



**ANCHORAGE
YOUTH
ACTION
BOARD**

WHO WE ARE



PROBLEM #1

**PUBLIC BENEFITS ARE
DIFFICULT TO NAVITAGE**



SOLUTIONS

- **Modernize and simplify the application and renewal processes for SNAP, Medicaid, Housing and other benefits**
- **Require a mobile-friendly platform with SMS/email notifications.**
- **Allow flexible verification for people experiencing homelessness (e.g., no fixed address required).**
- **Require timely notice of interviews + option for phone/video interviews.**
- **Expand acceptance of service provider addresses.**

PROBLEM #2

**YOUNG PEOPLE DON'T
KNOW THE RESOURCES
UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE**



SOLUTION

- **Require schools and after-school programs to provide students with information on SNAP, Medicaid, housing resources, and youth homelessness services.**



PROBLEM #3

**RESOURCE LINES LIKE
211 ARE NOT 24 HOURS**



SOLUTION

- **Fund a 24 hour a day resource navigator line.**



PROBLEM #4

**YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE A
DIFFICULT TIME
ACCESSING HEALTH
CARE**



SOLUTIONS

- **Simplify Medicaid enrollment and renewal for youth experiencing homelessness.**
- **Ensure a continuity of coverage when youth exit OCS or juvenile justice.**
- **Expand medical debt relief for low-income youth.**
- **Require state-licensed providers to visibly post patient advocacy contacts in common areas.**

PROBLEM #5

**YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE A
DIFFICULT TIME GETTING
AND KEEPING ID AND
IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS**



SOLUTION

- **Create a free and expedited process for young people experiencing homelessness to get their documents.**



PROBLEM #6

**MANY PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
ARE AGING AND DON'T
RELATE TO YOUNG
PEOPLE**



SOLUTION

- **Create paid peer positions in state agencies that hire and train young adults with lived experience to support peers accessing public benefits.**



PROBLEM #8

**STATE AGENCIES AND
SCHOOLS ARE UNDER
STRESS AND
INCONSISTENT FOR
YOUNG PEOPLE**



SOLUTION

- **Increase wages, benefits and retention incentive for state and school employees.**



PROBLEM #9

**MANY YOUNG PEOPLE
ARE HAVING
CHALLENGING
EXPERIENCES IN FOSTER
CARE**



SOLUTIONS

- **Require regular youth check-ins.**
- **Increase foster home monitoring.**
- **Require public reporting on outcomes and incidents.**
- **Limit over-medication; require second-opinion policies.**



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QUESTIONS