



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. If you would like to join Funders Network for Youth Success meetings, [reach out to me](#).

Youth Homelessness Programming

January In-Person Opportunity



The saying “now more than ever” is overused, but it feels especially relevant when we consider the political ramifications of the next administration: we must be there for each other. We must show up for young people.

To this end, Funders Together staff will be at the [2025 Innovation Summit](#) hosted by Point Source Youth taking place January 14-15 in Portland, Oregon. We'll gather any members/funders who are present for happy hour, at least. Consider [registering](#) yourself and [email Michael](#) if you do.

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Network Member and Partner Spotlight

A Personal Reflection on the State of the Movement



Last month, I attended [A Way Home America's annual State of the Movement](#) convening in Dallas, the first in-person edition since COVID. It was heartwarming simply to be in community together, the experience enhanced by thoughtful production choices, live performances, and a keynote by activist-comedian [Amanda Seales](#). And our own Amanda Andere closed the gathering with characteristic wisdom and encouragement.

During the convening, I facilitated [a circle](#) to hold space for attendees to grieve the impacts of the [Grants Pass Supreme Court decision](#) in the context of the global "poly-crisis." While I felt so privileged to witness participants' vulnerability and capacity to practice loving conflict, I came away demoralized by the environments so many are working under. One participant, reflecting on their role in enforcing criminalization by closing encampments, expressed the painful realization that they are "becoming that which [they] despise."

Nearly everyone who spoke described how institutional restrictions limited their ability to show solidarity with global movements. While the connection I experienced with others was healing, I also left with an even deeper grief: That organizations all over the country, including those working to end homelessness, have shied away from – or worse, actively restricted – their staff's ability to confront injustice and reject imperialism.

The reality is that many national and local youth homelessness organizations are struggling. To be successful as a movement, especially as we think about the journey ahead, funders must be in community with those leading the youth homelessness movement, virtually and in person. I leave you with a call to action as philanthropy: We can and must show up with all of our resources – financial, time, and energy.

Youth Homelessness Resources

[Breaking the Links between Housing Instability and Jail Incarceration through the Just Home Project](#) | Urban Institute | Funded by FTEH member MacArthur Foundation, the San Francisco site of the Just Home Project focuses on Transition-Aged Youth with frequent involvement in the legal system.

[Youth-Driven Supportive Programming and Direct Cash Transfers](#) | Chapin Hall |

Check out the latest evaluations of “cash plus” models of Direct Cash Transfers.

[Kin, First and Foremost: Challenges, Opportunities, and the Path Forward for Kinship Care](#) | Think of Us | This report includes recommendations to strengthen kinship care in the child welfare system, a key advocacy priority for young people with lived experience of foster care and housing insecurity.

[Homelessness Prevention Series: Spotlight on Youth Homelessness](#) | USICH | In a new series following USICH’s emerging priority on homelessness prevention, this blog highlights promising efforts on youth homelessness specifically.

[Access to Mental Health Treatment: Unhoused Youth and Young Adults](#) | National Homelessness Law Center, Alston & Bird | A repository of state laws regarding behavioral health supports for youth experiencing homelessness.



Youth Homelessness News

[Prevention of Youth Homelessness International Conference](#) | February 24-26, 2025, in Toronto, Canada

[USICH Announces Creation of National Youth Homelessness Partnership](#) | United States Interagency Council on Homelessness

[Nationwide, More Children Live in the State of Homelessness than in Most American States](#) | National Alliance to End Homelessness

[HUD Awards \\$3.4M to Prevent or End Homelessness After Foster Care](#) | United States Interagency Council on Homelessness

[Convening Uncovers Strategies to Help Meet Needs of Older Transition-Age Youth](#) | Chapin Hall

[VCU youth homelessness expert M. Alex Wagaman is tapped for federal advisory role](#) | Virginia Commonwealth University

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