

2018 NATIONAL SUMMIT ON YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

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SUMMIT AGENDA

Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill Hotel • Washington, DC

DAY ONE

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018

7:00 am – 3:00 pm

Registration Check-In

7:15 am – 8:45 am

Member's Only Breakfast & Strategy Session

During our forty-fourth annual membership meeting, you will learn about our ongoing work and plans for the future. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions, offer suggestions and discuss their own efforts throughout the country.

****Attendance to the breakfast is limited to NN4Y members only.*

8:45 – 9:00 am

Break

9:00 – 9:30 am

Welcome from NN4Y Executive Director, Darla Bardine

9:30 am – 10:30 am

National Youth Advisory Council Session

This interactive session with our National Youth Advisory Council provides the opportunity to learn about their work and how to effectively engage and empower young leaders to define a policy agenda and educate the public, youth service providers and policymakers as experts on youth homelessness. NYAC members will discuss youth homelessness prevention and response, and offer recommendations regarding how adult leaders and organizations can collaboratively engage young leaders to increase positive outcomes for youth and young adults at-risk of and experiencing homelessness.

- Aja Ellington
- Benjamin Saldana
- Clovlea Gage
- Courtney Smith
- Craig Echols
- Erika Herod
- Etelvina Elizabeth Arevalo
- Freeman Carter
- Gage Kemp
- Jessie McCormick
- KeAndra Radchenko
- Keyona Cooper
- Kera Pingree
- Rule Buchanan
- Sharday Hamilton
- Stephanie Perez
- Tommy Diaz

10:30 – 10:45 am

Break

10:45 am – 11:45 am

General Session – Congress and YYA Homelessness

The 115th Congress is considering many pieces of legislation that will impact efforts to prevent and respond to youth and young adult homeless. Hear the latest updates on how NN4Y's legislative agenda, and the current situation on Capitol Hill. Attendees will also receive specific tips and guidance for successful Congressional meetings during Tuesday's Hill Day.

- Eric Masten, Director of Public Policy, National Network for Youth
- Amy Louttit, Public Policy Associate, National Network for Youth

- 11:45 am – 12:45 pm Lunch
- 12:15 pm – 12:45 pm **Keynote – Dr. Matthew Morton, Principal Investigator, Voices of Youth Count, Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago**
- 12:45 pm – 1:15 pm Break
- 1:15 pm – 5:00 pm **Afternoon of breakout sessions**
 - 1. [Program Track](#) – Practice Hot Topics
 - 2. [CEO Track](#) - Peer-to-Peer Learning
 - 3. [Education Track](#) – K-12 and Higher Education co-convened with SchoolHouse Connection

	Program Track	Executive Director Track	Education Track
1:15 – 2:25 pm	<p>THIS is Housing First for Youth The presentation will discuss the new framework and program model “Housing First for Youth” (HF4Y) has been developed and implemented as a rights-based intervention for young people (aged 13-24) who experience homelessness, or who are at risk. You will learn some of the early findings emerging from the federally-funded demonstration projects on Housing First for Youth in three Canadian cities. It will also discuss using HF4Y as a preventive tool for youth exiting care and youth exiting corrections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amanda Buchnea, Program and Policy Coordinator, A Way Home Canada, A Way Home Canada 	<p>Leadership Development and Succession Planning A facilitated discussion to develop strategic thinking and share strategies to establish a culture of leadership development, build the bench and succession plan within your agency. Leadership building strategies and resources on succession planning will be shared and inform this facilitated discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debby Shore, Executive Director of Sasha Bruce Youthwork in Washington, DC • Brennon Graham, President and CEO of Growing Home in Columbia, SC 	<p>Getting to Graduation: Dropout Prevention and Re-engagement Chapin Hall’s Voices of Youth Count study found that lack of a high school diploma or GED is the top risk factor for youth homelessness. Yet homelessness itself creates great barriers to graduating. This session will discuss legal requirements designed to help youth get to graduation, including partial credits, participation in extra-curricular activities, trauma-informed discipline practices, transportation and school stability. We’ll focus on practical implementation strategies and how schools and service providers can partner to promote graduation. Lastly, we’ll review model state laws and discuss how we can work together to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erika Hamlet, Homeless Liaison / Title I Coordinator, Baltimore County Public Schools • Mary Haskett, PhD, Professor of Psychology, NC State University • Patricia Julianelle, Director of Program Advancement and Legal Affairs, SchoolHouse Connection • Kathi Sheffel, Homeless Liaison, Fairfax County Public Schools

2:30 – 3:40 pm

How Youth Voices Improve Youth Services

When teens and young adults are at the table in meaningful (not token) ways, programs are stronger and more relevant. We can learn how to best reach and serve the youth in them as they recover from trauma and build resilience into adulthood. In this creative and interactive session, learn what transition-age youth have shared on how to support them as well as the research behind ongoing youth engagement. You will hear stories, lessons learned, practical strategies and be provided with resources and the chance to brainstorm with others.

- Lara O’Toole, LMSW, Director of Training and Program Development, Texas Network of Youth Services, Austin, TX

A Board that Works for Your RHY Program

A well-developed, high functioning board of directors is critical to the success of any RHY program. This facilitated discussion will examine the ten indicators of highly successful boards, providing attendees with an opportunity to discuss challenges related to their own boards and to share best practices.

- Paul Hamann, President and CEO of The Night Ministry, Chicago, IL

A Two-Generation Approach: Support for Young Parents and Their Children

Chapin Hall’s Voices of Youth Count study found having a child to be the second greatest risk factor for youth homelessness. Over 1 in 3 young homeless women are pregnant or parenting. Without adequate care for their children, these young women cannot focus on their own education, employment, and other needs. This session will review best practices for serving young families and provide specific information on access to early care and education services for young children experiencing homelessness.

- Marsha Basloe, President, Child Care Services Association, Chapel Hill, NC
- Angel Cregge, Program Manager, Second Story for Young Mothers, Fairfax, VA
- Patricia Julianelle, Director of Program Advancement and Legal Affairs, SchoolHouse Connection
- Joe Willard, Vice President of Policy, People’s Emergency Center, Philadelphia

3:40 – 3:50 pm

Break

3:50 – 5:00 pm

Working with Adult Systems

Join our presenters to learn how RHY providers have succeeded in working with adult-centric systems like CoCs and the criminal justice system. Our presenters will share their strategies or tactics they employed to either work within the adult system or make the adult system work better for young people. They’ll then lead a facilitated discussion for attendees to share the challenges they’ve encountered, and how they’ve worked to navigate them.

- Amanda Clifford, Policy Associate. Bill Wilson Center, Santa Clara, CA

The Office: How To Do It Better

Are you constantly trying to find qualified, passionate individuals for your organization? Do you and your staff struggle to identify the “right” employees? Are you looking for answers on how to engage and retain your qualified workforce? Look no further. The YMCA Youth & Family Services may have the answers for you! With less than a 2% turnover rate, the YFS Executive Team

Post-Secondary Education: Practical Strategies to Promote Access and Success

95% of jobs created since 2010 have gone to college-educated workers. Post-secondary education gives young people the tools they need to obtain stable, living wage employment that can prevent them experiencing homelessness as adults. Youth experiencing homelessness have rights that can facilitate the transition into higher education, improve access to financial aid, and provide support to get to graduation. We’ll review these rights and focus on practical strategies to advocate for young people on college and university

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sparky Harlan, Chief Executive Officer, Bill Wilson Center, Santa Clara, CA 	<p>has identified practical strategies to find the right people, retain those people, and develop them into the next organizational leaders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim Morgan, LMFT, JD, Executive Director Youth & Family Services, YMCA San Diego, CA • Krysta Esquivel, MSW, Associate Executive Director, Youth & Family Services, YMCA San Diego, CA 	<p>campuses. Lastly, we'll review model state laws and discuss how we can work together to pass similar legislation,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbara Duffield, Executive Director, SchoolHouse Connection • Mary Haskett, PhD, Professor of Psychology, NC State University • Shahera Hyatt, Director, California Homeless Youth Project
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6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Networking Reception at Google

25 Massachusetts Ave. NW #900, Washington, DC 20001

Attendees will have the unique opportunity to connect with colleagues and other professionals from across the country. Refreshments will be served.

DAY TWO

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018

7:30 am – 3:00 pm

Registration

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Breakfast

8:30 am – 9:00 am

Breakfast Program - Youth Assessment Prioritization (YAP) Tool

Hear from A Way Home Canada about what led to the development of the YAP Tool. Also, learn about the expected impact of having a strengths-based youth assessment tool and its applications.

- Amanda Buchnea, Program and Policy Coordinator, A Way Home Canada

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Hill Day Meetings

9:15 am – 10:15 am

Special Programming – How To Identify and Remove Legal Barriers: Practical Strategies For Providers

Learn how to spot legal issues and where to turn for help. Hear tips from lawyers on how to leverage existing legal resources as well as how to create and fund new legal services projects through existing civil legal services or pro bono projects. Lawyers from the ABA Homeless Youth Legal Network pilot sites will highlight their models and discuss innovative funding streams as well as data and talking points that resonate with funders.

- Amy Horton-Newell, Director, American Bar Association Commission on Homelessness & Poverty, Washington, DC
- Brian Blalock, Law and Policy Director, Tipping Point, San Francisco, CA
- Michael Santos, Staff Attorney, National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, Washington, DC

10:15 am – 10:30 am

Break

- 10:30 am – 11:30 am **Special Programming: Collaborating for Change: Working Together to Address Juvenile Justice and Youth Homelessness**
 Nationally, nearly 1.7 million young people under the age of 18 will come before the courts each year. Research has shown that among the general population, nearly 17 percent of young people will come in contact with the justice system, while nearly 47 percent of young people experiencing homelessness will come into contact with the system. In many states, the juvenile court’s jurisdiction over these young people will continue through 21 and in some cases 24. Join us to learn about work that is being done across the country to help city leaders, educators, and other stakeholders come together to ensure that young people are not criminalized for experiencing homelessness, and that if they do come into contact with the system, they exit to safe and stable housing.
- Lisa Pilnik, Co-Founder and Director of Child & Family Policy Associates
 - Laura Furr, Program Manager for Justice Reform and Youth Engagement in the Institute for Youth, Education, and Families at the National League of Cities
 - Beth Holger-Ambrose, Executive Director, The Link, Minneapolis, MN
 - Keyona Cooper, NN4Y Youth Advisor
- 11:30 am – 12:30 pm Lunch
- 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm **Keynote– Senator Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND)**
- 12:30 pm – 12:45 pm Break
- 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm **General Session – Federal Agency Recommendations: Voices from the Field**
 Federal agencies play a key role in the funding and policy implementation of programs that prevent and respond to youth and young adult homelessness. Join NN4Y staff and service providers for a guided discussion about federal agency issues identified throughout the past year, and recommendations to address them. Topics will include Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA) grantee monitoring visits and reports, interactions of RHYA and child welfare programs, coordinated entry, and more.
- Eric Masten, Director of Public Policy, National Network for Youth
 - Amy Louttit, Public Policy Associate, National Network for Youth
- 1:45 pm – 2:00 pm Break
- 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm **Federal Agency Roundtable – Moderated by NN4Y Executive Director, Darla Bardine**
 How do government agencies collaborate to address youth and young adult homelessness? We invite you to join federal agency staff as they discuss new and ongoing national initiatives to prevent and respond to youth and young adult homelessness. This annual facilitated discussion will produce at least one commitment for the coming year from each participating agency to support young people experiencing homelessness. Summit attendees will also have the opportunity to ask questions directly to the participating federal staff from the following agencies:
- William Wubbenhorst, Associate Commissioner, Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
 - Lisa Ramirez, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Programs, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, U.S. Department of Education (ED)
 - Sanzanna Dean, Senior Policy Advisor, U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)
 - Jennifer Kemp, Division Director, U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)
 - Norm Suchar, Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
 - Jasmine Hayes, Deputy Director, U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH)
- 4:00 pm – 4:15 pm **Closing Remarks from Melanie Heitkamp, Vice Chair, National Network for Youth**