



Welcome to the Funders Network for Youth Success newsletter! In this e-news, we'll share various ways you can connect and learn alongside your colleagues investing in solutions to end youth homelessness. As a member of the Funders Network for Youth Success, you'll receive quarterly newsletters updating you on the latest information, programming, and resources about youth homelessness.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues and in the midst of ongoing anti-Black and anti-Asian racism, philanthropy's collective learning and action is crucial to support people experiencing homelessness in our communities, especially vulnerable populations, such as young people of color and LGBTQ youth experiencing homelessness. In the coming months, Funders Together will provide webinars, funder calls, and resources for communities responding to COVID-19 and working toward racial equity in housing for youth and young adults experiencing homelessness. If you have questions, please contact me at tabitha@funderstogether.org

Youth Homelessness Programming

[Point Source Youth's 1st Annual Rural Conference on Solutions to End Youth Homelessness](#)

May 18-19, 2021

Rural community building is critical during COVID-19 and beyond in every state across the country. The folks who make rural communities vibrant have long requested a national platform for gathering, shared compassion, mutual aid, and more. Point Source Youth believes that people living outside of rural communities should enthusiastically take opportunities to join rural community-building gatherings. As communities within states share resources, folks from outside of rural communities stand to benefit from better understanding the needs of their rural allies in the movement to end youth homelessness. QTBIPOC young people exist everywhere and they have the right to safety, stability, and joy in every single corner of this country.

REGISTER 

[Point Source Youth's 5th National Symposium on Solutions to End Youth Homelessness](#)

June 15-16, 2021

Join 1,000+ dedicated advocates at the 5th Annual National Symposium on Solutions to End Youth Homelessness to leverage our collective power and platforms to fight for true and lasting liberation. Point

Source Youth's two-day, virtual gathering on Tuesday, June 15, and Wednesday, June 16, will offer a space for attendees from across the country to connect with providers, researchers, activists, policymakers, funders, and more committed to ending the national youth homelessness crisis. Learn about initiatives that will ensure that communities support youth around the country within the movement to end youth homelessness and beyond. Walk away with new connections and with new opportunities to create lasting solutions together. The youth homelessness crisis is a policy choice, we can end it together.

Mark your calendars and make sure you are [subscribed](#) to be informed when registration opens.

[Point Source Youth's 3rd Southern Conference on Solutions to End Youth Homelessness](#)

September 14-15, 2021

Join Point Source Youth virtually on September 14th and 15th for our 3rd Annual Southern Symposium on Solutions to End Youth Homelessness. The Southern US faces unique challenges in implementing solutions to ending youth homelessness. Building off of two years of incredible Southern Symposiums, Point Source Youth is offering a space for attendees to connect with 500+ providers, advocates, funders, and government officials committed to ending the youth homelessness crisis across the South. Save the date for this opportunity to virtually connect with folks who will work together to end youth homelessness through a Southern-specific lens.

Make sure you are [subscribed](#) to be informed when registration opens.

[Point Source Youth's 2nd Western Conference on Solutions to End Youth Homelessness](#)

November 11-17, 2021

Point Source Youth had the privilege of learning from a huge virtual community of leaders from the Western US at our 1st Western Symposium on Solutions to End Youth Homelessness in 2020. Save the date for this year's Western community-building event and join us on November 16th and 17th. Young people across the West experience homelessness at the highest rates in the country--these young people have and continue to create homes and communities for one another while systems overwhelmingly fail to create affirming, independent housing for them. Join them for an opportunity to build community across movements and create systems-level change for youth in the Western US.

Make sure you are [subscribed](#) to be informed when registration opens.

Funder Call Recording: [New Opportunities: The Youth Homelessness Prevention Initiative](#)

In this webinar, we explored the Youth Homelessness Prevention Initiative, which will be developing a national strategy to prevent youth homelessness that integrates all those components and reflects a diverse array of stakeholder voices. Chapin Hall discussed how they are developing this collaborative agenda and movement for action and evidence-building around prevention. While this national work will be launching in early 2021, we heard from the Washington State Office of Homeless Youth about their multi-prong state-level work on the prevention of youth homelessness, which includes co-designing with young people with lived expertise.



[Three Lessons for Implementing Rapid Re-Housing for Young People from San Francisco's Rising Up Program](#)

Urban Wire (January 21, 2021)

[Preventing Homelessness for Youth and Young Families in Foster Care: FY2021 Updates](#)

National Alliance to End Homelessness (January 28, 2021)

[Direct Cash Transfers Programs Can Help Youth Sustainably Exit Homelessness](#)

Chapin Hall (2020)



Network Member and Partner Spotlight

[True Colors United](#)

With the generous support of the Raikes Foundation, True Colors United and The National Homelessness Law Center partnered to produce [The State Index on Youth Homelessness](#), which evaluates all 50 states and the District of Columbia on their efforts to prevent and end youth homelessness. The State Index includes:

- 2020 data on state efforts to end youth homelessness
- State-specific policy recommendations for improvement
- Resources for state advocates on the ground
- A new easy-to-use report website

The 2020 State Index, authored by Brandy Ryan of the Law Center and Dylan Waguespack of True Colors United, provides a snapshot of some of the legal, systemic, and environmental barriers that youth experiencing homelessness face. Along with each state's score, the State Index provides concrete steps that states can take to protect the safety, development, health, and dignity of youth experiencing homelessness.

It is the hope of True Colors United and the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty that readers will use this report as a tool to make the case for better policies in their own communities through education and advocacy.

Check out how your state scored on the [State Index](#).



Youth Homelessness Resources

[Funders Together Youth Homelessness Resource Page](#)

These resources provide a snapshot of the current youth homelessness landscape for funders and support funders in identifying the role they can play in advancing the working happening both nationally and locally. From upcoming programming to partners in the work to policy updates, we will be updating this page with timely resources as they become available, so bookmark this page and check back often!

[Funders Together COVID-19 Resources for Philanthropy](#)

In light of concerns surrounding COVID-19 and how it's affecting our neighbors and communities, we know it's been top of mind for many funders and partners. This page hosts general resources for funders as well as resources focused on COVID-19's impact on housing and homelessness.

Have upcoming programming, resources, or news to share? [Let us know](#) so we can include in our next quarterly Funders Network for Youth Success e-news!

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