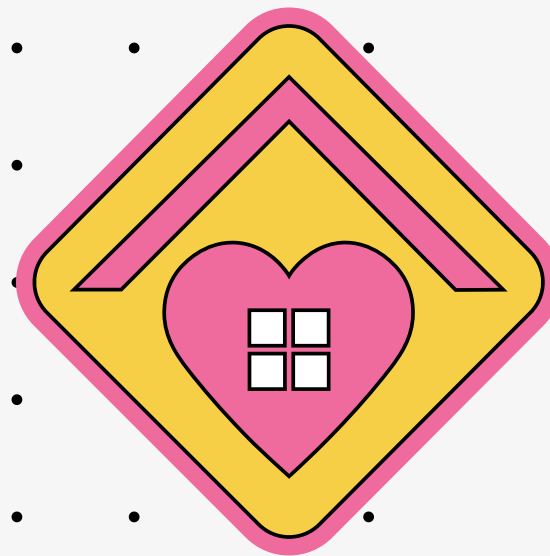
- Presenting to Agencies & Schools
- Tabling at Events
- Participating in other outreach opportunities



▶ YOUTH NAVIGATION



Provide **direct support to youth**, including those in crisis, as they navigate and engage with different programs and services.



Support with housing, education, employment, health and mental health, mainstream benefits, case management and more **as identified by youth**.



Be a **consistent point of contact for youth** from unhoused to housed and be supportive and empathetic in relationship building.





INDIVIDUALIZED SERVICES



Vital Documents

Vital documents are needed to access different types of services:

- Identification Card
- Social Security Card
- Birth Certificate

Additional Referrals

MAYL will be making referrals for wraparound care, including employment, health, and wellness services

- Turning Point Referrals
- Smart Referral Network
- CARS

Connection to Benefits

There are many mainstream benefits that clients can access:

- CalFresh (SNAP)
- Medi-Cal (Health Insurance)
- Cash Assistance
- CalWORKS

Appropriate Housing

Participants will be ultimately assisted to obtain and remain in appropriate housing:

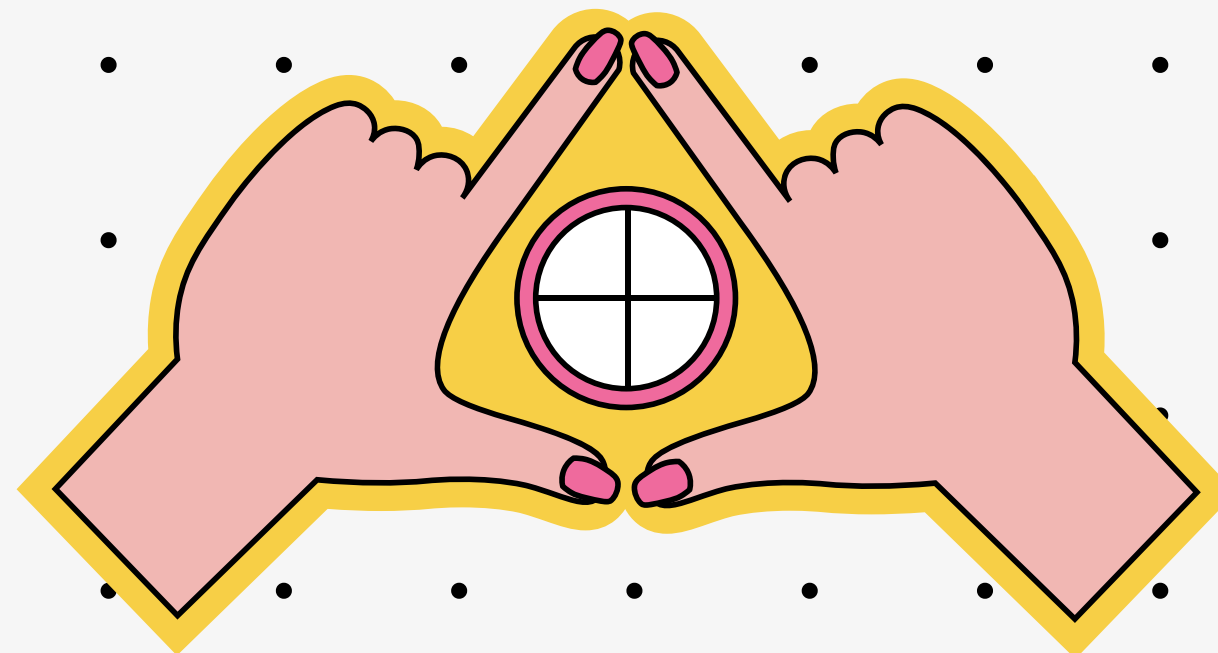
- Transitional Housing
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Other Permanent Housing

Populations of Focus:

- LGBTQ+ Youth
- Gender Non-Conforming Youth
- Pregnant & Parenting Youth
- Youth that use Substances
- Undocumented & Immigrant Youth
- Youth with Disabilities & Mental Health Struggles
- Current & Former Foster Youth
- Justice-System Involved Youth
- Victims of Domestic Violence and/or Sexual Exploitation

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ▶

- Must be located within Monterey County
- Unaccompanied Transition Age Youth (18-24)
- Category 1, 2, or 4 of homelessness



HUD DEFINITIONS

categories of homelessness that we serve



1: Literally Homeless

Individuals/families who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, such as:

- Place not meant for human habitation
 - Car, park, garage, etc
- Living in a shelter or hotel/motel paid by the gov't or charitable org
- Exiting an institution where they:
 - resided < 90 days
 - were previously residing in a place not meant for habitation

2: Imminent Risk of Homelessness

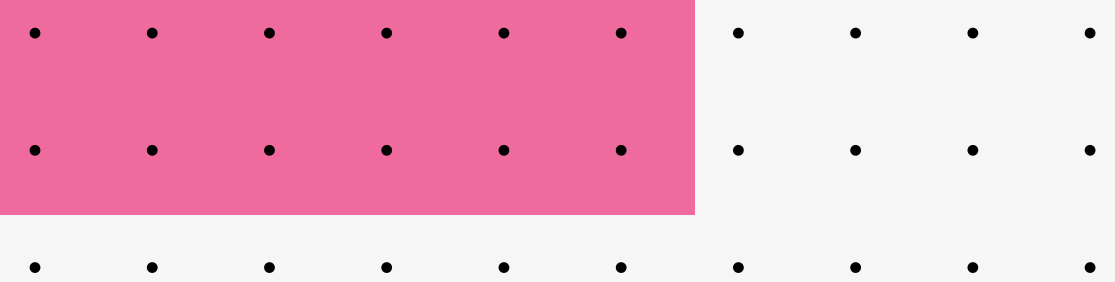
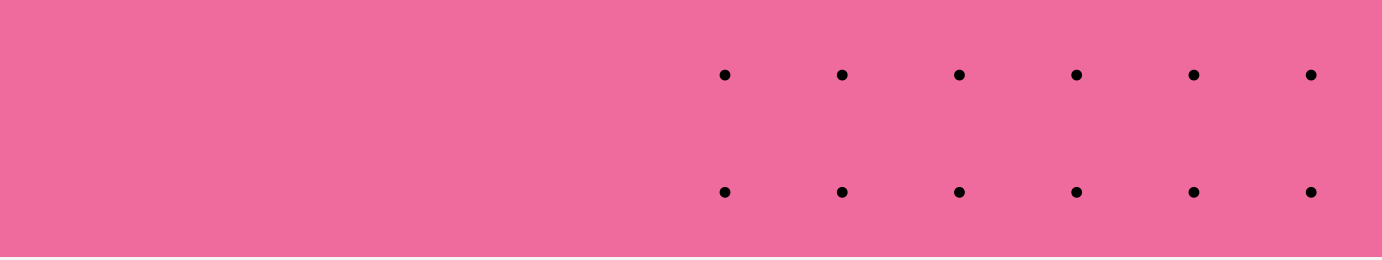
Individuals/families who will lose their primary nighttime residence within 14 days

4: Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence

Individuals/families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions

Individuals/families in categories 2 & 4 must:

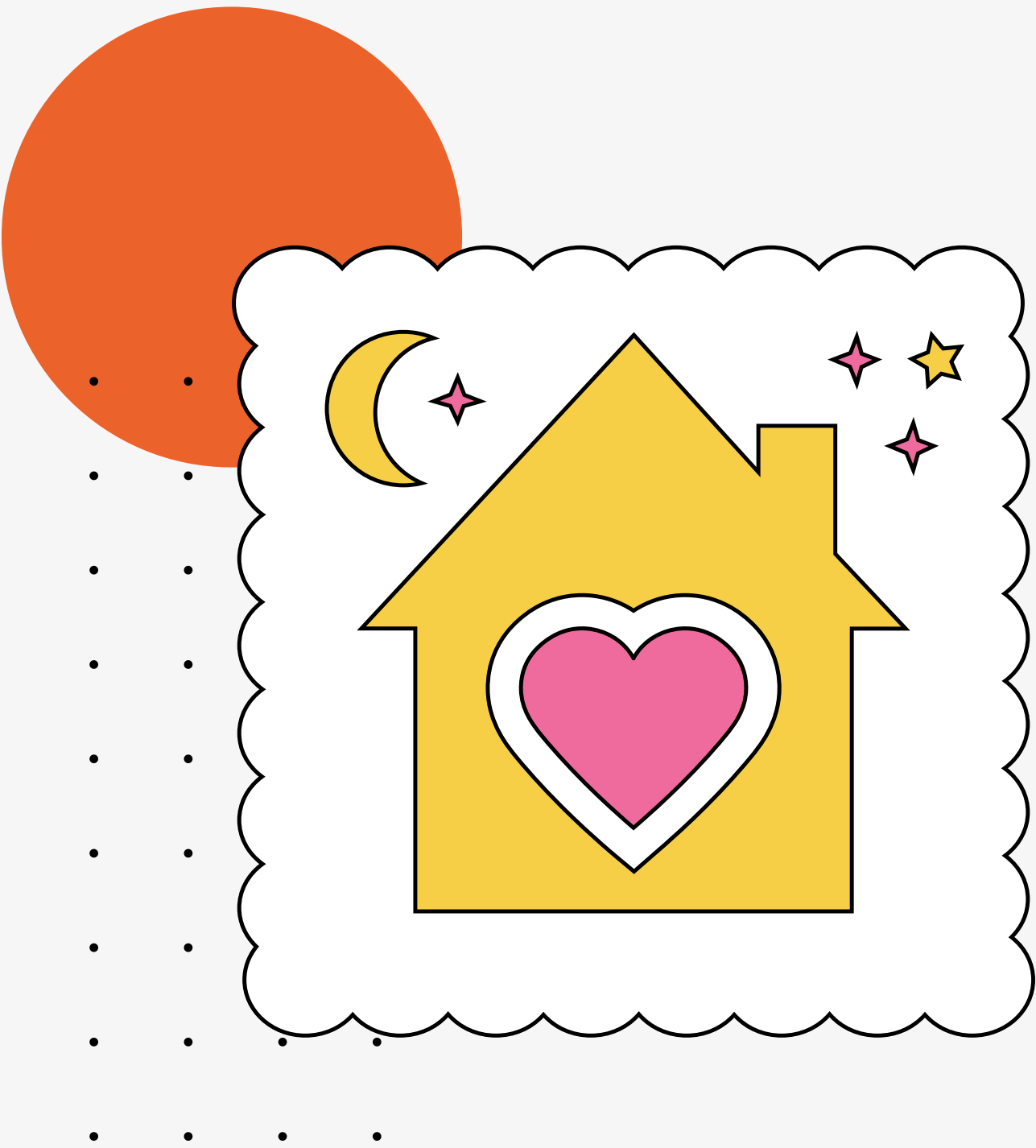
- Have no subsequent residence identified AND
- Lack the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing








PROGRAM REFERRALS

- Self-Referrals
 - Walk-ins, Drop-in center users, disclosure during street outreach
- Referrals from other agencies/organizations
 - Please fill out a referral form and send it to us via email
 - Form can be provided upon request
- Referrals through the Smart Referral Network, CARS, or other systems

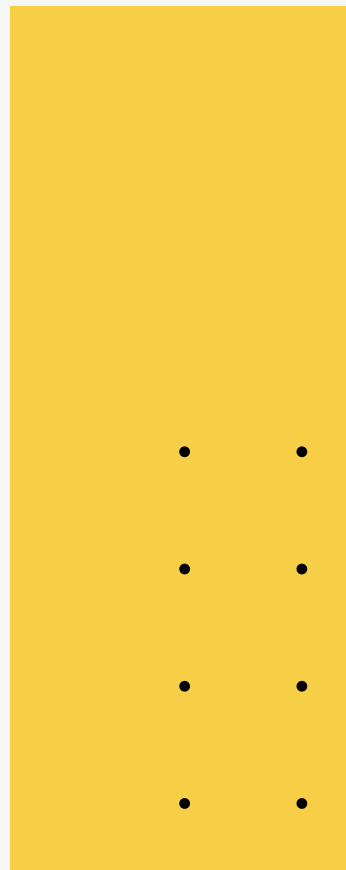




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Any Questions?

