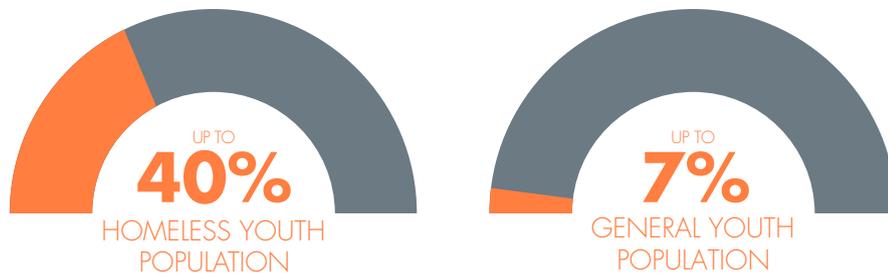


COMMUNITY-WIDE PREVENTION OF LGBTQ YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUESTIONING (LGBTQ) YOUTH ARE OVERREPRESENTED AMONG THE POPULATION OF YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THE UNITED STATES.



● LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER (LGBT) ● NOT LGBT

Source: *Serving Our Youth: Findings from a National Survey of Service Providers Working with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Youth who are Homeless or At Risk of Becoming Homeless*. (Los Angeles, CA: 2012), p.3, available at <http://truecolor.rs/servingouryouth2012>.

To help address these disparities, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is leading the first-of-its-kind **LGBTQ Youth Homelessness Prevention Initiative (Initiative)** to identify successful strategies for ensuring that no young person is left without a home because of their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression.

The Initiative began with two pilot communities that developed local, community-wide prevention plans, which they started implementing in fall of 2014. These plans include strategies for preventing LGBTQ youth homelessness and intervening early when it occurs.

The Initiative and the local plans are grounded in the four core outcomes in the **U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness's (USICH) Framework to End Youth Homelessness: stable housing, permanent connections, education/employment, and social-emotional well-being.**

NATIONAL PARTNERS

This initiative was developed by and is supported by five federal partners – the U.S. departments of Housing and Urban Development, Education, Health and Human Services, and Justice, and USICH – in partnership with the True Colors Fund, a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending LGBTQ youth homelessness. The support provided by all six partners includes intensive technical assistance to build the capacity of the pilot communities to successfully plan and carry out their local plans.



INITIATIVE GOALS

- Facilitate better local collaboration between stakeholders working with youth and families, including local child welfare, education, and law enforcement agencies; runaway and homeless youth providers; LGBTQ organizations; and other local stakeholders.
- Help federal agencies and local communities learn more about implementing community-wide strategies for preventing homelessness for LGBTQ youth at risk of becoming homeless, and intervening early when it occurs.



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