



YOUTH COUNT 2.0!

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Methods

Recruitment of youth using 4 strategies:

1. Shelters/transitional housing
2. Magnet events
3. Street outreach
4. Respondent Driven Sampling

Inclusion Criteria: Ages 13-24

1. In a shelter, transitional housing, or spent the previous night on the streets, in a car, or other location not meant for habitation
- OR
2. Staying with friends, relatives, or family but not sure where they will stay 30 days from now

Methods

- 4 week recruitment period – October 25-November 2
 - extended to do more outreach to schools, Spanish speaking
- Once eligibility determined, youth were asked to participate in survey, using Audio Assisted Computer Interviewing or Standardized Paper Format
- \$10 incentive for participating
- Youth who reported knowing 3 or more youth in similar situations were recruited to give RDS coupons to 3 people, \$5 incentive for each

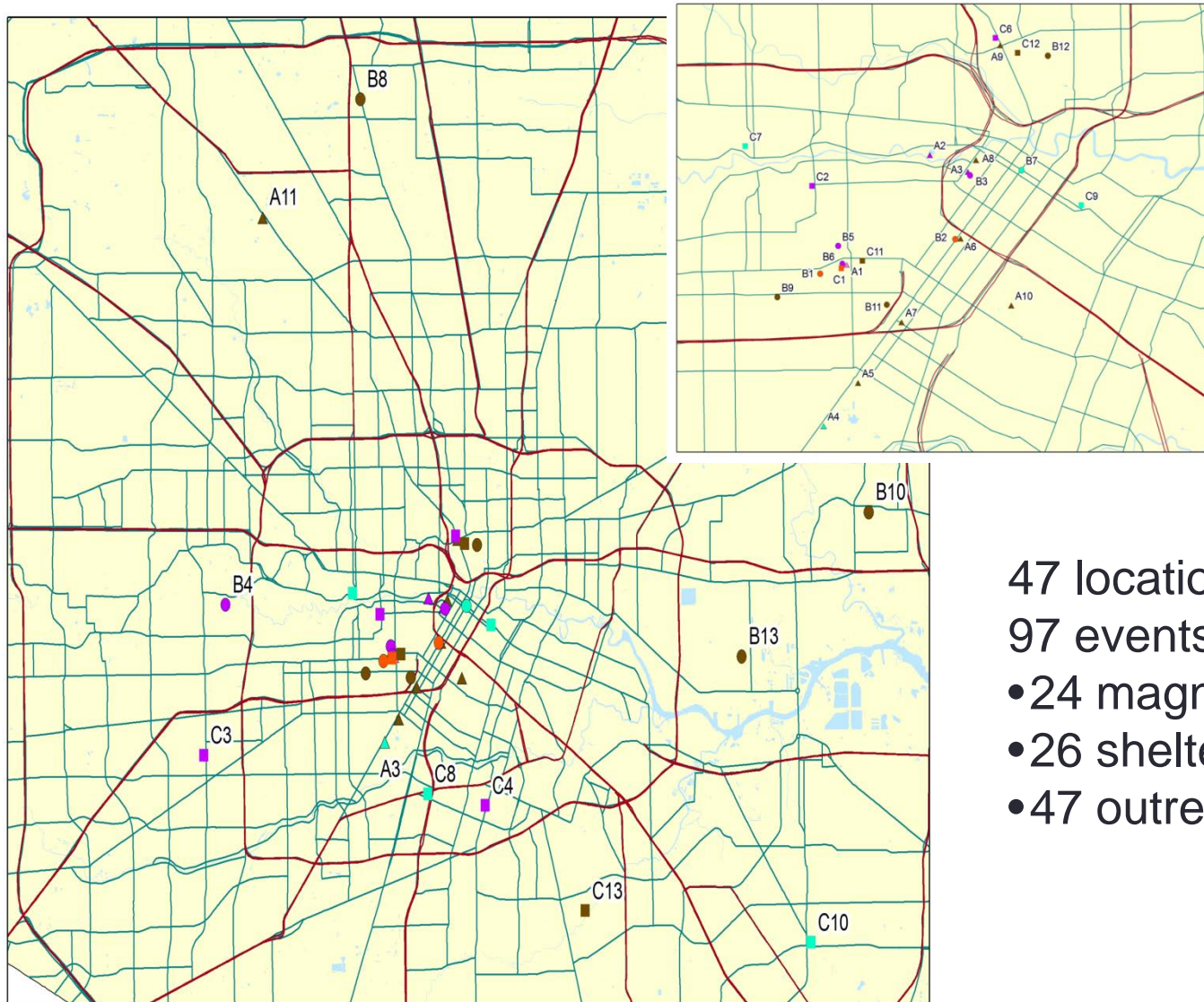
Methods

- Outreach teams led by community agencies, supplemented with volunteers trained to do the survey, youth included when possible
- Community Agencies were able to have survey available at their facility if staff would be trained to administer it
- Trained 120 people at 3 trainings, 74 of these completed a volunteer shift during the count, primarily social work and nursing students

Methods – Sheltered Count

- Administrative data for youth ages 13-24 was pulled from HMIS
- This was cross-checked with survey data – based on location, date, and age determined whether they were likely to have been surveyed already
- These were added to the final sheltered count

Where We Surveyed



n=438

- A-Outreach
- ▲ B-Magnet Event
- C-Shelter
- 1 - 5
- 6 - 10
- 11 - 20
- 21 - 30
- 31 - 42

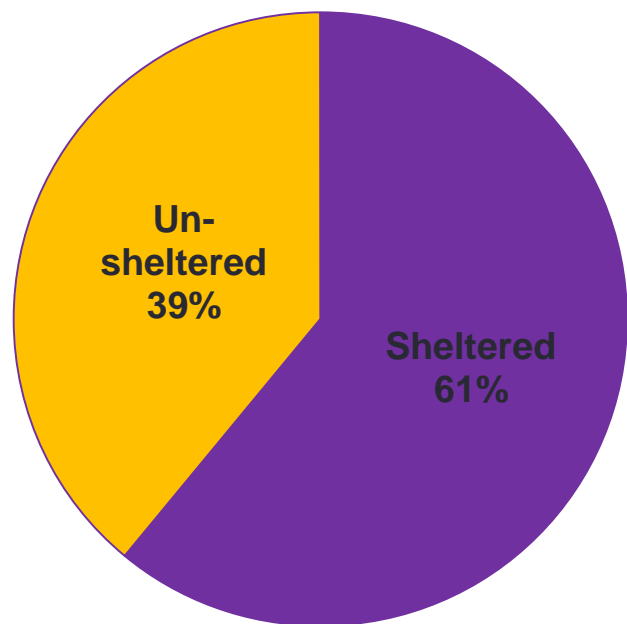
- C1-Covenant House-60
- C2-Houston Area Women's Center-20
- C3-Kinder Shelter-18
- C4-New Hope Housing-14
- C6-Harbor Lights-11
- C7-Depelchin-9
- C8-Star of Hope-Transitional Living-8
- C9-Star of Hope Family-7
- C10-Bridges Over Troubled Water-7
- C11-Women's Home-2
- C12-Santa Maria Hostel-2
- C13-Angela House-1
- B1-Hawthorne-42
- B2-Salvation Army-33
- B3-Food Not Bombs-15
- B4-The Island-14
- B5-Grace Place-11
- B6-Street Church-11
- B7-Beacon-10
- B8-Aldine Library-5
- B9-Stand Up For Kids-5
- B10-Galena Park Alternative School-4
- B11-Montrose Center-3
- B12-HAY Center-2
- B13-Galena Park Library-2
- A1-CHO-21
- A2-CHO-11
- A3-CHO-11
- A4-HOT-14
- A5-CHO-5
- A6-CHO-4
- A7-CHO-4
- A8-HOT-2
- A9-CHO-1
- A10-CHO-1
- A11-CHO-1

47 locations
 97 events
 • 24 magnet
 • 26 shelter
 • 47 outreach

Count Numbers

	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Unstably Housed	Total
Accompanied Minors (13-17)	116 (13 Survey)	2	1	119
Unaccompanied Minors (13-17)	18	3	11	32
Young Adults (18-24)	283 (174 Survey)	134	64	481
Total	417	139	76	632

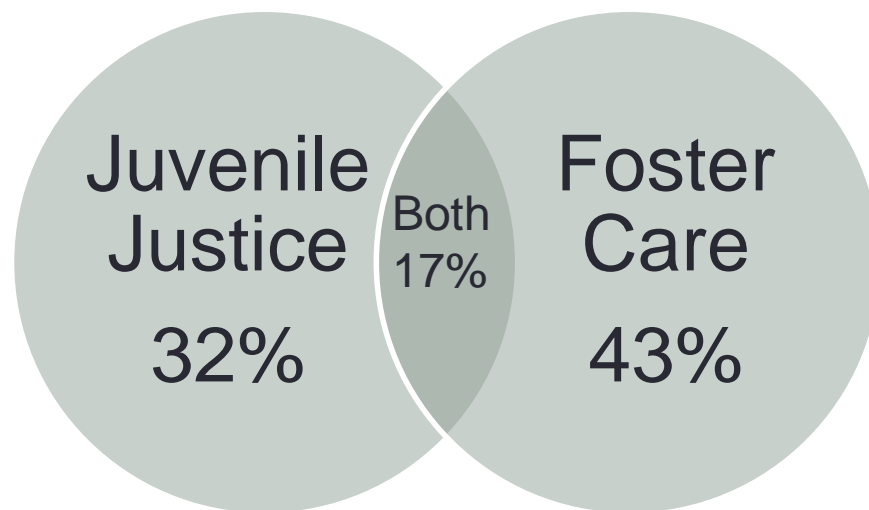
Focus on Sheltered/Unsheltered (n=354)



- 87.3% Ages 18-24
- 44.4% Female
- 12.7% Hispanic
- 17.7% White
- 61.0% African American
- 24.0% LGBTQ
- 29.1% Parents or Pregnant
- 63.6% from Houston
- 93.6% born in the United States

Histories

- 69% had been homeless before
- 53% had been in jail, detention center or prison
- 71% had been diagnosed with a mental disorder



- 18% had aged out of foster care
- 13% had aged out of juvenile justice

Difference in sheltered & unsheltered

- Sheltered were more likely to be female (55% v. 28%) and to be working or in school
- Street youth were more likely to report worse health, smoke cigarettes and to have become homeless after leaving prison or jail
- Street youth were more likely to report they were not born in the U.S. (10% vs. 5%)
- No significant differences in past trauma scores, current mental health distress, trade sex rates, or substance use rates

More About YouthCount 2.0! Findings

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