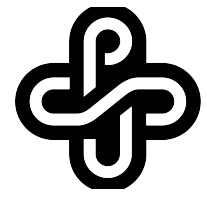


‘Pathways’ Project: Leading with Lived Experience

JOHS Provider Conference
June 9, 2025





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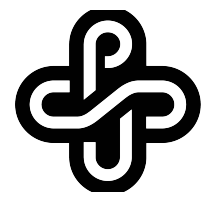
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- **Franklin Spurbeck - data guru**
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Lived Experience Committee

5 of our 17 members!

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Where did this project come from:

JOHS interest :

- Funded by Joint Office of Homeless Services/Homeless Services Department
 - Focus on Multnomah County
- Interest: what services help people move from “pathways through shelter to housing”

PSU interest “Pathways through homelessness”:

- “Pathways” are different for everyone
- Sometimes we don’t know the “path” or the “goal” until we look back at where we’ve been
 - What are people’s goals when they are navigating homelessness? (not just what OUR goals are)
 - What actually helps people?
 - What do we need to understand better about people’s journeys?

✦ *Pathways research questions:*

Research Question 1: What supports people while they're living on the street?

Research Question 2: What goals do people have relating to shelter and housing?

Research Question 3: What supports/impedes people in working towards those housing and shelter goals ?

Research Question 4: How do socio-demographic factors influence or change how people's' needs, priorities, goals (i.e. responses to previous questions)

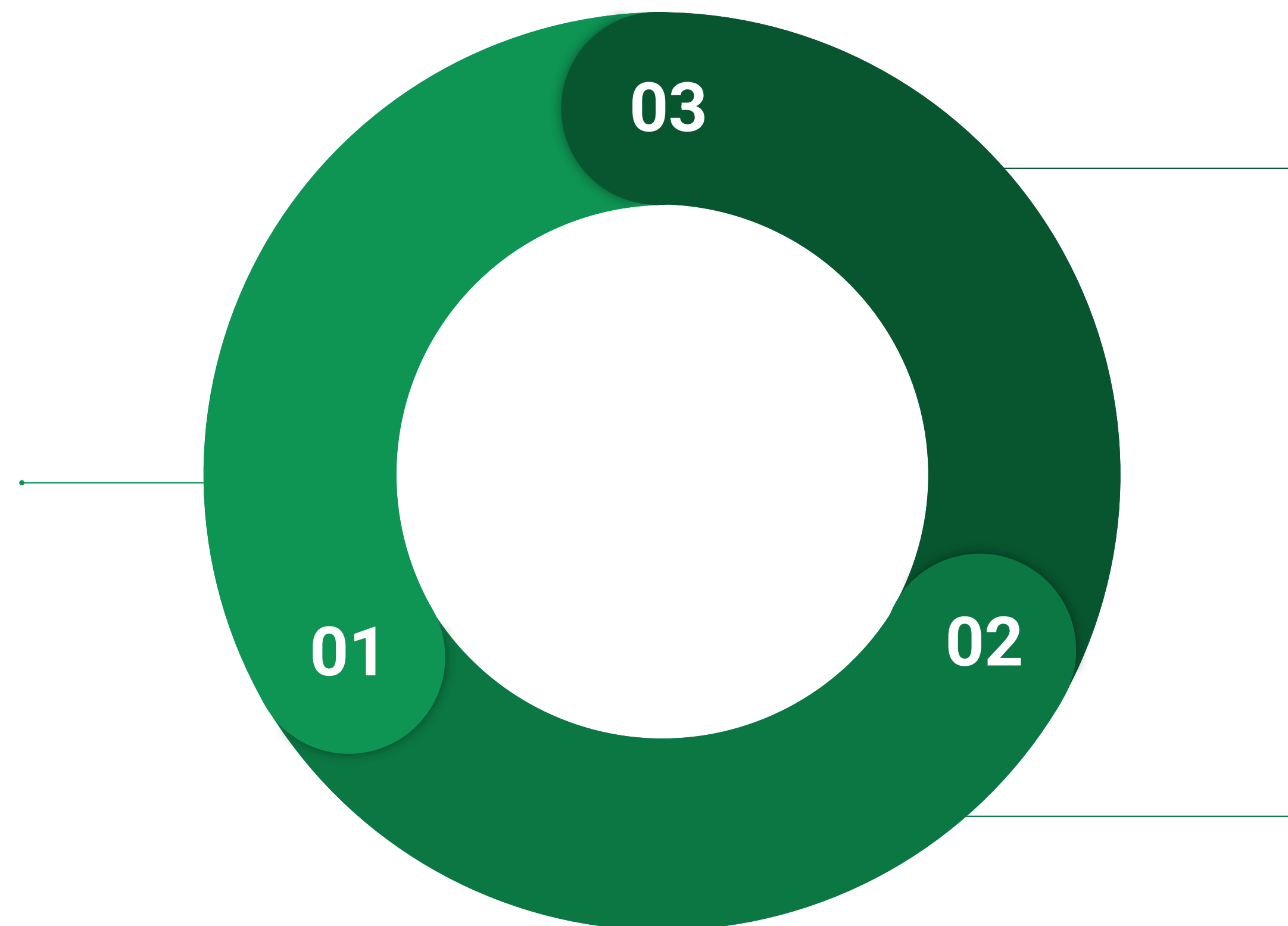
Research Question 5: What do “pathways” through homelessness look like?



“Pathways” Study Overview

Transformational Research for Equity and Experience in Shelter(T.R.E.E.S.) committee (2024- 2026)

Committee created to collaborate to create
the research



Interviews and Mapping (Summer 2025)

Explore “what pathways through homelessness” look like to improve services, offer hope, share experience.

Develop individual maps, and possibly, “community-level” maps

About 40 in-depth maps and surveys

Possible community workshop/mapping

Survey (Spring 2025)

- 400 people with experience with current homeless system in Multnomah County

- Includes - people who are unsheltered, sheltered, and recently housed

-Questions: What is current experience of homelessness (including impact of sweeps)? What services do/don’t support people? What do people want in terms of qualities of housing, what services etc.



Survey Timeline: With LEC members and Street Roots Ambassadors

1

Training

March

2

Piloting surveys

March 10th-13th

3

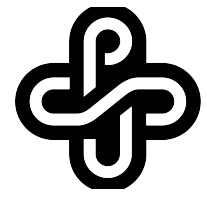
Conduct surveys

April & May

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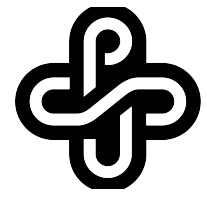
Sharing back the data

Summer/Fall 2025



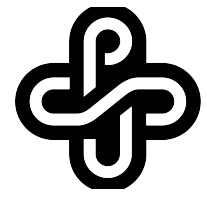
Example Survey Topics

- ❖ How many times have you had to move where you are living in the last 6 months?
- ❖ Where have you stayed?
- ❖ What services have been helpful? What services would you want but don't currently have access to? What services haven't been helpful?
- ❖ What kind of housing do you want? (location, services, qualities, etc)
- ❖ What are barriers to housing?

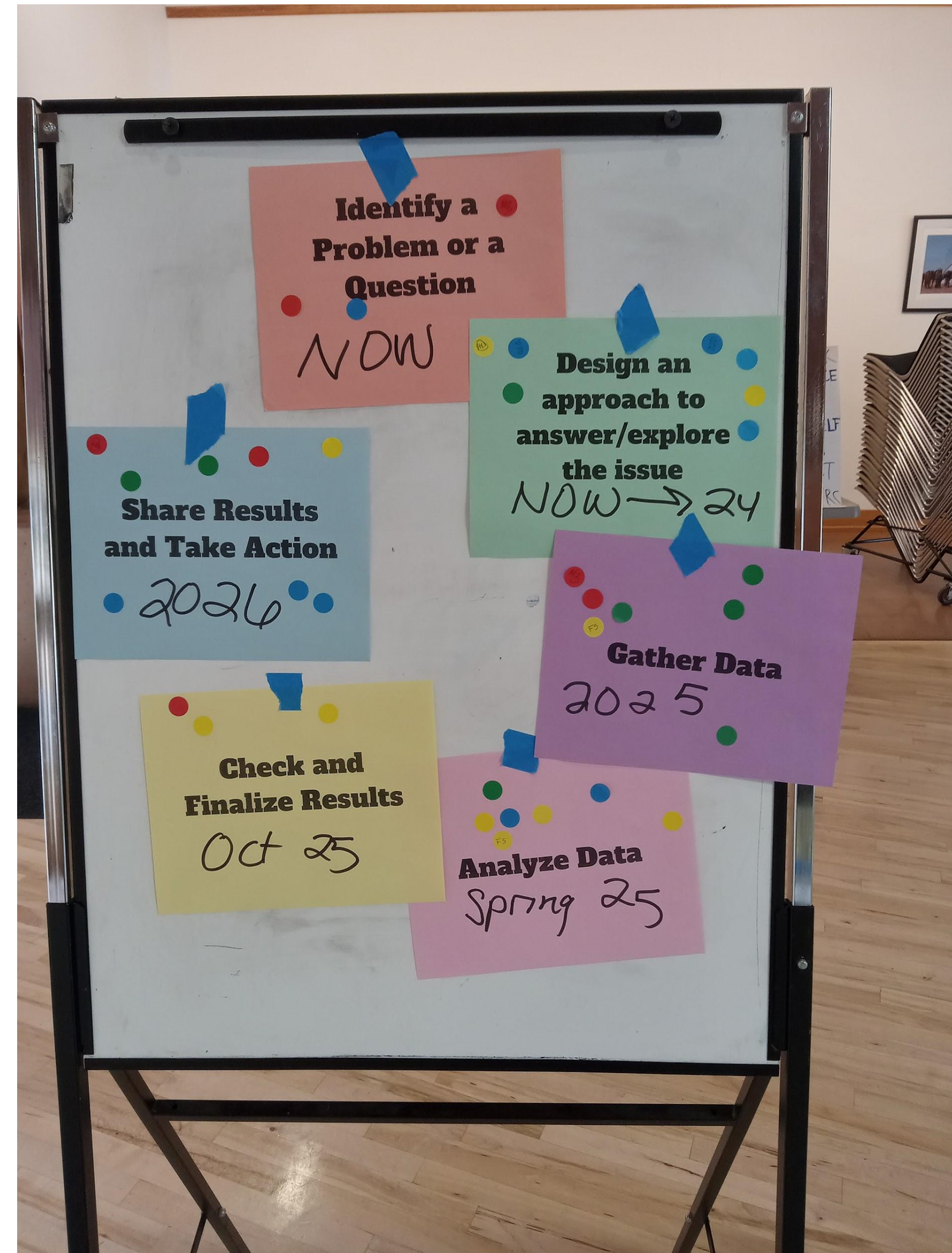


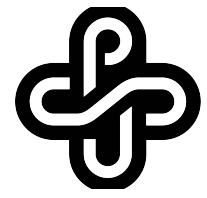
Current Progress

- ❖ 14 Sites
 - 5 day space/unsheltered service sites
 - 4 pod/villages
 - 3 street outreach
 - 2 others
- ❖ 308 responses
 - 92% currently experiencing homelessness
- ❖ Next Steps
 - Shelter sites
 - People who are recently housed (last 6 months)

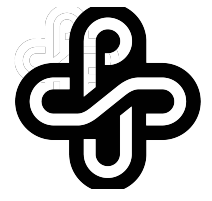


Role of the Lived Experience Committee





- Co-Research - Develop research questions
 - Identify research priorities
- Review, edit, suggest survey questions
 - Trial survey and give feedback
 - Collect survey data
- Suggest outreach methods and locations to ensure representation
 - Review data
- Trial qualitative methods - mapping
 - Participate in interviews



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