

**Milwaukee County Youth Commission Committee on Community Engagement  
and Racial Justice  
2024 Action Plan Update- May 1, 2024**

**Goal 1:** Compile a list of identified needs (including potential policy changes) of youth who are experiencing homelessness by talking to at least 25 youth who are experiencing homelessness through in-person outreach in Milwaukee County by the end of 2024 in collaboration with community partners who have experience with dignity-based outreach with a focus on the areas of the county that are experiencing the highest rates of youth homelessness.

**Strategy 1:** Meet with Pathfinders to discuss opportunities to collaborate by the end of Q1.

- Design interview questions
- Also partner with DHHS

**Strategy 2:** Meet with young people experiencing homelessness by the end of Q2.

**Strategy 3:** Compile list of identified needs by the end of Q3.

**Strategy 4:** Present information to CERJ Committee (and Committee of the whole eventually) on how the Youth Commission can best help this group by the end of Q4.

**Update:** Providing an update to Pathfinders soon, as we find out more about the resolution that we are working to propose to add an ad hoc position to the Youth Commission for a young person experiencing homelessness.

**Goal 2:** Promote civic engagement and increase the number of age-eligible Milwaukee County youth who are registered to vote by reaching at least 300 youth through organized assemblies and/or voter registration drives at high schools in Milwaukee County by the end of 2024 in collaboration with community-based organizations that have experience with civic youth engagement and voter registration by prioritizing districts/census tracts with the lower rates of age-eligible youth who are registered to vote.

**Strategy 1:** Meet with the League of Women Voters, Souls to the Polls, NAACP, and other community-based organizations that have experience with civic youth engagement and voter registration to discuss opportunities to collaborate by the end of Q1.

**Strategy 2:** Organize registration drives for age-eligible youth in Milwaukee County in collaboration with community-based organizations by end of 23-24 school year (May). Organize a booth at a summer event (ex: Summerfest) as a voting drive, by the end of Q2.

- Need to find a booth during high traffic time for young people
- Create volunteer shifts for booth

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**Strategy 3:** Educate young people for the voting experience: what to bring, how to fill out a ballot, different elections to vote in (\*November\*). Ensure that those who are registered to vote actually vote in the election. By the end of Q3.

**(2024-25) Strategy 4:** Organize school assemblies in middle schools that provide hands-on education and experience about voting during the 2024-25 school year by the end of Q4.

**Update:** Per the Office of the Corporation Counsel (OCC), Milwaukee County government cannot promote voting to anyone is close to being an “elector” (18 years of age and able to vote in WI). They have approved the action of presenting to middle school students because they are far enough away in age that there is no chance that it would affect a particular election.

**Goal 3:** Increase awareness about ~~mental health~~ **general health and wellness** strategies and resources among young people in Milwaukee County by reaching at least 1,000 youth who access information about resources through an innovative digital-nature fusion campaign at parks in Milwaukee County by the end of 2024 in collaboration with Milwaukee County Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) by using parks with the highest need on the equity index.

**Update:** Per the Office of the Corporation Counsel (OCC), every activity of Milwaukee County must relate to [Wisconsin Legislature: Chapter 59](#), so we must pair with established Milwaukee County activities. In addition, all mental health activities must be approved by the Mental Health Board. We have, therefore, amended the goal as indicated above. The OCC is scheduled to appear before the Youth Commission to explain in more detail and answer any questions at its Committee of the Whole meeting on May 15, 2024.