



Unique Challenges that face the CoC



Cost of Living

- Lack of affordable housing in Monterey/San Benito Counties (2.8% and 3.9% rise in housing costs since 2019, respectively)
- Wages are too low to support housing costs
- Affordable Childcare challenges for pregnant and parenting youth make their situation more difficult

Homeless Interventions

- Addressing adultism within the community and the youth system of care
- Large immigrant population unable to access services (18% of both counties that are foreign-born)
- Only 4 community-based organizations, combined, to serve a population of 404 youth across 14 cities
- Concentration of youth programs are located in urban Monterey County, creating barriers for youth in rural areas.
- Lack of diversity in the types of homelessness interventions

Mobility/Communication

- Limits to transportation, exacerbated by the pandemic
- Communication with youth hindered by lack of resources such as cell phones or internet

Social, Economic, Personal, Professional Well-being and Development

- Lack of resources for social-emotional well-being for youth
- Increasing access to non-traditional forms of education and job readiness programs