



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

Prevention Spotlight: Senator Murray Announces the Prevention of Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (PYHDP)



Earlier this month, Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) announced plans to introduce [Preventing Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program](#) (PYHDP), legislation that would create two new grant programs supporting communities to address the factors that so often lead to homelessness for youth. It is modeled off the successes of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program but goes further upstream to target young people at risk of losing their housing. [Read the press release here.](#)

Those who welcome this forthcoming legislation owe thanks to several members of the Funders Network for Youth Success, along with our partners in advocacy convened by [A Way Home America](#). It is an example of what can be achieved through the partnerships nurtured in this network. PYHDP represents a crucial yet scarce emphasis on prevention within the homelessness advocacy community, recently described by Jeff Olivet of the US Interagency Council on Homelessness as the missing leg of the stool of ending homelessness.

As we celebrate the prospect of PYHDP, however, we also acknowledge its limitations. It alone will not disrupt nor dismantle the myriad systems that deprive young people –

especially Black, queer, and disabled youth – of housing security in the first place. Moreover, our prevention focus must extend to all populations, following the lead of the youth homelessness community. That's why we continue to address the intersecting systems that destabilize housing for young people, next of which will explore the many crossovers with the carceral state.

[Reach out to learn more](#) about our work on prevention.



Network Member and Partner Spotlight

Partner Spotlight: [Coalition for Juvenile Justice](#)



Funders Together and our partners in the [Funders Network for Youth Success](#) recognize that systems that don't consider themselves part of the movement to end youth homelessness are still crucial to achieving our goals. Fortunately, the [Coalition for Juvenile Justice](#) (CJJ) sees their role clearly. CJJ is "a nationwide coalition of State Advisory Groups (SAGs), organizations, individuals, youth, and allies dedicated to preventing children and youth from becoming involved in the courts and upholding the highest standards of care when youth are charged with wrongdoing and enter the justice system." With support from Funders Together members including the Raikes Foundation and the Melville Charitable Trust, in 2016 CJJ launched [Collaborating for Change: Addressing the Intersections of Youth Legal System Involvement and Homelessness](#).

In addition to a range of technical assistance resources produced through this project, CJJ recently revised [Principles for Change: Addressing the Intersections of Youth Legal System Involvement and Homelessness](#). CJJ has been working with an Emerging Leaders Committee composed of young people who have experienced incarceration and/or homelessness, which informed this and future work on the intersection. Each strategy focuses on ending the disproportionate impact of legal-system involvement on LGBTQIA+ youth, Black and brown youth, and youth with disabilities.

Funders Together looks forward to our fall programming (to be announced) on preventing youth homelessness by eliminating youth incarceration. We encourage you to [follow CJJ's important work](#).



Youth Homelessness Resources

[Direct Cash Transfers as Prevention](#)

Schultz Family Foundation | July 2023

[Why Youth Incarceration Fails: An Updated Review of the Evidence](#)

The Sentencing Project | March 2023

[Diverting Foster Youth from Homelessness](#)

National Alliance to End Homelessness | June 2023

[Educating Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness: Summary of Research 2015 - 2022](#)

National Center for Homeless Education | March 2023

[Partnering with School Social Workers to Expand Local Homeless Liaison Capacity and Provide Wraparound Services under the American Rescue Plan Homeless Children and Youth Program](#)

National Center for Homeless Education | March 2023

[Leveraging Systems Navigators to Support Students Experiencing Homelessness](#)

National Center for Homeless Education | March 2023

[Fostering Youth Transitions](#)

Annie E. Casey Foundation | May 2023

[TED Talk: A foster care system where every child has a loving home \(Sixto Cancel\)](#)

TED | May 2023

[Bringing Kinship Care out of the Shadows](#)

Chapin Hall | June 2023



Youth Homelessness News

[Supervisors approve guaranteed income program: Transitional foster youth to benefit](#)

Half Moon Bay Review | July 2023

[HUD Launches LGBTQI+ Youth Homelessness Initiative](#)

US Interagency Council on Homelessness | June 2023

[HUD Issues More Vouchers to Prevent or End Homelessness After Foster Care](#)

US Interagency Council on Homelessness | June 2023

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