

NCTSN External Resources

National Homeless Youth Awareness Month (November 2018)

The National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) is proud to observe National Homeless Youth Awareness Month to help communities, families, educators, mental health and child welfare professionals, and policy makers and advocates better understand and deal with homeless youth.

For Communities

[Hollywood Homeless Youth Partnership](#)

Prevents and reduces homelessness among youth and young adults through direct service, research policy development, training, and capacity building.

- [Resources Page](#)
Provides information on intimate partner abuse prevention, needs assessments, and trauma in homeless and runaway youth.

[National Alliance to End Homelessness](#)

Helps prevent and end homelessness in the US through improving policy, building capacity, and educating opinion leaders.

[Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness \(PATH\)](#)

Provides services to "people with serious mental illness, including those with co-occurring substance use disorders, who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of becoming homeless." Services include community-based outreach; support services including mental health, substance abuse, case management; and some housing services.

[StandUp For Kids](#)

Supports volunteers who go to the streets in order to find, stabilize and otherwise help homeless and street kids improve their lives." Other projects include programs in schools and via the Internet dealing with deterring homelessness and providing resources.

For Families

[National Center for Homeless Education](#)

Works with schools, service providers, parents, and other interested stakeholders to ensure that children and youth experiencing homelessness can enroll and succeed in school

- [Support for Students Whose Families Have Lost Their Homes to Foreclosure](#)
Offers resources for parents who are living in temporary situations as a result of foreclosure. Includes questions to ask about services their children can receive under the federal McKinney-Vento Act, a hotline, and local and state contacts.
- [What You Need to Know to Help Your Child in School: A Guide for Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers](#)

Lises rights of homeless children, how to order a Parent Pack Pocket Folder, and a more comprehensive contact list for help.

[National Network for Youth \(nn4y\)](#)

Helps runaway, homeless, and other disconnected youth. Programs include street-based services; emergency shelter and transitional living programs; counseling; and social, health, educational, and job-related services to more than 2.5 million youth annually.

- [Need Support or Services](#)

Includes information on the nn4y 24-hour crisis line, a link to a database of more than 10,000 youth and family agencies providing countless options for callers to access a myriad of services, such as counseling, shelter services, alcohol/drug treatment and child protective services, and a message center for youth who want to contact their families.

For Educators

[National Coalition for the Homeless](#)

Consists of a national network of people who are currently experiencing or who have experienced homelessness, activists and advocates, community-based and faith-based service providers, and others committed to a single mission: To prevent and end homelessness while ensuring the immediate needs of those experiencing homelessness are met and their civil rights protected.

Fact Sheets on Homelessness

Age-appropriate information that addresses causes and solutions to homelessness and offers Ways for students to become part of the solution.

- [Homelessness Fact Sheet for Kindergarten Through Grade 2 \(2010\)](#)
- [Homelessness Fact Sheet for Students in Grades 3 Through 5 \(2010\)](#)
- [Homelessness Fact Sheet for Middle School Students \(2010\)](#)
- [Homelessness Fact Sheet for High School Students \(2010\)](#)

[National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth](#)

Serves as the voice and the social conscience for the education of children and youth in homeless situations. It connects educators, parents, advocates, researchers, and service providers to ensure school enrollment and attendance, and overall success for children and youth whose lives have been disrupted by the lack of safe, permanent, and adequate housing.

[National Center for Homeless Education](#)

Operates the U.S. Department of Education's technical assistance and information center for the federal Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Program.

- [Directory of State Contacts for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth](#)

Provides the following links to each state's contact information: the state coordinator of Homeless Education, the state's Education of Homeless Children and Youth program, and other statewide resources on homelessness and homeless education.

For Mental Health and Child Welfare Professionals

[Bright Horizons Foundation for Children](#)

Focuses on brightening the lives of children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness and other crises.

- [A Long Journey Home: A Guide for Creating Trauma-Informed Services for Mothers and Children Experiencing Homelessness](#) (2008)
Provides agencies with practical ideas about how to create trauma-informed environments.

[The Family and Youth Services Bureau](#)

Works to end youth homelessness, teen pregnancy, and family violence.

- [Screening and Assessment Tools for Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs](#)
Helps locate screening and assessment tools to use to decide what types of interventions and services each young person in your care needs.

[SAMHSA Homelessness Resource Center](#)

Seeks to improve the lives of people affected by homelessness who have mental health conditions, substance use issues, and histories of trauma. Offers “state-of-the art knowledge and promising practices to prevent and end homelessness through training and technical assistance, publications and materials, on-line learning opportunities, and networking and collaboration.”

[National Coalition for the Homeless](#)

Works to prevent and end homelessness while ensuring the immediate needs of those experiencing homelessness are met and their civil rights protected.

- [Directory](#)
Provides links to NCH’s Directory of Member and Advocacy programs and additional resources.

[National Gay and Lesbian Task Force](#)

Uses grassroots organizing to increase the effectiveness of local LGBT activism nationwide in rural areas, small towns, and cities. Trains activists, strengthens the infrastructure of local and state allies, and organizes broad-based campaigns to foster public support for full equality of LGBT people.

- [Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Youth: An Epidemic of Homelessness](#) (2006)
Links to the full report, fact sheets about homeless LGBT youth in nine major US cities, and an audio press conference.

[Runaway and Homeless Youth Training and Technical Assistance Center](#)

Provides trainings, webinars, toolkits, and tip sheets to assist professionals in improving their services for and building their capacity to effectively serve runaway and homeless youth.

For Policy Makers and Advocates

[Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness](#)

Focuses on “action-oriented research of family homelessness to . . . inform policy makers at all levels of government and colleagues in the research and advocacy community . . . enhance public policy on serving homeless families, and . . . raise public awareness of homelessness through publications and other materials for schools and communities.”

- [Are We Creating Chronic Homelessness? The Past, Present, and Future of Federal Homelessness Policy](#)
Re-examines the assumptions and the outcomes of current federal policy on homelessness.

[National Alliance to End Homelessness \(NAEH\)](#)

Helps prevent and end homelessness in the US through improving policy, building capacity, and educating opinion leaders.

- [Policy Section](#)
Provides information about key legislation that creates, modifies, or funds federal programs impacting people experiencing or at risk of homelessness

[United States Interagency Council on Homelessness](#)

Coordinate the federal response to homelessness and to create a national partnership at every level of government and with the private sector to reduce and end homelessness in the nation while maximizing the effectiveness of the Federal Government in contributing to the end of homelessness.

- [Opening Doors: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness \(2015\)](#)
Gives an overview of the progress USICH and its partner agencies have made toward the goals set forth in Opening Doors, and information on USICH and member agencies' activities.