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Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Launch 100-Day Challenge to End Youth Homelessness
ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County to serve on 100-Day Challenge Team

CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO – Cleveland/Cuyahoga County today will launch a 100-day challenge to advance efforts to end youth homelessness as part of a national initiative hosted by A Way Home America and The Rapid Results Institute.

Linda Tobert, Children's Project Administrator at the Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County, has been selected to serve on the 100-Day Challenge Team.

ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County Chief Executive Officer William M. Denihan said, "We are honored to represent our community to help create innovative solutions and highlight the need for urgent action to help so many of our youth who are homeless."

Cleveland/Cuyahoga County's 100-day challenge will be coordinated by A Place 4 Me, a cross-sector initiative of more than 50 public and private agencies. The initiative has developed a strategic plan to prevent and end youth homelessness that prioritizes youth transitioning from foster care, a population particularly vulnerable to housing instability.

A Place 4 Me is a collaboration led by the YWCA Greater Cleveland; Cuyahoga County Department of Health and Human Services, including the Division of Children and Family Services and the Office of Homeless Services; FrontLine Service; the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative; and the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland, which has provided technical assistance and catalyzed funding partnership to support this initiative.

Cleveland/Cuyahoga County's 100-Day Challenge Team are in Austin on September 7- 8, 2016 for a launch workshop to kick off the 100-day journey.

Cleveland/Cuyahoga County was selected in addition to Austin and Los Angeles following a competitive nationwide search by A Way Home America. Through the challenges, A Way Home America seeks to support and accelerate the local work of the selected communities and to inform national dialogue, learning and policy to prevent and end youth homelessness.

The three communities will receive support from The Rapid Results Institute to drive toward ambitious goals over 100 days, starting September 7.

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