



Welcome to the Funders Network for Youth Success newsletter! Here we share various ways you can connect and learn alongside your Funders Network for Youth Success colleagues investing in solutions to end youth homelessness.



Youth Homelessness Programming

Funder Call: [Mobilizing Philanthropy in the Movement to End Youth Homelessness](#)
Tuesday, April 18, 2023 | 1:00pm ET, 12:00pm CT, 11:00am MT, 10:00am PT

All recipients of this newsletter are members of the [Funders Network for Youth Success](#), a network of Funders Together members committed to ending youth homelessness.

Join us to connect with your colleagues on their work on youth homelessness, hear what the Network's staff and leadership committee has been up to, cast a vision for the future, and learn how to get more involved. All basic and full members are invited. [Learn more and register.](#)



Funder Call: [AFFH Proposed Rule and Immediate Actions for Philanthropy](#)
Tuesday, March 14, 2023 | 12:00 PM ET, 11:00 AM CT, 10:00 AM CT, 9:00 AM PT

In January, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced an [Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing \(AFFH\) proposed rule](#). According to HUD, the proposed rule is aimed to "faithfully implement the Fair Housing Act's statutory mandate to affirmatively further fair housing (AFFH), which directs HUD to ensure that the agency and its program participants proactively take meaningful actions to overcome patterns of segregation, promote fair housing choice, eliminate disparities in opportunities, and foster inclusive communities free from discrimination.

On February 9, 2023, [HUD published the proposed rule into the Federal Register](#). Public comments are accepted until April 10, 2023. Join this funder call to learn about how philanthropy can act and to ask questions about submitting public comments.

Recordings: Prevention of Youth Homelessness Webinar Series

The Funders Network for Youth Success has focused its energy on prevention efforts, including informing the Prevention of Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program and promoting interventions like [Direct Cash Transfers](#).

In addition, we have built off a [2022 convening](#) on the prevention of youth homelessness with a webinar series diving deeper into intersecting issues affecting young people's lives. Late last year, we addressed systems such as healthcare, education, and employment services. As we prepare to announce the continuation of the series this year, catch up on the recordings from the Fall:

- [The Role of Healthcare](#)
- [The Role of Employment Services](#)
- [The Role of Education](#)



Youth Homelessness News

[Direct Cash Transfers are coming to Baltimore](#)

Greenlight Fund | February 2023

[Ohio City drop-in center for unhoused youth wins zoning approval](#)

Ideastream | February 2023

[The issues that arise when federal agencies define child homelessness differently](#)

NPR | February 2023

[As homelessness crisis deepens, rural children pay the price](#)

The Guardian | February 2023

[Schools can get funds to help homeless students. Why do so many miss out?](#)

The Center for Public Integrity | December 2022



Network Member and Partner Spotlight

**THE
UPSTREAM
PROJECT**

As described in our [November 2022 summary](#) of the Toronto learners' exchange with funders from both the US and Canada, some communities on both sides of the border are piloting school-based interventions modeled after Australia's [Geelong Project](#). The premise is straightforward: homelessness and school disengagement are interconnected. Youth who don't complete high school are far more likely to experience homelessness as young adults, and youth who experience housing insecurity will likely struggle in school. And the [rationale for prevention](#) surely speaks for itself.

Known in North America as [Project Upstream](#), the idea is to screen all students in pilot schools for a range of risk factors associated with homelessness and school disconnection and refer young people and their families to resources that help them retain their housing. Despite its promise though, obstacles have inhibited widespread adoption of the model in the US, and, candidly, it may not be the long-term intervention we need. We hold both its potential and limitations in tension.

Supported by Funders Together member Raikes Foundation, [Chapin Hall explains](#) the project in more depth and how they're working to expand the model in the US. Having made more progress in Canada, [read the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness' 2020 report](#) on Upstream.



Youth Homelessness Resources

New Opportunity by ACF:

The Association for Children and Families (ACF) has just posted [a forecasted grant opportunity](#) that will put \$6 million over three years into a Runaway and Homeless Youth - Prevention Demonstration Program (RHY-PDP) that will allow communities up to \$200,000 to design and delivery of community-based demonstration initiatives to prevent youth and young adults from experiencing homelessness. [Learn more](#) as we consider opportunities for philanthropy to support this promising effort.

[Homeless and Formerly Homeless Youth Face Steep Challenges to Accessing Healthcare](#)

Youth Collaboratory | January 2023

[Youth and the Juvenile Justice System: 2022 National Report](#)

National Center for Juvenile Justice | December 2022

[2023 Policy Agenda](#) and [Youth Compensation Media Kit](#)

A Way Home America | December 2022

[Maximizing the Impact of Direct Cash Transfer to Young People: Policy Toolkit](#)

Chapin Hall | December 2022

[Guaranteed Income as a Mechanism for Promoting Housing Stability: Exploring an Important Policy Lever for Addressing America's Affordable Housing Crisis](#)

Urban Institute | December 2022

[Upstream Enough? Reflections on the Canada-US Funders Forum on Prevention of Youth Homelessness](#)

Funders Together | November 2022

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