Welcome to the Funders Network for Youth Success e-news! 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 our nation faces the COVID-19 pandemic and a social uprising in response to ongoing anti-Black 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

Webinar: New Opportunities: The Youth Homelessness Prevention Initiative
Monday, January 25, 2021 | 3:00-4:00pm ET | 12:00-1:00pm PT

In this webinar, we will be exploring the Youth Homelessness Prevention Initiative, which will be developing a national strategy to prevent youth homelessness. Chapin Hall will discuss how they are developing this collaborative agenda and movement for action and evidence-building around prevention. The Washington State Office of Homeless Youth will share about their multi-prong state-level work on the prevention of youth homelessness, which includes co-designing with young people with lived expertise. We'll highlight how funders at national and local levels can play a role in supporting the focus on rigorous prevention research and evaluation.

Speakers
- Casey Trupin, Director of Youth Homelessness, Raikes Foundation
- Matthew Morton, Research Fellow, Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago
- Shree Lakshmi (SL) Rao, Senior Foster America Fellow, Office of Homeless Youth, Washington State Department of Commerce
- Charles Rutheiser, Senior Associate in Center for Community and Economic Opportunity, Annie E. Casey Foundation

Point Source Youth’s 4th National Symposium Recording
In the midst of a global pandemic, over 1,400 folks tuned in across the country to help make this year’s 4th Annual National Symposium on Solutions to End Youth Homelessness their biggest symposium yet. Check out the recording for this year’s symposium to hear from a community of youth advocates, providers, activists, funders, government agencies, and more.

**Point Source Youth’s 2nd Southern Symposium Recording**

Point Source Youth’s 2nd Southern Symposium centered on intentionality and the power of community in the work to end youth homelessness in the South. Their virtual gathering offered a space for attendees to connect with hundreds of providers, advocates, and thought leaders to build deeper community.

**Point Source Youth’s 1st Annual Western Symposium Recording**

Point Source Youth’s West Symposium focused on the unique challenges that communities in the western United States face in the movement to end youth homelessness. Led by leaders from the western US, topics included immigration rights, indigenous liberation and rising cost markets.

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### Youth Homelessness News

- **Rural Communities Need Funding and Support to Address Rural Youth Homelessness**
  *Chapin Hall (2020)*

- **Southern Nevada Youth Homelessness Summit Tackles COVID-19, Racism**
  *Cision (September 23, 2020)*

- **Allegheny County announces new initiatives to combat youth homelessness**
  *Trib Live (December 15, 2020)*

- ** Indy receives millions of dollars from HUD to address youth homelessness**
  *Fox59 (November 20, 2020)*

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### Network Member Spotlight

**The New Deal To End Youth Homelessness**

The New Deal to End Homelessness is a federal policy proposal that offers a roadmap to transform how young people, particularly Black, Brown, Indigenous, and LGBTQ young people, are supported in our society. The most comprehensive proposal of its kind for youth and young adult homelessness, the New Deal aligns the nation’s leading funders, advocacy organizations, and service providers around a transformative vision grounded in equity and defined by young people. The [New Deal framework](#) was developed by A Way Home America’s (AWHA) network of policy co-conspirators, leading with input from young people from across the country. Among those policy co-conspirators is Funders Together to End Homelessness, along with several of our members, including Campion Foundation, Melville Charitable Trust, and Raikes Foundation.

Ending youth and young adult homelessness will require transformation and re-orientation toward justice in the nation’s major systems serving young people—systems currently rooted in structural racism. To do
this, the New Deal is being crafted around five pillars:

- Housing Justice
- Child Welfare Justice
- Legal Systems Justice
- Economic Justice
- Immigration Justice

Proposals within each pillar will offer a roadmap toward system transformation, balancing a long-term commitment to equitable transformation with urgent, actionable reforms that move us closer to that end state. Each pillar will outline three types of efforts, which can occur simultaneously in many cases:

- Reform: Immediate opportunities to reduce harm, improve access, and produce positive outcomes even while working within a system that is rooted in structural racism and bias against young people.
- Transformative Edge of Reform: Pushing the edge of what's possible under our current system by challenging power, listening to young adults, and removing barriers for transformation.
- Transformation: Reorienting our systems toward justice by redistributing the resources and power young people need to thrive.

A draft of the [New Deal's Housing Justice Pillar](https://example.com) was released this week. Members of the movement will be encouraged to provide feedback in a series of town hall discussions. The remaining pillars will have a staggered release as they are collaboratively built with youth and young adults and other AWHA partners during the first half of 2021. To stay informed on the latest update about the New Deal, make sure you are signed up for their [newsletter](https://example.com).

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**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.

**Funders Together Racial Equity Resources**

A priority of Funders Together to End Homelessness is to engage philanthropy in addressing racial disparities in housing and homelessness and advancing racial equity. As part of ongoing effort to provide support and programming on equity, we’ve compiled resources that can aid funders in starting and continuing the conversation around this topic in your work.

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