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### **AGENCY PREPARES TO LAUNCH PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE HOUSING AND SERVICES FOR DISCONNECTED YOUTH**

A new pilot program to serve youth who are neither working nor in school and homeless will soon launch in Sacramento under a federal grant awarded to the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency. SHRA received a Performance Partnership Pilots for Disconnected Youth (P3) grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The P3 grant provides approximately \$248,000 over three years to support innovative strategies with effective outcomes for 100 disconnected youth age 18 – 24.

The Sacramento P3 program will serve eligible youth who are either homeless, in foster care or emancipated, involved in the juvenile justice system, unemployed, or not enrolled in /at risk of dropping out of school. The significance of the program is the flexibility to layer existing federal funds, and to seek federal regulation waivers to help increase service delivery by removing barriers to housing and expanding housing eligibility, and leveraging existing resources and increasing services to the target population.

The Sacramento P3 program is being implemented in the heart of the Sacramento Promise Zone which encompasses each of the hardest hit neighborhoods in Sacramento– from Del Paso Heights in the North Area to The Avenues in the South County.

The program uses a referral system supported by various resource providers, and adopts a housing first model to promote stability through collaboration with state and local partners, and coordination with currently funded services. Program funding does not provide for social services. Participants receive ongoing case management supported by systematic tracking and data collection to provide assistance in securing stable housing, and to earn a high school diploma or GED, receive job training or certifications that lead to self-sufficiency.

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