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Research highlights the critical importance of prioritizing services for unhoused individuals within their communities of origin to ensure better outcomes. Studies demonstrate that individuals experiencing homelessness achieve improved housing stability, access to resources, and overall well-being when they receive services in their own communities, rather than being relocated elsewhere.

A systematic review on social support among people experiencing chronic homelessness emphasizes the critical role that social networks play in housing stability. Maintaining proximity to these networks provides emotional support, practical assistance, and a sense of belonging factors that are essential for successful reintegration. The review concluded that disruptions to these support systems, such as those caused by relocation, significantly hinder housing stability and contribute to worsening health disparities (American Journal of Orthopsychiatry, March 2022).

For unhoused youth, maintaining community connections is even more vital. Studies focusing on homeless street youth reveal that informal networks and community ties are integral to their survival. These youth rely on "street smarts" and local resources to navigate their circumstances, suggesting that interventions should build upon these existing community strengths. This approach fosters resilience and practical support that are critical for long-term success (Bender et al., Child Youth Care Forum).

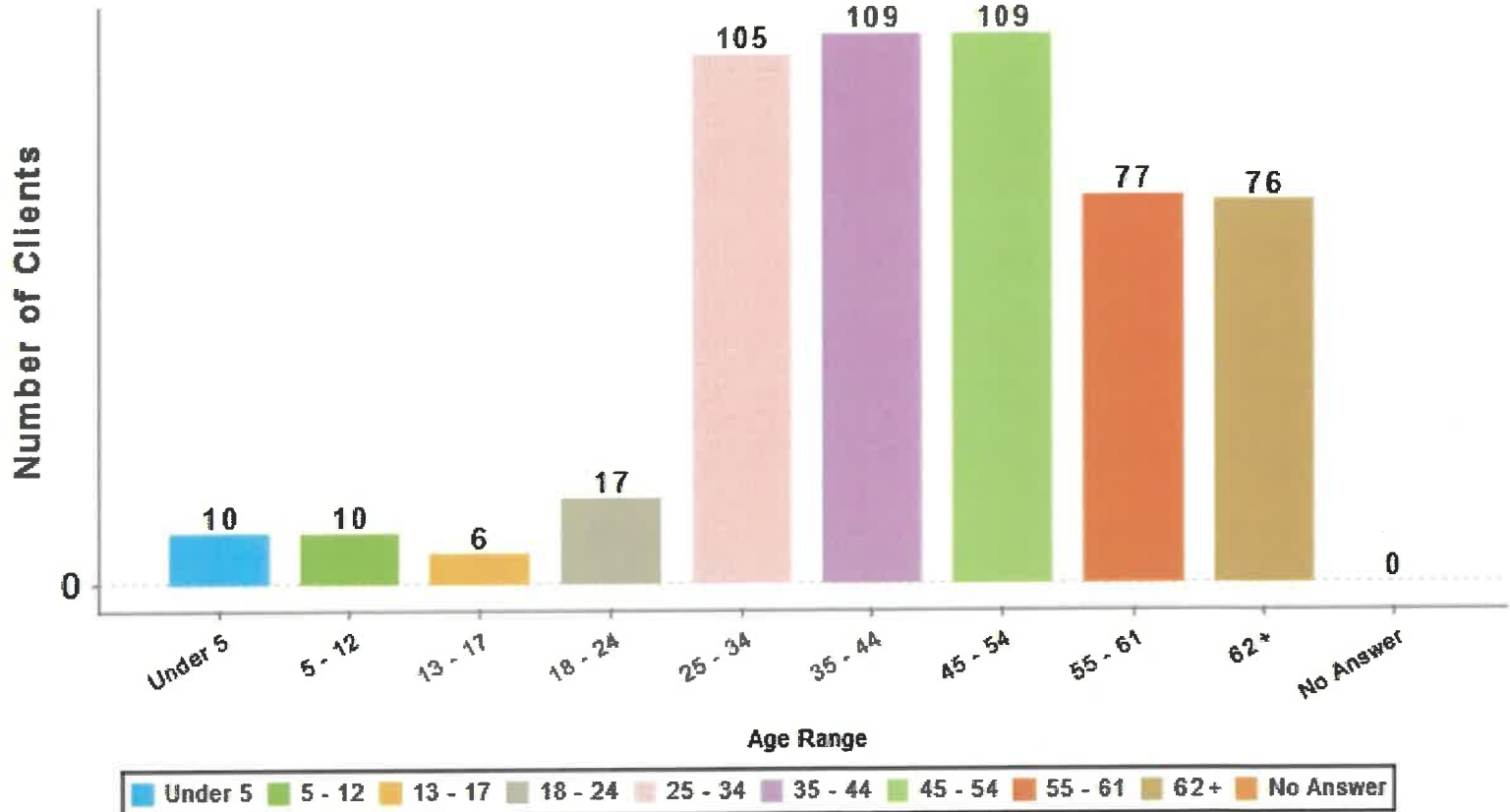
The Housing First model further supports the importance of keeping individuals within their communities. By emphasizing local resources and maintaining social ties, Housing First interventions have been shown to be more effective in reducing homelessness and improving health outcomes (National Alliance to End Homelessness).

Ultimately, the evidence supports the importance of prioritizing individuals who are city residents or have established ties to the city for shelter services. Maintaining proximity to familiar environments and support networks significantly enhances housing stability, access to resources, and overall well-being. Relocation often disrupts these crucial support networks, exacerbating health disparities and reducing the likelihood of sustained housing stability. By emphasizing a preference for city residents or those with established ties to the community, shelter services can leverage local resources and social connections, leading to more effective and sustainable outcomes. Community-based interventions that prioritize individuals with strong local connections offer a more effective and humane approach to addressing homelessness.

Kind Regards,

Age Chart for the Wellness Center 12/12/23-12/13/24

Age Range Chart



Age Range	# of Clients
Under 5	10
5 - 12	10
13 - 17	6
18 - 24	17
25 - 34	105
35 - 44	109
45 - 54	109
55 - 61	77
62+	76
No Answer	0
Total:	519



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