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Background and Overview

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This California Research Bureau (CRB) report is a resource document on the subject of homeless youth. It was compiled for the California Homeless Youth Project which is described below. In addition to an annotated bibliography, it includes policy seminar agendas and contact information for the seminar presenters, all of whom are knowledgeable resources about homeless youth, services for this population, and/or the current research in this area.

CALIFORNIA HOMELESS YOUTH PROJECT

The CRB, in partnership with the California Council on Youth Relations (CCYR), and with support from The California Wellness Foundation, conducted a major research and policy initiative during the past two years to bring attention to the issues facing homeless youth in California. These issues include lack of shelter and educational opportunities, health and mental health needs, and the criminalization and victimization of youth on the streets.

The CRB and CCYR conducted policy seminars on these issues which are described below. To inform the seminars, the project involved several research components:

- Journalist Nell Bernstein completed a street-outreach survey that employed young people who were or had been homeless to interview over 200 of their peers around the state. In addition, Pacific News Service organized focus groups of homeless youth in several cities. The CRB report – *Voices from the Street: A Survey of Homeless Youth by Their Peers* – summarizes the research findings about homeless youth’s experiences, their ideas about the kind of support that would help them the most, and the changes they would like to see happen in policy or law. It is available at <http://www.library.ca.gov/crb/CRBSearch.aspx>.
- Patricia Julianelle, JD, authored a CRB report, *The Educational Success of Homeless Youth in California: Challenges and Solutions*, which summarizes the education requirements and issues, and identifies successful educational program models. It is available at <http://www.library.ca.gov/crb/CRBSearch.aspx>.
- Because youth involvement is an essential component of the project, the CRB examined how youth may be best prepared to participate in public policy forums. The findings are discussed in the CRB report by Lisa Foster, *Preparing Youth to Participate in State Policymaking*, available at <http://www.library.ca.gov/crb/CRBSearch.aspx>.
- A youth advisory group made up of homeless youth organized through the CCYR focuses on housing stability for its participants; it meets weekly to discuss issues and provide ongoing feedback to the project.

Public Policy Seminars

The CRB and the CCYR sponsored five public policy seminars for state and local policymakers during 2007-08. Following an overview session that described homeless youth and identified the key findings from the project, subsequent seminars explored education, housing and supports, law enforcement and safety challenges, and mental health issues facing youth on the street. The seminar panels included author Nell Bernstein, youth researchers and/or other youth, program/service providers, and researchers in the field.

In addition to the policy seminars, the CRB and CCYR conducted a Legislative Roundtable upon release of the CRB report, *Voices from the Street: A Survey of Homeless Youth by Their Peers*, to present and allow participants the opportunity to discuss the findings of the report.

Highlights from the policy seminars and the youths' recommendations for action to state policymakers will be presented on a DVD which is being produced by youth media.

ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY OF SELECTED RESOURCES

The bibliography is divided into subject areas and includes a section on websites that provide useful information and material on this population. While there are several good resources that date from the late-1990s and earlier, we generally focus on those that have been published within the past ten years.

This bibliography is extensive but not exhaustive. We encourage readers who wish to dig deeper to use the material and information identified here as a guide to locating additional resources.

If readers have questions about the California Homeless Youth Project, please contact Ginny Puddefoot, Project Director, at (916) 653-7653 or gpuddefoot@library.ca.gov. For questions about the bibliographic resources, contact Lisa Foster at (916)653-6372 or lfoster@library.ca.gov.

Thanks to continued support from the California Wellness Foundation, the California Homeless Youth Project will continue through June 2010. We intend to update the bibliography as part of our public policy efforts and we invite readers to notify us of resources that should be included. Please send information on material to lfoster@library.ca.gov.

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GENERAL

- Bender, Kimberly, and others. "Capacity for Survival: Exploring Strengths of Homeless Street Youth." *Child Youth Care Forum*, Vol. 36, 2007, pp. 25-42.

This study, while acknowledging the hazards of life on the streets, seeks to explore the personal strengths and informal resources street youth rely on to navigate their environments.

- Bernstein, Nell, and Lisa K. Foster. *Voices from the Street: A Survey of Homeless Youth by Their Peers*. Sacramento: California Research Bureau, February 2008. Available at: <http://www.library.ca.gov/crb/08/08-004.pdf>.

The CRB conducted a survey in which homeless and formerly homeless youth interviewed over 200 of their peers across the state. The youth interviewed describe their experiences – how they became homeless, what life on the street is like, their interactions with police, their education and aspirations, their mental health experiences, how they go about getting help, the services they need, and the changes they would like to see happen in policy or law.

- Burt, Martha R. *Understanding Homeless Youth: Numbers, Characteristics, Multisystem Involvement, and Intervention Options*. Testimony given before the U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, June 19, 2007. Available at: http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/901087_Burt_Homeless.pdf.

Testimony by Dr. Martha Burt, an expert on the issue of homelessness, covers the number of homeless youth, their characteristics, and the factors that predispose youth to become homeless, and the most promising points and types of intervention.

- Center for Law and Social Policy. *Leave No Youth Behind: Opportunities for Congress to Reach Disconnected Youth*. J. Levin-Epstein and M. Greenberg, editors. Washington, DC: the Center, 2003. Available at: http://www.clasp.org/publications/Disconnected_Youth.pdf.

This report discusses six programs that were considered by the 108th Congress for reauthorization, looking at policies to assist disconnected and at-risk (including homeless) youth. It identifies common challenges and concerns related to disconnected youth, and it includes a section on services and programs for homeless and runaway youth funded by the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA).

- Ensign, Josephine, and Seth Ammerman. “Ethical Issues in Research with Homeless Youth.” *Journal of Advanced Nursing*, Vol. 62, No. 23, pp. 365-372.

This paper is a report of a study to document the experience of researchers, healthcare providers and program administrators with ethical issues in conducting research with homeless youth in North America.

- Fernandes, Adrienne L. *Runaway and Homeless Youth: Demographics, Programs, and Emerging Issues*. Washington, DC: Congressional Research Service, January 2007. Available at: <http://www.endhomelessness.org/content/general/detail/1451>.

This report for Congress describes homeless and runaway youth, including related factors and risks. It describes the evolution of federal policy, programs and funding support for this population, and also discusses emerging issues such as runaway and homeless youth as “disconnected youth” and youth outcomes.

- Karabanow, Jeff. *Being Young and Homeless: Understanding How Youth Enter and Exit Street Life*. New York: Peter Lang Publishing, Inc., 2004.

This book explores the increase of street youth populations in Canada, noting the distinct and diverse characteristics of this population. It examines street youth ‘careers’ and highlights how young people enter street life, cope and survive on the street.

- Levin, Rebekah L., and others. *Wherever I Can Lay My Head: Homeless Youth On Homelessness*. Chicago: Center for Impact Research, March 2005. Available at: <http://downloads.issuelab.org/9433homelessyouthreport.pdf>.

This study describes the characteristics of, and the services and resources needed by, youth who live on Chicago’s streets and in its shelters. Homeless youth interviewers surveyed youth between the ages of 14-21 for this project.

- Lindsey, Elizabeth W., and others. “How Runaway and Homeless Youth Navigate Troubled Waters: Personal Strengths and Resources.” *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal* Vol. 17, No. 2, 2000, pp. 115-140.

This article describes a qualitative study with twelve interviews from former runaway or homeless youth. The focus of the study was to find out what strengths and resources homeless and runaway youth use to be successful in their transition into adults.

- Mayers, Marjorie. *Street Kids and Streetscapes: Panhandling, Politics, and Prophecies*. New York: Peter Lang Publishing, Inc., 2001.

This book explores the experience of kids living on the street and their visions for the future. It examines their participation in panhandling and the complexities that emerge as various economic, political, and social values converge and conflict in the urban landscape.

- National Alliance to End Homelessness. *Fundamental Issues to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness*. Youth Homelessness Series, Brief No. 1. Washington, DC: National Alliance to End Homelessness, May 2006. Available at: www.endhomelessness.org/files/1058_file_youth_brief_one.pdf.

This issue brief reviews the key issues surrounding youth homelessness, including causes and characteristics of homeless youth. It also explains the youth housing continuum, a development model for stable and supportive housing for young adults, and policy implications regarding youth homelessness. The brief also presents ten elements designed by the National Partnership to End Youth Homelessness.

- National Coalition for the Homeless. *Homeless Youth*. NCH Fact Sheet #13. Washington, DC: National Coalition for the Homeless, June 2006. Available at: <http://www.nationalhomeless.org/publications/facts/youth.pdf>.

This fact sheet discusses the dimensions, causes, and consequences of homelessness among youth. It also includes program and policy issues and a list of resources.

- Pacific News Service. *The Freedom Manual: A Roadmap for Roaddawgz*. A Project of Roaddawgz. San Francisco: Pacific News Service, 2005. Available at: <http://www.roaddawgz.org>.

This book is a collection of personal narratives, art, photography and practical advice about living “outside the system” written by and for homeless youth.

- Reeg, Bob, and others. *Families on the Edge: Homeless Young Parents and Their Welfare Experiences (A Survey of Homeless Youth and Service Providers)*. Washington, DC: Center for Law and Social Policy and National Network for Youth, 2002. Available at: http://www.clasp.org/publications/edge_report.pdf.

This report focuses on the experiences of homeless young parents (typically ages 18 through 21) with the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. It reports the findings from a survey of more than 100 homeless youth and 20 service providers, and provides policy and practice recommendations.

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This study looks at experiences among homeless youth who are thrownaway (specifically told to leave home) in two national samples. The prevalence of experiences and comparisons of family backgrounds and risk behaviors are described.

- Ringwalt, Christopher L., and others. "The Prevalence of Homelessness Among Adolescents in the United States." *American Journal of Public Health*, Vol. 88, No. 9, September 1998, pp. 1325-1329.

This study, part of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, used audiotaped interviews of a sample of close to 6,500 adolescents to identify whether they had spent the night in a variety of locations other than home in the previous 12 months.

- Robertson, Marjorie J. and Paul A. Toro. *Homeless Youth: Research, Intervention, and Policy*. Presented at Practical Lessons: The 1998 National Symposium on Homelessness Research. Washington, DC: United States Department of Health and Human Services, August 1998. Available at: <http://www.aspe.hhs.gov/progsys/homeless/symposium/3-youth.htm>.

This report presents an overview of the homeless youth population who are on their own; it includes current research, estimates, characteristics, service needs, outcomes, and interventions.

- Slesnick, Natasha. *Our Runaway and Homeless Youth: A Guide to Understanding*. Westport, Connecticut: Praeger, 2004.

This book summarizes the information known about runaway and homeless youth through the stories of a parent and three runaways. It describes the breadth of this problem and explains different types of runaway and homeless youths – why they leave home, what happens when they do, and some of the factors common to these youth and their families.

- Smollar, Jacqueline. "Homeless Youth in the United States: Description and Developmental Issues." *New Directions for Child and Adolescent Development*, No. 85, Fall 1999, pp. 47-58.

This article defines and describes the homeless youth population and discusses adolescent development in relation to this population and the implications for social policies and services.

- Toro, Paul. "Trials, Tribulations, and Occasional Jubilations While Conducting Research with Homeless Children, Youth, and Families." *Merrill-Palmer Quarterly*, Vol. 52, No. 2, April 2006, pp. 343-364.

This article is a personal account of 20 years of research on homelessness. It focuses on the methodological, practical, and ethical difficulties the author has encountered; and describes the enjoyable aspects, role conflicts, and the evolution of research ideas.

- Toro, Paul, and others. *Homeless Youth in the United States: Recent Research Findings and Intervention Approaches*. Paper presented at the Second National Homelessness Research Symposium, March 1-2, 2007. Washington, DC: Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Housing and Urban Development. This and all papers presented at the Symposium are available at: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/hsp/homelessness/symposium07/toro/index.htm>.

This paper provides a comprehensive overview of youth homelessness including an updated description of the population, review of recent research findings, intervention approaches to housing and service needs, and future directions for both research and practice.

- Tyler, Kimberly A., and others. "A Longitudinal Study of Early Adolescent Precursors to Running Away." *The Journal of Early Adolescence*, Vol. 28, No. 2, February 2008, pp. 230-251.

This study uses the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth to examine predictors of running away among a diverse sample of housed adolescents ages 12-13.

- Tyler, Kimberly A. "A Qualitative Study of Early Family Histories and Transitions of Homeless Youth." *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, Vol. 21, No. 10, 2006, pp. 1385-1393.

This study examines the early family history of 40 homeless youth for abuse, neglect, other family problems, and the number and types of transitions the youth experienced. It also looks at the linkage between these transitions and the youths' involvement in the child welfare system.

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. *Promising Strategies to End Youth Homelessness*. Report to Congress. Washington, DC: Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, July 2007. Available at: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/content/docs/reporttocongress_youthhomelessness.pdf.

This report to Congress examines the state of homelessness among youth in the U.S. as well as innovative policy strategies that are being developed in different localities to address the problem.

- U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Education and Labor, Healthy Families and Communities Subcommittee. *Hearing on Runaway, Homeless, and Missing Children: Perspectives on Helping the Nation's Vulnerable Youth*. Washington, DC: U.S. Congress, July 24, 2007. Available at: <http://edlabor.house.gov/hearings/hfc072407.shtml>.

This material consists of the webcast and the testimony presented at this hearing, including the National Alliance to End Homelessness, service providers, and homeless youth.

- U.S. House of Representatives, Ways and Means Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support. *Hearing on Disconnected and Disadvantaged Youth*. Washington, DC: U.S. Congress, June 19, 2007. Available at: <http://waysandmeans.house.gov/hearings.asp?formmode=detail&hearing=569>.

This material consists of testimony from organization members of the National Collaboration for Youth on the need to implement the federal Youth Coordination Act to address the needs of disconnected youth.

- Whitbeck, Les B., and Dan R. Hoyt. *Nowhere to Grow: Homeless and Runaway Adolescents and Their Families*. New York: Aldine de Gruyter, 1999.

This book focuses on the family histories and developmental impact of early independence on runaway and homeless youth. It is based on a study of over 600 youth and over 200 of their caretakers from large and small cities in four Midwestern states. The authors consider street social networks, subsistence, strategies, sexuality, and street victimization in relation to their effect on adolescent behaviors and well-being.

- Witkin, Andrea L., and others. "Finding Homeless Youth: Patterns Based on Geographical Area and Number of Homeless Episodes." *Youth and Society*, Vol. 37, No. 1, September 2006, pp. 62-84.

A census of homeless youth was conducted in locations across L.A. County. The authors examine and identify demographic and behavioral differences between homeless youth in cruise and noncruise areas.

Foster Youth

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This study explores the antecedents and consequences of running away from foster care. It uses both administrative and qualitative data to understand the experiences of runaway youth in the Midwest.

- Delgado, Melanie, and others. *Expanding Transitional Services for Emancipated Foster Youth: An Investment in California's Tomorrow*. San Diego: Children's Advocacy Institute, University of San Diego School of Law, January 2007. Available at: http://www.caichildlaw.org/TransServices/Transitional_Services_for_Emanicipated_Foster_Youth.FinalReport.pdf.

This study shows how problems in foster youth programs become homeless youth problems. It touches a wide variety of issues such as housing, education, and health care while focusing on the transition between foster care and emancipation.

- Firdion, J.M. *Homelessness, Poverty and Foster Care, Encyclopedia of Homelessness*, edited by David Levinson. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2004. Available at: <http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Sociology/faculty/silver/sirs/papers/firdion.pdf>.

This discussion focuses on the homeless and poorly housed populations in most western countries containing a large proportion of people who have spent time in foster care during their childhood. It describes data collection difficulties, and causes and impacts of the linkage between homelessness, poverty, and foster care.

- Shirk, Martha, and Gary Stanglar. "I Never Want to Sleep on the Street: Raquel Tolston, San Francisco" in *On Their Own: What Happens to Kids When They Age Out of the Foster Care System*. Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press, 2004, pp. 109-135.

This book tells the story of ten young people (including Raquel) who face economic and social barriers stemming from the disruptions of foster care when they cross the threshold of adolescence into adulthood. Raquel's story entails running away and homelessness.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Youth

- Ray, Nicholas. *Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Youth, An Epidemic of Homelessness*. New York: National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute, National Coalition for the Homeless, 2006. Available at: http://thetaskforce.org/reports_and_research/homeless_youth.

This is an in-depth report on Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay and Transgendered youth within the homeless population. It examines the number of LBGT youth, how they become homeless, critical issues they face, and what policies and programs have been enacted specifically for this population.

Minority Youth

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Research indicates an over-representation of African Americans and American Indians among homeless youth. Material from the July 9, 2007 meeting illustrates and supplements the broad discussion on race and youth homelessness; it reviews the current data and research, and explores the link between child welfare systems and juvenile justice systems and youth homelessness.

FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS

- Anderson, Tom, and others. *California's Response to Homeless Youth: An Overview of Ordinances, Law Enforcement, and Services in Key California Jurisdictions*. PLRI Working Paper Series. San Francisco: Public Law Research Institute, University of California, Hastings College of the Law, Spring 2007.

This report surveys recent development in the policies and procedures of ten key California cities and counties directed at the problem of juvenile homelessness. It addresses ordinances, law enforcement practices, and city and county policies and programs that affect juveniles, even if they are targeted at the general homeless population.

- Julianelle, Patricia F., and others. *Alone Without a Home: A State by State Review of Laws Affecting Unaccompanied Youth*. Washington, DC: National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty and National Network for Youth, 2003. Available at: <http://www.nlchp.org/content/pubs/Alone%20Without%20A%20Home1.pdf>.

This publication provides summaries, legal citations, and analyses of laws relevant to unaccompanied, homeless youth in each of the states, including California.

- Legal Services for Children, Inc. *Legal Rights and Options for Runaway Teens*. San Francisco: Legal Services for Children, Inc., August 2003. Available at: http://www.lsc-sf.org/publications/runaway_2003_revised.pdf.

The purpose of this guide for homeless and runaway youth is to help them understand their legal rights within common situations; for example, how to obtain healthcare, or how to get an education while not living under the care of parents/legal guardian(s). It also includes San Francisco resources.

- National Legal Center on Homelessness and Poverty. *Legal Tools to End Youth Homelessness*. Washington, DC: the Center, May 2004. Available at: <http://www.nlchp.org/content/pubs/Legal%20Tools%20to%20End%20Youth%20Homelessness1.pdf>.

This booklet is an introduction to some of the federal laws that offer legal tools to support young people who run away or have been forced out of their homes and provide them with resources to end their homelessness and give them the opportunity to lead safe, fulfilling lives.

- Reeg, Bob. "The Runaway and Homeless Youth Act and Disconnected Youth" *Leave No Youth Behind: Opportunities for Congress to Reach Disconnected Youth*. Washington, DC: Center for Law and Social Policy, July 2003, pp. 53-63. Available at: http://www.clasp.org/publications/Disconnected_Youth.pdf.

This chapter describes the programs and activities authorized by the federal Runaway and Homeless Youth Act. It highlights the intersection between homeless youth and the Act, and offers recommendations for improving it.

EDUCATION

- Center for Higher Education Policy Analysis (CHEPA), Rossier School of Education, University of Southern California. *The Navigator: Directions and Trends in Higher Education Policy*, Vol. VII, Issue I, Fall, 2007. Available at: <http://www.usc.edu/dept/cheпа/navigator/fall07/nav2007f.pdf>.

This CHEPA issue focuses on education and homeless youth. It discusses current research on the educational experiences of homeless youth in Los Angeles and offers preliminary policy recommendations; it also offers the views of scholars and homeless advocates on how homeless students might be better served.

- Duffield, Barbara, and others. *Educating Children Without Housing: A Primer on Legal Requirements and Implementing Strategies for Educators, Advocates and Policymakers*. Washington, DC: American Bar Association, Commission on Homelessness and Poverty, 2007.

This book provides basic information on homelessness as it relates to education. It includes an overview of the McKinney-Vento Act; school responsibilities for identifying, providing outreach, and meeting homeless student needs; special populations; and resources.

- Hernandez, Debra, and others. "Services to Homeless Students and Families: The McKinney-Vento Act and Its Implications for School Social Work Practice." *Children and Schools*, Vol. 28, No. 1, January 2006, pp. 38-44.

This article summarizes key aspects of the 2001 reauthorization of the Act and outlines how school social workers can become more involved in its implementation and the expansion of services.

- Julianelle, Patricia F. *The Educational Success of Homeless Youth in California: Challenges and Solutions*. Sacramento: California Research Bureau, 2007. Available at: <http://www.library.ca.gov/crb/07/07-012.pdf>.

This report discusses key issues related to the challenges homeless youth face in achieving their educational goals. It describes federal and state programs and funding, identifies successful practices and model programs, and presents policy options that address these challenges.

- Julianelle, Patricia F., and Maria Foscarinis. "Responding to the School Mobility of Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness: The McKinney-Vento Act and Beyond." *Journal of Negro Education*, Vol. 72, No. 1, Winter 2003, pp. 39-55.

This article explores the school mobility of homeless children and youth and its impact on academic achievement. It also discusses the role and uses of the McKinney-Vento Act and describes its successes in addressing this mobility.

- Mawhinney-Rhoads, Lynnette, and Gerald Stahler. "Educational Policy and Reform for Homeless Students." *Education and Urban Society*, Vol. 38, No. 3, May 2006, pp. 288-306.

This article is an overview of educational reforms targeted toward assisting homeless students. It includes a review of difficulties and barriers, a discussion of four specific reforms – mainstreamed schools, supplemental supports, transitional schools (separate schools), and modified comprehensive schools – and recommendations.

- Moore, Jan. *Unaccompanied and Homeless Youth: Review of Literature (1995-2005)*. Washington, DC: National Center for Homeless Education, April 2006. Available at: http://www.serve.org/nche/downloads/uy_lit_review.pdf.

This review is based on literature concerning unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness that was published between 1995 and 2005. It provides an overview of the challenges these young people face and includes research about why they leave their homes, how they live after leaving, and what interventions are being used to assist them.

- National Center for Homeless Education. *Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program: Analysis of 2006-2007 Federal Data Collection and Three-year Comparison*. Washington DC: U.S. Department of Education, Revised 2008. Available at: http://www.serve.org/nche/downloads/data_comp_03-06.pdf.

This report provides a summary and analysis of the 2005-06 state data collection required by the U.S. Department of Education of the McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children and Youth program. The 2006-07 data is also presented in comparison to the previous three years of data collections.

- National Center for Homeless Education. Homeless Education Issue Briefs, including: *Best Practices in Homeless Education Series*, *Connecting Schools and Displaced Students Series*, and *McKinney-Vento Law into Practice Series*. Greensboro, NC: National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE). Available at: <http://www.serve.org/nche/briefs.php>.

This is one in a series of NCHE briefs pertaining to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act that offer implementation strategies.

- National Coalition for the Homeless. *Education of Homeless Children and Youth*. NCH Fact Sheet #10. Washington, DC: National Coalition for the Homeless, June 2006. Available at: <http://www.nationalhomeless.org/publications/facts/education.pdf>.

This fact sheet examines the barriers to public education faced by homeless children and youth, the progress that states have made in removing these barriers, and current policy issues. It also provides a list of resources.

- National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty. *Educating Homeless Children and Youth: The 2007 Guide to Their Rights*. Washington DC: National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, Updated 2007. Available at: [http://www.nlchp.org/content/pubs/Basic%20McKinney%20Booklet%20\(2007\)1.pdf](http://www.nlchp.org/content/pubs/Basic%20McKinney%20Booklet%20(2007)1.pdf).

This report describes the provisions of the federal McKinney-Vento Act and identifies the resources, with a focus on education, that are available for homeless or runaway youth.

- Skyles, Ada, and others. *School Engagement and Youth Who Run Away from Care: The Need for Cross-System Collaboration*. Chapin Hall Working Paper. Chicago: Chapin Hall, University of Chicago, 2007. Available at: http://www.chapinhall.org/article_abstract.aspx?ar=1454.

This paper presents the voices of a group of foster youth who ran away from placement and the perspectives of the adults who cared for them. It discusses individual and system factors that may impact the educational experiences and choices of youth in care.

- Tierney, William G., and others. *Transitions to Adulthood for Homeless Adolescents: Education and Public Policy*. Los Angeles: Center for Higher Education Policy Analysis, April 2008. Available at: http://www.usc.edu/dept/chepa/pdf/Homeless_Youth_final.pdf.

CHEPA researchers spent 18 months interviewing homeless youth ages 14-19 and shelter staff in Los Angeles, and documenting the experiences and challenges of the youth. This study defines the typologies of homeless youth and explores existing legislation and policy concerning this population; it suggests strategies beyond those required by the McKinney-Vento Act for states and districts to adopt.

- U.S. Department of Education. *Report to the President and Congress on the Implementation of the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program Under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act*. No Child Left Behind. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Education, 2006. Available at: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/rpt2006.doc>.

This report provides information on programs supported under McKinney-Vento and describes activities that the U.S. Department of Education has undertaken to address the educational needs of homeless children and youth. It finds that states and local education agencies have generally made significant progress in reducing barriers to enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school.

- U.S. Department of Education, Planning and Evaluation Service. *The Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program: Learning to Succeed*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Education, Planning and Evaluation Service, 2002. Available at: www.ed.gov/offices/OUS/PES/esed/learnsucceed/volume2.pdf.

This report presents strategies that states, districts, and schools can use to overcome barriers that keep homeless children and youth from getting the education to which they are entitled. Appendices include promising practices and contact persons, a list of online resources of organizations and advocacy groups, a bibliography, and questions/answers about special education and homelessness.

EMPLOYMENT

- Ferguson, Kristin M. “Implementing a Social Enterprise Intervention with Homeless, Street-Living Youths in Los Angeles.” *Social Work*, Vol. 52, No. 2, April 2007, pp. 103-111.

Job training programs often fail to address homeless youths’ mental health issues that constitute barriers to productive employment. This article describes the Social Enterprise Intervention model as an alternative intervention to acquire vocational and business skills, clinical mentorship, and linkages to services. It compares this model to existing intervention models.

- Lenz-Rashid, Sonja. “Employment Experiences of Homeless Young Adults: Are They Different for Youth with a History of Foster Care?” *Children and Youth Services Review*, Vol. 28, Issue 3, March 2006, pp. 235-259.

This study compares the outcomes – employment status and wages – of an employment training program for homeless transitional youth who were previously placed in foster care with those without a foster care history.

- Long, David, and others. *Employment and Income Supports for Homeless People*. Paper presented at the Second National Homelessness Research Symposium, March 1-2, 2007. Washington, DC: Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Housing and Urban Development. Available at: <http://www.huduser.org/publications/pdf/p11.pdf>.

This paper describes the findings of recent studies examining the role of mainstream programs (Social Security Administration disability programs, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and Workforce Investment Act initiatives) in enhancing employment and incomes for people who have experienced homelessness. It also describes the design and outcomes of programs targeted to homeless people that are designed specifically to address employment and income support.

- Rio, John, and J. Martinez. *An Annotated Bibliography on Employment and Homelessness*. New York: Corporation for Supportive Housing, April 2007. Available at: <http://documents.csh.org/documents/cheta/CHETA-bibliography.pdf>.

This listing of over 130 journal articles and reports on employment services and homelessness is published by the Chronic Homelessness Employment Technical Assistance Center (CHETA). Citations include brief descriptions of each study or report along with the source; most of these references are available on the web.

- Rio, John, and Gary Shaheen. *Linking One-Stop Career Centers and Homeless Assistance & Housing Programs*. New York: Corporation for Supportive Housing, October 2006. Available at:
<http://documents.csh.org/documents/doclib/linkonestopshahp.pdf>.

This paper (published by CHETA) proposes that employment programs and services organized under the Workforce Investment Act and delivered through One-Stop Career Centers can be better linked with those organized under the McKinney-Vento Act delivered through local Continuums of Care. It also provides some proposed models for implementing those partnerships.

- U.S. Government Accounting Office. *Disconnected Youth. Federal Action Could Address Some of the Challenges Faced by Local Programs That Reconnect Youth to Education and Employment*. GAO-08-313. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Accounting Office, February 2008. Available at:
<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-08-313>.

Several federal agencies oversee a number of programs and grants that assist local programs. This report reviews the local programs that serve youth that are disconnected from school and employment, including homeless youth. It identifies the key elements of success in reconnecting youth to education and employment, challenges involved in operating these programs, how federal agencies are helping to address these challenges, and recommendations.

- U.S. Department of Labor. *2004 Department of Labor Annual Report to the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Labor, August 2005. Available at:
<http://www.dol.gov/dol/audience/2004homelessreport.htm#foster>.

This report provides an overview of the Department of Labor's programs and services that address homelessness and assist homeless individuals to become a part of the workforce. Targeted Prevention and Intervention Programs include the Job Corps Foster Care Initiative that is also directed at homeless youth.

MENTAL HEALTH, HEALTH, AND SUBSTANCE USE

Attachment Theory

- Henk, Joanne M. *Homeless and Runaway Youth: Attachment Theory and Research*. Doctoral Research Paper, Rosemead School of Psychology, Biola University, December 2001.

Homeless and runaway youth typically have more negative family experiences and feelings of detachment from family. Psychologists can contribute to the treatment of homeless and runaway youth through clinical work involving long-term treatment using knowledge of attachment theory and research.

- Kipke, Michelle, and others. "Street Youth, Their Peer Affiliation and Differences According to Residential Status, Subsistence Patterns, and Use of Services." *Adolescence*, Fall 1997, pp. 655-669.

Over 750 youth living on the streets for two or more months completed brief structured interviews. The study's findings show unique patterns with respect to places stayed/slept, means of financial support, and use of available services according to peer group affiliation.

- Tavecchio, Louis W.C. "Attachment, Social Network, and Homelessness in Young People." *Social Behavior and Personality*, Vol. 27, No. 3, 1999, pp. 247-262.

This study looks at homelessness in young people within the framework of attachment theory. It examines the relationship between family background, parenting style, experiences of separation and loss, and quality of the attachment relationship in a group of homeless youth and two comparison groups. It also looks at the influence of social support.

- Taylor-Seehafer, Margaret, and others. "Attachment and Sexual Health Behaviors in Homeless Youth." *Journal for Specialists in Pediatric Nursing*, Vol. 12, No. 1, January 2007, pp. 37-48.

This study explores relationships and group differences in social connectedness and social support, and in sexual health behaviors in a sample of homeless youth.

- Taylor-Seehafer, Margaret. "Patterns of Attachment Organization, Social Connectedness, and Substance Use in a Sample of Older Homeless Adolescents: Preliminary Findings." *Family Community Health*, Vol. 31, No. 1S, 2008, pp.81-88.

This study examines older homeless adolescents' perspectives on attachment, trauma, and substance use via the semi-structured Adult Attachment Interview and survey data.

- Stefanidis, Nikolaos, and others. “Runaway and Homeless Youth: The Effects of Attachment History on Stabilization.” *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, Vol. 62, No. 2, July 1992, pp. 442-446.

This study looks at the attachment histories of a group of runaway and homeless youth ages 12-17. It discusses the clinical and program relevance of differences found within the group.

Mental Health

- Cauce, Ana, and others. “The Characteristics and Mental Health of Homeless Adolescents: Age and Gender Differences.” *Journal of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders*, Vol. 8, Issue 4, 2000, pp. 230-239.

This study reports the results of interviews with 364 homeless adolescents about their residential and family histories, including psychiatric disorders, and physical and sexual abuse.

- Fisher, Mary, and others. “That’s Not My Problem: Convergence and Divergence between Self- and Other-identified Problems among Homeless Adolescents.” *Child and Youth Care Forum*, Vol. 34, No. 6, December 2005, pp. 393-403.

Clinical intake questions and standard questionnaires were administered to 40 homeless youths to determine what they regarded as their primary mental health problems and how they coped with these problems.

- Gwadz, Marya Viorst, and others. “Gender Differences in Traumatic Events and Rates of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder among Homeless Youth.” *Journal of Adolescence*, Vol. 30, Issue 1, February 2007, pp. 117-129.

This study describes patterns of traumatic events and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, both partial and full, among homeless youth and those at risk for homelessness; it also identifies gender differences.

- Health Care for the Homeless Clinician’s Network. “Protecting the Mental Health of Homeless Children and Youth.” *Healing Hands*, Vol. 4, No. 1, February 2000. Available at: http://www.nhchc.org/Network/HealingHands/2000/hh.02_00.pdf.

This article reviews the literature, summarizes risks and service needs of this population, and highlights recommended strategies to prevent the developmental delays and major behavioral problems associated with prolonged homelessness.

- Kidd, Sean A. “Factors Precipitating Suicidality among Homeless Youth: A Quantitative Follow-Up.” *Youth Society*, Vol. 37, No. 4, June 2006, pp. 393-422.

Homeless youth are at high risk for suicidal behavior. This article discusses the survey findings of over 200 homeless youth in New York and Toronto about the impact of feeling trapped and helpless. It describes experiences at home and on the streets that were socially isolating and disempowering, leading to lives marked by little perceived control, loneliness, and low self-regard.

- Kidd, Sean A. “The Walls Were Closing in, and We Were Trapped:” A Qualitative Analysis of Street Youth Suicide.” *Youth Society*, Vol. 36, No. 1, September 2004, pp. 30-55.

“The majority of street youth trade difficult lives at homes for difficult lives on the streets.” This study analyzes the experiences and feelings about suicide of 80 participants in agencies and on the streets of Toronto, Ontario, and Vancouver through semi-structured interviews. Interviews reveal themes of worthlessness, loneliness, hopelessness, and most centrally the feeling of being “trapped.”

- Kidd, Sean A. “Youth Homelessness and Social Stigma.” *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, Vol. 36, No.3, April 2007, pp. 291-299.

This paper examines the mental health implications of social stigma as it is experienced by homeless youth. Surveys were conducted with over 200 youths on the streets and in agencies in New York City and Toronto.

- Kidd, Sean A., and Michelle R. Carroll. “Coping and Suicidality among Homeless Youth.” *Journal of Adolescence*, 2007, Vol. 30, pp. 283-296.

This study examined the impact of coping strategies employed by homeless youth upon suicidal ideation, suicide on the streets, and feeling trapped/homeless. The 280 participants studied were 24 years of age or younger and had been homeless for more than a few days in New York City and Toronto.

- Kurtz, P. David, and others. “How Runaway and Homeless Youth Navigate Troubled Waters: The Role of Formal and Informal Helpers.” *Child & Adolescent Social Work Journal*, Vol. 17, Issue 5, October 2000, pp. 381-402.

This paper, part of a larger study, focuses on how formal and informal helping resources enable these youth to resolve difficulties, deal with hazards, and achieve some level of self-defined success in young-adulthood. The primary research design was in-depth interviews with 12 formerly homeless and runaway youth.

- National Child Traumatic Stress Network. *Understanding Traumatic Stress In Adolescents: Fact Sheet Series for Providers Treating Teens with Emotional and Substance Use Problems*. Los Angeles: University of California, National Center for Child Traumatic Stress, 2007. Available at: http://www.nctsn.org/nctsn_assets/pdfs/2_Traumatic_Stress_4-18-07.pdf.

The information in this fact sheet provides an understanding of adolescent traumatic stress and the typical problems that follow trauma exposure in the larger population, including homeless youth.

- National Child Traumatic Stress Network Culture and Trauma Speaker Series. *Working with Homeless and Runaway Youth*. Teleconference with speakers Arlene Schneir and Daniel Ballin, May 24, 2007. Los Angeles: National Child Traumatic Stress Network. Available for viewing at:
<http://mediasite.nctsn.org/NCTSN/Viewer/Viewers/Viewer240TL.aspx?mode=Default&peid=45106c30-0c80-4ea3-baa4-a8c69061f0ad&playerType=WM7&mode=Default&shouldResize=true&pid=d439e8d1-dcc6-4ec3-90bc-23255ae70ff8&playerType=WM7>.

The two speakers in this teleconference identify the number and characteristics of homeless youth in the U.S., review the unique aspects of trauma for runaway and homeless youth, and identify the key treatment implications for this population. They discuss whether homeless youth are a cultural group and why it is important to understand the cultural context for the behaviors exhibited by runaway and homeless youth.

- Research Triangle Institute, and others. *Sexual Abuse among Homeless Adolescents: Prevalence, Correlates, and Sequelae*. Washington, DC: The Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, November 2002. Available at:
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre/fys/sex_abuse/reports/sexabuse_hmless/sex_abuse_hmless.pdf.

This study, required by the reauthorization legislation for the Runaway and Homeless Youth programs, identifies the scope and prevalence of sexual abuse among the families of origin of homeless and runaway youth, and the role that it plays in the youth's decision to leave home. The study includes a literature review and recommendations.

- Schneir, Arlene, and others. *Trauma Among Homeless Youth*. Culture and Trauma Brief, Vol. 2, No. 1. Los Angeles: National Child Traumatic Stress Network, 2007. Available at:
http://www.nctsn.org/nctsn_assets/pdfs/culture_and_trauma_brief_v2n1_HomelessYouth.pdf

This brief discusses why youth leave home and explores the types and consequences of trauma experienced by runaway and homeless youth. It also identifies treatment considerations based on focus groups of homeless youth conducted by Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

- Solorio, M. Rosa. "Emotional Distress and Mental Health Service Use among Urban Homeless Adolescents." *The Journal of Behavioral Health Services and Research*, Vol. 33, No. 4, October 2006, pp. 381-393.

This study examines the predisposing, enabling, and need factors associated with mental health services in a 688 homeless adolescents.

- U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. *Blueprint for Change: Ending Chronic Homelessness for Persons with Serious Mental Illnesses and Co-Occurring Substance Use Disorders*. Rockville, Maryland: Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 2003.

This guide disseminates current information about ending homelessness for people – including youth – with serious mental illnesses and with co-occurring substance-use disorders. It reviews current and past research and contains advice on planning, organizing, and sustaining a system of care.

- Walls, Eugene N., and others. “Suicidal Ideation and Attempts among Sexual Minority Youths Receiving Social Services.” *Social Work*, Vol. 53, No. 1, 2008, pp. 21-29.

This study looks at risk and protective factors related to suicide through a survey of 182 sexual minority youths (14 to 21 years of age) who sought assistance at a community-based social services agency in Denver. Homelessness and family factors are two of the variables measured in relation to suicidal ideation and attempts.

- Whitbeck, Les B., and others. “Mental Disorder, Subsistence Strategies, and Victimization among Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Homeless and Runaway Adolescents.” *Journal of Sex Research*, Vol. 41, Issue 4, November 2004, pp. 329-342.

This study compares participation in subsistence strategies, street victimization, and lifetime prevalence of five mental disorders (conduct disorder, major depressive disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, alcohol abuse, and drug abuse) among heterosexual males and females and gay, lesbian, and bisexual homeless and runaway adolescents. This is part of the first wave of a longitudinal study of homeless youth in four Midwestern states.

- Williams, Nancy R., and others. “From Trauma to Resiliency: Lessons from Former Runaway and Homeless Youth.” *Journal of Youth Studies*, Vol. 4, Issue 2, June 2001, pp. 233-253.

This exploratory study presents findings on resiliency development in five former runaway and homeless youth. These five young women were compared and contrasted with their peers who continued to exhibit high-risk behaviors.

Health

- Cochran, Bryan, and others. "Challenges Faced by Homeless Sexual Minorities: Comparison of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Homeless Adolescents with Their Heterosexual Counterparts." *American Journal of Public Health*, Vol. 92, No. 5, May 2002, pp. 773-777.

This study identifies differences between homeless sexual minorities and their heterosexual counterparts in terms of physical and mental health difficulties. The authors make recommendations for treatment programs and discuss implications for public health.

- Darling, Nancy, and others. "Do Street Youths' Perceptions of Their Caregivers Predict HIV-Risk Behavior?" *Journal of Family Psychology*, Vol. 19, Issue 3, September 2005, pp. 456-464.

This study examines street youths' perceptions of their caregivers and the association between these perceptions and their HIV-risk behavior in a random probability sample of over 700 youth from Los Angeles and San Diego.

- Haldenby, Amy M., and others. "Homelessness and Health in Adolescents." *Qualitative Health and Research*, 2007, Vol. 17, pp. 1232-1244.

In this study the authors examined the experiences of homeless adolescents with particular attention to the role of gender and public policy, health experiences and perceptions, and barriers to health care services. For this study, six girls and seven boys participated in semi-structured interviews.

- Johnson, Regina Jones, and others. "The Relationship between Childhood Sexual Abuse and Sexual Health Practices of Homeless Adolescents." *Adolescence*, Vol. 41, No. 162, Summer 2006, pp. 221-234.

This study explores the gender differences in sexual self-concept, personal resources for sexual health, safe sex behaviors, and risky sexual behaviors among homeless adolescents with and without histories of sexual abuse.

- Klein, Jonathan, and others. "Homeless and Runaway Youth's Access to Health Care." *Journal of Adolescent Health*, Vol. 27, No. 5, 2000, pp. 331-339.

This article describes the results of a study to determine the use of health services and access to and use of regular and emergency health care by homeless youth. Interview-administered survey data was collected on a nationally representative sample of 640 youth in shelters, 600 street youth were also surveyed.

- Kushel, Margot B., and others. “Homelessness and Health Care Access After Emancipation: Results From the Midwest Evaluation of Adult Functioning of Former Foster Youth.” *Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine*, Vol. 161, No. 10, October 2007, pp. 968-993.

This prospective cohort study looks at the association between housing status and health care access and outcomes among young adults aging out of the child welfare system. It finds that having an episode of homelessness after emancipation is associated with worse health access but not worse outcomes.

- O’Sullivan, Joanne, and Patricia Lussier-Duynstee. “Adolescent Homelessness, Nursing, and Public Health Policy.” *Journal of Policy, Politics, and Nursing Practice*, Vol. 7, 2006, pp.73-77.

This article calls for the impact of youth homelessness to be raised at the community level by community nurses and other health professionals who interact with youth who are homeless. It provides a model for nurses to use in advocating for this population.

- Rice, E., and others. “Pro-Social and Problematic Social Network Influences on HIV/AIDS Risk Behaviors Among Newly Homeless Youth in Los Angeles.” *AIDS Care*, Vol. 19, No. 5, May 2007, pp. 697-704.

This study looks at the social networks of 183 newly homeless youth in Los Angeles County over time. It assessed how their continued relationship to their home-based peers affects both facilitating and limiting risky sexual and HIV/AIDS drug-using behaviors. The authors discuss utilizing naturally occurring pro-social peer influences.

- Solorio, M. Rosa, and others. “Predictors of Sexual Risk Behaviors among Newly Homeless Youth: A Longitudinal Study.” *Journal of Adolescent Health*, Vol. 42, No. 4, April 2008, pp. 401-409.

This study interviewed over 260 newly homeless youth in L.A. County over time about symptoms of depression, substance use, living situation, and sexual risk behaviors to examine the association between individual factors and structural factors with sexual risk behaviors.

- Solorio, M. Rosa, and others. “Predictors of Sexually Transmitted Infection Testing Among Sexually Active Homeless Youth.” *Journal of AIDS and Behavior*, Vol. 10, No. 2, March 2006, pp. 179-184.

This study used interviews with over 260 homeless sexually active youth to explore the characteristics that are associated with sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing, including age, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and sexual risk behaviors.

- Thompson, Sanna J., and others. “Runaway and Pregnant: Risk Factors Associated with Pregnancy in a National Sample of Runaway/Homeless Female Adolescents.” *Journal of Adolescent Health*, Vol. 43, Issue 2, August 2008, pp. 125-132.

This study looked at individual and family-level predictors of teen pregnancy among a national sample of runaway and homeless youth seeking services at crisis shelters.

- Van Leeuwen, James M., and others. “Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Homeless Youth: An Eight-City Public Health Perspective.” *Child Welfare*, Vol. 85, No. 2, March/April, p. 170.

This article reports the results of a one-day public health survey conducted in six states by homeless youth providers to measure and compare risk factors between lesbian, gay, and bisexual homeless youth and non-LGB youth.

Substance Use

- Mallett, Shelley, and others. *Disrupting Stereotypes: Young People, Drug Use and Homelessness. A report of selected results from Project i: Homeless Young People in Melbourne and Los Angeles.* The Key Centre for Women’s Health in Society, University of Melbourne and The Center for Community Health, University of California, Los Angeles, August 2003.
<http://www.projecti.org.au/research/research.html>.

This report examines the nature and extent of substance use by homeless youth, the reasons they give for using drugs and alcohol, the relationship between substance use and their homeless experience, and how it changes over time. It also explores service providers’ perspectives on substance use.

(Project i is a five-year collaborative study by the University of Melbourne and the University of California, Los Angeles, that focuses on homeless young people in both cities from 2000-2005. Funded by the U.S. National Institute of Mental Health, other research reports and journal articles related to this study can be accessed through:

http://www.kcwhs.unimelb.edu.au/research/themesprojects/sei/project_i.)

- Mallett, Shelley, and others. “Young People, Drug Use and Family Conflict: Pathways into Homelessness.” *Journal of Adolescence*, Vol. 28, Issue 2, April 2005, pp. 185-199.

This study, conducted using qualitative interviews of over 300 homeless youth ages 12-20 years, examines the relationship between young people’s drug use and the four pathways involving personal or familial drug use that lead to homelessness.

- Slesnick, Natasha, and Jillian Prestopnik. “Dual and Multiple Diagnoses among Substance Using Runaway Youth.” *American Journal of Drug & Alcohol Abuse*, Vol. 31, Issue 1, February 2005, pp. 179-201.

Relatively little is known about the diagnostic profile of runaway adolescents. This study examines patterns of psychiatric dual and multiple diagnoses among treatment-engaged substance-abusing youth ages 13-17 who were residing at a runaway shelter. The youths' psychiatric status was assessed as part of a larger treatment outcome study.

- Slesnick, Natasha, and Jillian Prestopnik. “Ecologically Based Family Therapy Outcomes with Substance Abusing Runaway Adolescents.” *Journal of Adolescence*, Vol. 28, 2005, pp. 277-298.

This study reports the findings from a randomized clinical trial that compared the results of using Ecologically Based Family Therapy, an intensive family preservation model, with treatment as usual on a population of 124 runaway youth with substance-abuse problems.

- Slesnick, Natasha, and others. “Treatment Outcome for Street-Living, Homeless Youth.” *Addictive Behaviors*, 2007, Vol. 32, pp. 1237-1251.

This study looks at the impact of a specific intervention for homeless youth in addressing substance use, social stability, physical health, and mental health issues. Youth living on the street, ages 14-22, were recruited from a drop-in center and randomly assigned to the Community Reinforcement Approach or treatment as usual.

- Tyler, Kimberly A., and Katherine A. Johnson. “Pathways In and Out of Substance Use among Homeless-Emerging Adults.” *Journal of Adolescent Research*, Vol. 21, No. 2, 2006, pp. 133-157.

This study uses qualitative interviews with 40 homeless young adults, ages 19 to 21 years of age in the Midwest, to determine who is responsible for the initiation of high rates of alcohol and drug use, the reasons for their continued use, and why some individuals eventually transition out of using while others do not.

- Werb, Daniel, and others. “Nonfatal Overdose among a Cohort of Street-Involved Youth.” *Journal of Adolescent Health*, Vol. 42, 2008, pp. 303-306.

In this study the authors evaluate factors – such as gender and drug types/delivery methods – that are associated with nonfatal overdose among street-involved youth in Vancouver. Their findings indicate that nonfatal overdose is common among street-involved youth and is associated with various forms of drug use.

HOUSING

- Corporation for Supportive Housing. *New Homes, Brighter Futures: Profiles of Housing Programs for Young Adults*. New York: Corporation for Supportive Housing, September 2007. Available at: <http://www.csh.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewPage&pageID=4017&nodeID=81>.

This report presents information on promising supportive housing models for youth who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. It discusses the role of supportive housing in ending homelessness among young adults and recommends practices for housing providers. It profiles ten permanent and transitional housing models, including five in California.

- Durham, Kate. *Housing Youth: Key Issues in Supportive Housing*. San Francisco: Corporation for Supportive Housing, September 2003. Available at: <http://documents.csh.org/documents/pd/youth/housingyouth.pdf>.

This guide is intended as a tool for service providers, housing developers, funders, and other stakeholders interested in supportive housing for youth who are on their own. It describes the need, as well as design and funding considerations.

- John Burton Foundation for Children Without Homes, and others. *Effective Practices in THP-PLUS: Providing Affordable Housing and Supportive Services to Youth Formerly in the Foster Care and Juvenile Probation Systems*. A Technical Assistance Document. San Francisco: The Foundation, 2007. Available at: http://www.johnburtonfoundation.org/THP-Plus_Implementation_Guide.pdf.

This guide supports the goal of the THP-PLUS Statewide Implementation Project: to reduce homelessness among former foster youth by expanding access to the Transitional Housing Program-Plus, the only fully state-funded housing program targeting this population. The guide provides information for developing and monitoring THP-PLUS programs and additional resources.

- Milburn, Norweeta G., and others. “Newly Homeless Youth Typically Return Home.” *Journal of Adolescent Health* Vol. 40, Issue 6, June 2007, pp. 574-576.

This health brief reports on findings that most newly homeless adolescents – 165 from Melbourne, Australia and 261 from Los Angeles – returned home for significant amounts of time within two years of becoming homeless.

- Mottet, Lisa, and John M. Ohle. *Transitioning Our Shelters: The Guide to Making Our Shelter Safe for Transgender People*. New York: National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute, National Coalition for the Homeless, 2003. Available at: <http://www.thetaskforce.org/downloads/reports/reports/TransitioningOurShelters.pdf>.

This guide, directed at shelter administrators and government officials, discusses policies and issues around ensuring privacy and safety for transgender residents and implementing a nondiscrimination policy while creating safe, hospitable environments for all residents, including youth.

- Pierson, Carol L., and others. *The Applicability of Housing First Models to Homeless Persons with Serious Mental Illness: Final Report*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, July 2007. Available at: <http://www.huduser.org/Publications/pdf/hsgfirst.pdf>.

This report provides a basic description of the “Housing First” approach, short term outcomes that are being realized by the people it serves (including youth transitioning out of the foster care system), and several programs.

- Straka, Doreen, and others. *Supportive Housing for Youth: A Background of the Issues in the Design and Development of Supportive Housing for Homeless Youth*. New York: Corporation for Supportive Housing, [2002].

This report serves as an overview of youth homelessness. It provides an initial assessment of the scope and breadth of the needs of homeless youth, and highlights several promising residential program models in different states, including California. It also contains systems change recommendations.

- Thompson, Sanna J., and Vijayan K. Pilai. “Determinants of Runaway Episodes among Adolescents Using Crisis Shelter Services.” *Journal of International Social Welfare*, Vol. 15, 2006, pp. 142-149.

This study investigates youth and family factors associated with runaway episodes for 349 adolescents using emergency shelter services in Texas and New York in order to determine individual and family effects on runaway recidivism.

- Thompson, Sanna J., and others. “Short-Term Outcomes for Youth Receiving Runaway and Homeless Shelter Services.” *Research on Social Work Practice*, Vol. 12, No. 5, 2002, pp. 589-603.

This study assesses the short-term outcomes among 261 runaway and homeless youth in four Midwestern states using emergency shelters and crisis services and compares them with similar youth using other longer-term treatment modalities.

- Witherell, Amanda, and Bryan Cohen. “Shelter Shuffle: Inside San Francisco’s Confounding System of Housing the Homeless.” *San Francisco Bay Guardian*, February 19, 2008. Available at: http://www.sfbg.com/entry.php?entry_id=5669&volume_id=317&issue_id=339&volume_num=42&issue_num=20&l=1.

Two journalists report their experiences spending close to a week staying in various San Francisco homeless shelters.

SERVICES AND SERVICE DELIVERY

- Ammerman, S.D., and others. *Homeless Young Adults Ages 18-24: Examining Service Delivery Adaptations*. Nashville: National Health Care for the Homeless Council, September 2004. Available at:
<http://nhchc.org/Publications/101905YoungHomelessAdults.pdf>.

This report on homeless young adults in the United States covers some of the urgent issues that they face, including: health care, housing, education, employment, and social support. It recommends short and long term strategies for addressing these issues.

- Coward Bucher, Carrie E. "Toward a Needs-Based Typology of Homeless Youth." *Journal of Adolescent Health*, Vol. 42, 2008, pp. 549-554.

This paper seeks to develop distinct matrices of services for youth according to their involvement in, or experience with, high-risk factors. Seven risk categories were identified in the literature: abusive experiences, involvement in prostitution, criminal activities, suicidal ideation/attempt, living circumstances, and alcohol/marijuana use as well as the use of other drugs.

- Ferguson, Kristin M., and others. *Innovative Programs Servicing Homeless and Street-Living Children Around the World: A Compilation of Best Practice Models from Los Angeles, Mumbai, India and Nairobi, Kenya*. Los Angeles: Urban Research Publication, University of Southern California, 2005. Available at:
http://urban.usc.edu/main_doc/downloads/sc.final.v12.pdf.

This report explores how faith-based organizations use faith and religion to intervene in and influence the lives of street-living and homeless youth in three distinct cities and religious traditions. It describes best practice recommendations for the international policy and practice communities.

- Keys, Deborah, and others. *Who Can Help Me? Homeless Young People's Perceptions of Services. A report of selected results from Project i: Homeless Young People in Melbourne and Los Angeles*. The Key Centre for Women's Health in Society, University of Melbourne and The Center for Community Health, University of California, Los Angeles, August 2004.
<http://www.projecti.org.au/research/research.html>.

This report describes the perceptions of 340 homeless youths about the range of services they access and their relationships with service workers, and the reasons they give for not using services within the following broad categories: housing, income support, community care, mental health, and generalist services.

Project i is a five-year collaborative study by the University of Melbourne and the University of California, Los Angeles that focuses on homeless young people in both cities from 2000-2005. Funded by the U.S. National Institute of Mental Health, other research reports and journal articles about this study can be accessed through the project website at:

http://www.kcwhs.unimelb.edu.au/research/themesprojects/sei/project_i.

- Slesnick, Natasha, and others. “How to Open and Sustain a Drop-in Center for Homeless Youth.” *Child and Youth Services Review*, Vol. 30, No. 7, 2008, pp. 727-734.

This paper provides guidance on developing and maintaining a drop-in center for homeless youth. It includes: developing a philosophy to guide the center structure, organization and funding, identifying a location/building accessible to youth and conducive to appropriate activities, and staff hiring and training.

- Slesnick, Natasha, and others. “Predictors of Homelessness Among Street Living Youth.” *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, Vol. 37, 2008, pp. 465-474.

This study explores predictors of change in homelessness among 180 homeless youths between the ages of 14 and 22 who were recruited at an urban drop-in center. It looks at trust and linkages between homeless youth and service providers as a target of intervention.

CRIMINALIZATION AND VICTIMIZATION

- Baron, Stephen W., and others. “Disputatiousness, Aggressiveness, and Victimization among Street Youths.” *Youth and Juvenile Justice*, Vol. 5, No. 4, October 2007, pp. 411-425.

The article examines how homelessness and deviant lifestyles increase exposure to conflict. Findings in the research suggest that lifestyle factors such as homelessness, criminal peers, and drug and alcohol use may play an important role in the stages of conflict of street youth. Some of these factors may create greater violence opportunities for street youth.

- Baron, Stephen W., and others. “Rough Justice: Street Youth and Violence.” *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, Vol. 16, No. 7, July 2001, pp. 662-678.

This report compares the aggressiveness and violence intensities in conflict management of homeless male youth and males from the general population. This study supports the view that there is a relationship between structural location and violence. The findings demonstrate that compared to the male general public, young males on the street are more likely to use force to settle a dispute.

- Blasi, Gary, and UCLA School of Law Fact Investigation Clinic. *Policing Our Way Out of Homelessness? The First Year of the Safer Cities Initiative on Skid Row*. Los Angeles: UCLA School of Law, September 2007. Available at: <http://www.law.ucla.edu/docs/Skid%20Row%20Safer%20Cities%20One%20Year%20Report.pdf>.

This research report summarizes the results of the *Safer Cities Initiative*, part of a larger project examining the problem of chronic homelessness in L.A.’s Skid Row. It examines the role of city and county policy in both contributing to and responding to that problem.

- Chapple, Constance L., and others. “Gender and Arrest among Homeless and Runaway Youth: An Analysis of Background, Family, and Situational Factors.” *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*, Vol. 2, No. 2, 2004, pp. 129-147.

This study expands the minimal existing research on arrests of homeless youth and runaways. It looks for specific conditions that seem to be associated with arrests such as gender, time on the street, and time with deviant peers.

- Chen, Xiaojin, and others. “Mental Disorders, Comorbidity, and Postrunaway Arrests among Homeless and Runaway Adolescents.” *Journal of Research on Adolescence*, Vol. 16, No. 3, 2006, pp. 379-402.

This study examined the associations between lifetime mental disorders, comorbidity, and self-reported post runaway arrests among 428 homeless and runaway youth.

- Chen, Xiaojin, and others. "Onset of Conduct Disorder, Use of Delinquent Subsistence Strategies, and Street Victimization among Homeless and Runaway Adolescents in the Midwest." *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, Vol. 22, No. 9, September 2007, pp. 1156-1183.

This study examines the effects of childhood conduct problems on later antisocial behavior and street victimization among groups of homeless and runaway youth. It considers the following factors in explaining delinquent behavior and crime on the streets: individual propensity, abusive family background, and peers.

- Dedel, Kelly. *Juvenile Runaways*. Problem-Oriented Guides for Police, Problem Specific Guide Series, No. 37. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, February 2006. Available at: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/files/ric/Publications/e12051223.pdf>.

The Problem-Specific Guides summarize knowledge about how police - of whatever rank or assignment - can reduce the harm caused by specific crime and disorder problems. This prevention-oriented guide focuses on runaways.

- Hagan, John, and Bill McCarthy. "Homeless Youth and the Perilous Passage to Adulthood." *Network on Transitions to Adulthood Policy Brief*. Philadelphia: MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Transitions to Adulthood Policy, University of Pennsylvania, April 2005, Issue 25. Available at: <http://www.transad.pop.upenn.edu/downloads/homeless%20youth.pdf>.

The authors survey homeless youth from two Canadian cities that have different approaches to homelessness. They find that, if supported, and if contact with police is minimized, homeless youth can better regain their foothold on a productive path to adulthood. They suggest that frequent contact with the police, for example, can perpetuate feelings of shame, which often lead youth to identify with criminal street-life and away from employment.

- Hagan, John, and Bill McCarthy. "Homeless Youth and the Perilous Passage to Adulthood," *On Your Own Without a Net: The Transition to Adulthood for Vulnerable Populations*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2005, pp. 178-201.

This chapter provides a portrait of homeless youth based on findings from two studies of homeless youth in two large Canadian cities. It compares them with high-risk inner city youth and focuses on escalating contact with the juvenile and criminal justice system.

- Hagan, John, and Bill McCarthy. *Mean Streets: Youth Crime and Homelessness*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1997.

This book explores the social worlds of homeless youth in two Canadian cities, Toronto and Vancouver. The authors interviewed over 400 youth; they compare their environments with those of in-home and in-school youth.

- Hoyt, Dan R., and others. “Personal Victimization in a High-Risk Environment: Homeless and Runaway Adolescents.” *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, Vol. 36, No. 4, November 1999, pp. 371-392.

This study finds strong support for exposure hypotheses with increased victimization risk. Factors associated with this risk include time on the streets, substance abuse, and affiliation with deviant peers. This study suggests several interpretations of this effect and argues for additional situation-specific research to provide further elaboration of victimization theories.

- Johnson, Regina Jones, and others. “Gender Differences in Victimized Homeless Adolescents.” *Adolescence*, Vol. 41, No. 161, Spring 2006, pp. 39-53.

This study explores how gender and history of sexual abuse influence cognitive-perceptual and behavioral factors associated with sexual health practices among homeless adolescents. The sample consisted of over 400 adolescents of which some reported sexual abuse and others did not.

- Kennedy, Angie C. “Homelessness, Violence Exposure, and School Participation among Urban Adolescent Mothers.” *Journal of Community Psychology*, Vol. 35, No. 5, 2007, pp. 639-654.

This study examines the relationship between homelessness, exposure to multiple types of violence, and school participation within a survey sample of poor adolescent mothers living in an urban setting.

- Kempf-Leonard, Kimberly, and Pernilla Johansson. “Gender and Runaways: Risk Factors, Delinquency, and Juvenile Justice Experiences.” *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*, Vol. 5, No. 3, July 2007, pp. 308-327.

This study examines several risk factors to determine patterns and gender differences among runaway youths including child abuse, substance abuse, gang involvement, and foster care factors. The findings have implications for changes in how officials respond to runaway youths, both in terms of serving youths’ best interests and improving public safety.

- Metraux, Stephen, and others. *Incarceration and Homelessness*. Paper presented at the Second National Homelessness Research Symposium, March 1-2, 2007. Washington, DC: Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Housing and Urban Development. Available at: <http://www.huduser.org/publications/pdf/p9.pdf>.

This paper synthesizes the literature on the nexus between incarceration and homelessness: increasing numbers of people leaving jails and prisons face an increased risk of homelessness and persons experiencing homelessness are vulnerable to incarceration. It reviews service barriers, efforts, and effectiveness, and outlines needs for future research.

- McCarthy, Bill, and others. “In and Out of Harm’s Way: Violent Victimization and the Social Capital of Fictive Street Families.” *Criminology*, Vol. 40, No. 4, 2002, pp. 831- 864.

This paper examines the relationship homeless youth have to “street families” in regards to protection from victimization. It describes the literature on social capital and crime, youth relations and social capital, and studies of victimization; it also provides an analysis of data from a 1992 study of homeless youth in two Canadian cities.

- National Coalition for the Homeless and National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty. *A Dream Denied: The Criminalization of Homelessness in U.S. Cities*. Washington, DC: National Coalition for the Homeless and National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, January 2006. Available at: <http://www.nationalhomeless.org/publications/crimreport/report.pdf>.

This report continues a series of reports on the criminalization of homelessness; it documents “the worst offenders of 2005” as well as initiatives in some cities that represent more constructive approaches. It includes the survey results of laws and practices in 224 cities and of lawsuits in which those measure have been challenged.

- National Coalition for the Homeless and National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty. *Hate, Violence, and Death on Main Street. A Report on Hate Crimes and Violence Against People Experiencing Homelessness 2007*. Washington, DC: National Coalition for the Homeless and National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, April 2008. Available at: <http://www.nationalhomeless.org/getinvolved/projects/hatecrimes/hatecrimes2007.pdf>.

This report continues a series of reports on the rising trend of violence against homeless persons over the past decade. It documents the violent attacks during the past year (California ranks second among states), and identifies constructive approaches and initiatives at the federal, state, and local levels.

- Tyler, Kimberly A., and Katherine A. Johnson. “Trading Sex: Voluntary or Coerced? The Experiences of Homeless Youth.” *The Journal of Sex Research*, Vol. 43, No. 3, August 2006, pp. 208-216.

This study examines the circumstances surrounding a homeless youth’s “decision” to trade sex for food, money, shelter or drugs. Forty homeless youth in four Midwestern states participated in individual, in-depth qualitative interviews.

- Tyler, Kimberly A., and others. “The Effects of Early Sexual Abuse on Later Sexual Victimization among Female Homeless and Runaway Adolescents.” *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, Vol. 15, No. 3, March 2000, pp. 235-250.

This report investigates the effects of early sexual abuse on later sexual victimization among 361 female homeless and runaway adolescents in four Midwestern states. Results indicated that early sexual abuse in the home had a direct effect on sexual victimization of adolescents on the streets.

- Tyler, Kimberly A., and others. “Risk Factors for Sexual Victimization among Male and Female Homeless and Runaway Youth.” *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, Vol. 19, No. 5, May 2004, pp. 503-520.

This study interviewed young people on the streets and in shelters to determine if youth who engaged in more high-risk behaviors were at greater risk for sexual victimization by both known and unknown assailants. The authors found that both males and females experienced sexual victimization being on the street; the percentage for females was twice that of males.

- Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs. “Homeless, Runaway and Throwaway Youth: Sexual Victimization and the Consequences of Life on the Streets.” *Research and Advocacy Digest*, Vol. 7, Issue 1, October 2004. Available at: <http://www.wcsap.org/pdf/RAD%207-1.pdf>.

This issue of WCSAP’s *Research and Advocacy Digest* deals with the intersection between sexual victimization and youth homelessness, both as a cause and result. It provides an overview of research on this topic area and about violence and victimization in general.

- Whitbeck, Les B., and others. “Deviant Behavior and Victimization among Homeless and Runaway Adolescents.” *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, Vol. 16, No. 11, November 2001, pp. 1175-1204.

This study investigates the effects of deviant subsistence strategies on victimization among a high-risk population of runaway and homeless adolescents. It considers the influence of caretaker physical and/or sexual abuse on these deviant subsistence strategies, and finds that participation in specific kinds of strategies is gender related.

- Yoder, Kevin, and others. “Gang Involvement and Membership among Homeless and Runaway Youth.” *Youth & Society*, Vol. 34, No. 4, June 2003, pp. 441-467.

This study documents the extent of gang involvement and membership in a sample of over 600 homeless and runaway youth from four Midwestern states. It compares gang members, gang-involved youth, and nongang youth on several dimensions, including sociodemographic characteristics, family background, school experiences, street experiences and exposure, emotional problems, substance use, and other behaviors.

HOMELESS COUNTS

- Applied Survey Research. *2007 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count*. Los Angeles: Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, October 2007. Available at: <http://www.lahsa.org/docs/homelesscount/2007/LAHSAs.pdf>.

Executive Summary available at:

<http://www.lahsa.org/docs/homelesscount/2007/Executive%20Summary.pdf>.

Fact Sheet available at:

<http://www.lahsa.org/docs/homelesscount/2007/Los%20Angeles%20Continuum%20of%20Care.pdf>.

One of the largest homeless count operations in the United States, this report provides an in-depth review of homelessness in Los Angeles City and County. It provides information on the number and characteristics of the homeless (including homeless youth) important for driving programs, services and planning.

- Institute for the Study of Homelessness and Poverty. *Homeless Counts in Major U.S. Cities and Counties*. Los Angeles: Institute for the Study of Homelessness and Poverty, December 2005. Available at: <http://www.weingart.org/center/pdf/200512-city-county-homeless-counts.pdf>.

This document details the count of the homeless population in metropolitan areas across the country. The locales with the largest numbers of homeless residents relative to total population include Orange County, California (1.2%). This data does not identify homeless youth as a separate population; it only differentiates between chronic homeless individuals and homeless families.

- Homelessness Research Institute. *Homelessness Counts*. Research Reports on Homelessness. Washington, DC: National Alliance to End Homelessness, January 2007. Available at: <http://www.endhomelessness.org/content/general/detail/1440>.

This report lays the groundwork for measuring efforts to reduce homelessness by establishing a baseline number of homeless people from which to monitor trends in homelessness. It uses point-in-time counts to provide national, state, and community-level estimates. This data does not identify homeless youth as a separate population; it only differentiates between chronic homeless individuals and homeless families.

- San Francisco Human Services Agency and Abbott Little Consulting. *San Francisco 200 Homeless Count*. San Francisco: Human Services Agency, March 2007. Available at: http://www.sfgov.org/site/uploadedfiles/lhcb/homeless_count/SanFrancisco2007HomelessCount%20final.pdf.

This count provides information about San Francisco's homeless population for planning programs and services. Homeless youth service providers assisted in the planning and implementation of this effort.

YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN STATE POLICYMAKING

- Balas, Heather. *Engaging Youth in Policymaking Improves Policies and Youth Outcomes*. Sacramento: California Center for Civic Participation, March 2003. Available at: http://www.centerforhealthimprovement.org/pdf/TEEN_BRF2.pdf.

This brief, by the Center for Health Improvement and the California Center for Civic Participation, provides an overview of involving youth in the state policymaking process.

- Foster, Lisa K. *Preparing Youth to Participate in State Policymaking*. Sacramento, California: California Research Bureau, July 2007. Available at: <http://www.library.ca.gov/crb/07/07-009.pdf>.

This report presents information about how youth organizations currently prepare youth for their role in state policymaking. It shares the perspectives of state legislative and administrative policymakers on how youth can most effectively participate in this process, and it also describes how young people feel about both their preparation and participation.

- Foster, Lisa K, and others. *Involving Youth in Policymaking and Coordinating Youth Policy: State-Level Structures in California and Other States*. Sacramento: California Research Bureau, May 2005. Available at: <http://www.library.ca.gov/crb/05/05/05-005.pdf>.

This report examines what California is doing to increase youth participation and improve services by involving youth and encouraging collaboration between state agencies. The report also describes the actions that other states are taking to improve state-level youth participation and agency coordination.

- Martin, Shanetta, and others. *Building Effective Youth Councils: A Practical Guide to Engaging Youth in Policy Making*. Washington, DC: Forum for Youth Investment, July 2007. Available at: <http://forumforyouthinvestment.net/files/Building%20Effective%20Youth%20Final.pdf>.

The guide is designed to help states and communities create or strengthen their youth councils. It provides a general framework for thinking about youth councils, explains the principles for youth action and the importance of youth engagement. It also includes advice and lessons from across the country.

Websites

- **California Youth Crisis Line** at: <http://www.youthcrisisline.org/index.html>.

The California Youth Crisis Line is a statewide 24-hour, confidential phone line available to young people between the ages of 12-24, and concerned friends and family members. The California Coalition for Youth provides counseling and offers support, encouragement, and referrals to youth needing assistance or in crisis situations. The number is 1-800-843-5200. The website also has resources for youth and parents.

- **Institute for the Study of Homelessness and Poverty** at: <http://www.unitedwayla.org/getinformed/rr/research/basic/Pages/Housing.aspx>.

United Way acquired the research catalog of the Weingart Center Association's Institute for the Study of Homelessness and Poverty. Established in 1996, the Institute is an information, research, and policy resource on poverty, homelessness, and related issues in Los Angeles, statewide, and other areas.

- **Homelessness Resource Center** at: <http://homeless.samhsa.gov/default.aspx?theme=youth>.

The Homelessness Resource Center is a program of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Center for Mental Health Services (SAMHSA). It provides training and technical assistance materials, research and other publications, on-line learning, and networking opportunities.

- **National Alliance to End Homelessness** at: <http://www.endhomelessness.org/section/policy/focusareas/youth>.

The National Alliance to End Homelessness is a nonpartisan organization committed to preventing and ending homelessness in the United States. The Alliance analyzes policy, develops policy solutions, and works collaboratively with the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to build state and local capacity to achieve that goal. It also provides data and research for policymakers and the public: the website contains fact sheets, reports, case studies, and presentations on a variety of issues that impact homeless youth. The Alliance has a "Youth" policy focus area.

- **National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY)** at: <http://www.naehcy.org/index.html>.

The NAEHCY is a national grassroots membership association that serves as the voice for the education of children and youth in homeless situations. It connects educators, parents, advocates, researchers, and service providers to ensure school academic achievement 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 (NCHE)** at: <http://www.serve.org/nche/>.
Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, the NCHE is a national resource center of research and information enabling communities to successfully address the needs of homeless children and youth and their families.
- **National Clearinghouse on Families and Youth (NCFY)** at: <http://www.ncfy.com/yd/rhy.htm>.
The NCFY links the public to information (such as fact sheets and reports) about the government programs that serve runaway and homeless youth. It collects and abstracts publications that examine the plight of these young people.
- **National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty (NLCHP)** at: <http://www.nlchp.org/>.
The NLCHP serves as the legal arm of the nationwide movement to end homelessness. To achieve its mission, the organization pursues impact litigation, policy advocacy, and public education. The Center has a “Children and Youth” program.
- **National Network for Youth (NN4Y)** at: www.nn4youth.org.
The NN4Y champions the needs of runaway, homeless, and other disconnected youth through advocacy and services. The Network has initiated a long-term campaign – *A Place to Call Home: Permanency Plan for Unaccompanied Youth* – to prevent and end runaway and homeless situations among youth.
- **National Runaway Switchboard** at: <http://www.1800runaway.org/>.
The National Runaway Switchboard is a 24-hour crisis line with experienced front-line staff ready to keep runaway and at-risk youth safe and off the streets. The number is 1-800-RUNAWAY. The website also has resources for youth, parents, and educators.
- **Roaddawgz.org** at: <http://home.roaddawgz.org/stories/>.
Roaddawgz.org is the voice of homeless youth. This website connects homeless youth with each other and provides them with a space to develop communication skills and see themselves as part of an empowered community. Their often ignored and misunderstood voices are brought into the public forum through writing, art and multi-media expression.

Public Policy Seminars: Agendas and Speakers

The five public policy seminars and the legislative roundtable (policy briefing), presented as part of the California Homeless Youth Project, were made possible by the generous support of the California Wellness Foundation. Copies of the agendas and contact information for seminar speakers are provided in this section.

- [Seminar 1](#) – Becoming Homeless: An Overview of Homeless Youth in California
- [Seminar 2](#) – Hopes for the Future: Education for Homeless Youth in California
- [Seminar 3](#) – Starting with the Basics: Housing and Supports for Homeless Youth in California
- [Seminar 4](#) – Criminalization and Victimization: Law Enforcement and Safety Challenges Facing Youth on the Streets
- [Seminar 5](#) – Relationship and Attachment: Reframing Mental Health Issues for Homeless Youth
- [Policy Briefing](#) – Voices from the Street: A Survey of Homeless Youth by Their Peers

BECOMING HOMELESS: *AN OVERVIEW OF HOMELESS YOUTH IN CALIFORNIA*

**A Policy Seminar
*convened by***

Assemblymember Dave Jones

***and sponsored by the
California Research Bureau and the
California Council on Youth Relations***

**Wednesday, October 3, 2007 ~ 11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.
Library & Courts Building I ~ 914 Capitol Mall ~ Room 500
Sacramento, California**

AGENDA

- 11:30 – 11:40 AM WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS –
Assemblymember Jones
- 11:40 – 11:50 AM WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT HOMELESS YOUTH IN
CALIFORNIA AND THE U.S.? – *Susan Rabinovitz*
- 11:50 – 12:30 PM TRAJECTORIES INTO HOMELESSNESS: KEY FINDINGS FROM
THE CALIFORNIA HOMELESS YOUTH RESEARCH PROJECT –
Nell Bernstein, Alicia Lopez, and Allen Bow
- 12:30 – 12:45 PM MY FRIEND’S PLACE: CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS AND
IMPLICATIONS FOR SUPPORTING HOMELESS YOUTH –
Heather Carmichael and Ashlee Preston
- 12:45 – 1:20 PM PROMISING APPROACHES IN POLICY AND PROGRAM: AN
OPEN DISCUSSION OF KEY ISSUES AND OPTIONS – *Speakers
and Audience, facilitated by Assemblymember Jones*
- 1:20 – 1:30 PM NEXT STEPS AND CLOSING REMARKS – *Assemblymember Jones*

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PANEL PARTICIPANTS

<p>Assemblymember Dave Jones - <i>Mr. Jones represents the 9th District in the California State Assembly. Of his many accomplishments, two of which he is most proud are his years spent as a Legal Aid Attorney with Legal Services of Northern California, and his time as a White House Fellow and working with United States Attorney General Janet Reno, first as Special Assistant and then Counsel.</i></p>	<p>State Capitol, Room 3126 P.O. Box 942849 Sacramento, CA 94249-0009 (916) 319-2009</p> <p>District Office: 915 L Street, Suite 110 Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 324-4676</p>
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<p>Ms. Nell Bernstein - <i>Ms. Bernstein is an independent journalist and author of numerous publications, including her recent book entitled “All Alone in the World: Children of the Incarcerated;” she is a contributing editor of YO! (Youth Outlook), a monthly magazine by and about young people.</i></p>	<p>1107 Ordway Albany, CA 94706 (510) 543-6258 nebernstein@earthlink.net</p>
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**HOPES FOR THE FUTURE:
*EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS YOUTH IN
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**Tuesday, October 23, 2007 ~ 11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.
Library & Courts Building I ~ 914 Capitol Mall ~ Room 500
Sacramento, California**

AGENDA

- 11:30 – 11:40 AM WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS – *Ginny Puddefoot*
- 11:40 – 12:05 PM SCHOOLS AND THE STREET: KEY FINDINGS FROM THE CALIFORNIA HOMELESS YOUTH RESEARCH PROJECT – *Nell Bernstein, Alex Gutierrez and Alberto*
- 12:05– 12:20 PM REAL-LIFE STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS FOR HOMELESS YOUTH – *Patricia Julianelle*
- 12:20 – 12:35 PM OVERCOMING THE CHALLENGES HOMELESS YOUTH FACE: LESSONS FROM LOS ANGELES – *Bill Tierney*
- 12:35 12:55 PM WIND: ONE MODEL FOR SUPPORTING THE EDUCATION OF HOMELESS YOUTH – *Bob Ekstrom, Tasha Norris, and Sharday Preyer*
- 12:55– 1:25 PM PROMISING APPROACHES IN POLICY AND PROGRAM: AN OPEN DISCUSSION OF KEY ISSUES AND OPTIONS – *Speakers and Audience, facilitated by Nell Bernstein*
- 1:25 – 1:30 PM NEXT STEPS AND CLOSING REMARKS – *Ginny Puddefoot*

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**STARTING WITH THE BASICS:
HOUSING AND SUPPORTS
FOR HOMELESS YOUTH IN CALIFORNIA**

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Sacramento, California**

AGENDA

- 11:30 – 11:40 AM WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS – *Senator Lowenthal*
- 11:40– 12:00 PM GETTING AND STAYING OFF THE STREET: KEY FINDINGS FROM THE CALIFORNIA HOMELESS YOUTH RESEARCH PROJECT – *Nell Bernstein and Arlene Rodriguez*
- 12:00 – 12:15 PM CREATING HOUSING FOR HOMELESS YOUTH: PROGRAMS AND FUNDING IN CALIFORNIA – *Bill Pavão*
- 12:15 – 12:35 PM TWO MODELS FOR PROVIDING HOUSING FOR HOMELESS YOUTH: FIRST PLACE AND LARKIN STREET – *Sam Cobbs, Sherilyn Adams, and Youth TBD*
- 12:35 – 12:55 PM AMBASSADORS OF HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY: THE MARIN COUNTY MODEL FOR PROVIDING SUPPORTS – *DVD and Vince Chen*
- 12:55 – 1:25 PM PROMISING APPROACHES IN POLICY AND PROGRAM: AN OPEN DISCUSSION OF KEY ISSUES AND OPTIONS – *Speakers and Audience, facilitated by Senator Lowenthal*
- 1:25 – 1:30 PM CLOSING REMARKS – *Senator Lowenthal*

NOTE: There will be a short break, followed by an opportunity for further discussion with the speakers and additional resource people from 1:45 – 3:00 PM.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PANEL PARTICIPANTS

<p>Senator Alan Lowenthal - <i>Mr. Lowenthal was elected to the California State Senate in 2004, following six years in the California State Assembly. He currently serves as chair of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee, and while in the Assembly, he served for six years as chair of the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee. A professor of community psychology, Mr. Lowenthal is on leave from California State University, Long Beach, where he has taught since 1969.</i></p>	<p>State Capitol, Room 2032 Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 319-2009</p> <p>District Office (Paramount): 16401 Paramount Blvd Paramount, CA 90723 (562) 529-6662</p> <p>District Office (Long Beach): 115 Pine Ave, Suite 430 Long Beach, CA 90802 (562) 495-4766</p>
<p>Ms. Nell Bernstein - <i>Ms. Bernstein is an independent journalist and author of numerous publications, including her recent book entitled "All Alone in the World: Children of the Incarcerated," she is a contributing editor of YO! (Youth Outlook), a monthly magazine by and about young people.</i></p>	<p>1107 Ordway Albany, CA 94706 (510) 543-6258 nebernstein@earthlink.net</p>
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<p>Mr. Bill Pavão - <i>Mr. Pavão has served as the Executive Director of the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC) since August 2005. Prior to his tenure at TCAC, Mr. Pavão served as Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance in the state Department of Housing and Community Development, where he directed loans and grants of over \$2.5 billion for housing and community development.</i></p>	<p>California Tax Credit Allocation Committee State Treasurer's Office 915 Capitol Mall, Room 110 P.O. Box 942809 Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 654-6340 wpavao@treasurer.ca.gov</p>
<p>Mr. Sam Cobbs - <i>Mr. Cobbs is the Executive Director of First Place for Youth, a Bay-Area-based organization founded in 1998 to remedy the lack of services available to youth who are making the difficult transition from foster care to independent living.</i></p>	<p>First Place for Youth 1744 Broadway, Suite 304 Oakland, CA 94612 (510) 272-0979 scobbs@firstplaceforyouth.org</p>

<p>Ms. Sherilyn Adams, LCSW - <i>Ms. Adams is the Executive Director of Larkin Street, where she has also served as Chief of Programs and overseen the residential programs and HIV/AIDS-related services. Ms. Adams is a licensed social worker with more than twenty years of experience developing and managing programs addressing child abuse and family violence issues, substance abuse, mental health and HIV/AIDS.</i></p>	<p>Larkin Street Youth Services 1138 Sutter St. San Francisco, CA 94109 (415) 673-0911 sadams@larkinstreetyouth.org</p>
<p>Mr. Vince Chew - <i>Mr. Chew is a Youth Ambassador and the Youth Outreach Advisor for Ambassadors of Hope and Opportunity (AHO) in Marin County. He graduated from Novato High School in 2007 and is now attending the College of Marin.</i></p>	<p>c/o Ambassadors of Hope and Opportunity P.O. Box 2278 Mill Valley, CA 94942 (415) 381-7173 zarab@ahoproject.org</p>

**CRIMINALIZATION AND VICTIMIZATION:
LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SAFETY CHALLENGES
FACING YOUTH ON THE STREET**

**A Policy Seminar
sponsored by the
California Research Bureau and the
California Council on Youth Relations**

**Friday, April 11, 2008 ~ 11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.
Library & Courts Building I ~ 914 Capitol Mall ~ Room 500
Sacramento, California**

AGENDA

- 11:30 – 11:40 AM WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS – Ginny Puddefoot
- 11:40 – 12:00 PM. OUTLAWED ON THE STREET: KEY FINDINGS FROM THE CALIFORNIA HOMELESS YOUTH RESEARCH PROJECT – Nell Bernstein, *independent journalist and researcher*; and Zoey, *former foster care youth*
- 12:00– 12:20 PM MEAN STREETS: YOUTH CRIME AND HOMELESSNESS – Bill McCarthy, *sociology professor at UC Davis*
- 12:20 – 12:40 PM OFFERING ASSISTANCE TO YOUTH ON THE STREET: A FRESNO PERSPECTIVE– Carissa Phelps, *graduate of UCLA law and business schools and formerly homeless*; and Joyce Vasquez, *lieutenant with the Fresno Police Department*
- 12:40 – 1:00 PM DECRIMINALIZING LIFE ON THE STREETS: THE HOMELESS COURTS – Paul Freese, *attorney with Public Counsel in Los Angeles*
- 1:00 – 1:30 PM OPEN DISCUSSION OF KEY ISSUES AND OPTIONS – *Speakers and Audience, facilitated by Ginny Puddefoot*

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PANEL PARTICIPANTS

<p>Ms. Ginny Puddefoot, MPH, MPP - <i>Ms. Puddefoot is the California Homeless Youth Project Director. In addition to her policy research and writing activities, she develops and convenes seminars for high-level state policy staff and other individuals interested in discussing current research and its policy implications in a non-partisan environment.</i></p>	<p>Senior Policy Consultant California Research Bureau California State Library (916) 653-7653 gpuddefoot@library.ca.gov</p>
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<p>Dr. Bill McCarthy, PhD - <i>A sociology professor at UC Davis, Dr. McCarthy has conducted several studies of homeless youth and is the author (with John Hagan) of “Mean Streets: Youth Crime and Homelessness,” an award-winning study of the lives of more than 400 homeless youth. Among other things, his research emphasizes how interactions with law enforcement and other homeless youth contribute to street crime.</i></p>	<p>Department of Sociology Social Sciences and Humanities Bldg, Room 2257 University of California, Davis One Shields Avenue Davis, CA 95616 (530) 752-1563 bdmccarthy@ucdavis.edu</p>
<p>Ms. Carissa Phelps - <i>Ms. Phelps was abandoned in the lobby of the juvenile hall in Fresno at age twelve and ended up on the streets, homeless and alone. Now she is a graduate of both law school and business school at UCLA and has started a non-profit foundation for community economic development in Fresno. A documentary of her life, “Carissa”, has recently been produced and is being screened at many film festivals.</i></p>	<p>5826 Road 22 Madera, CA 93637 (310) 770-2497 Carissa@carissaproject.com</p> <p>Website: http://www.carissaproject.com/?page=home</p>

<p>Lieutenant Joyce Vasquez – <i>Lt. Vasquez has been employed with the Fresno Police Department for almost 28 years. She has held positions in a variety of units, including Patrol and Investigations, and was a Supervisor of the Missing Persons Unit. Currently assigned as a Patrol Field Commander on the midnight watch, Lt. Vasquez has worked for many years to break the cycle of repeat runaway juveniles.</i></p>	<p>Fresno Police Department 2323 Mariposa Mall Fresno, CA 93727 (559) 621-2000 Joycev59@yahoo.com</p>
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**RELATIONSHIPS AND ATTACHMENT:
REFRAMING MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES
FOR HOMELESS YOUTH**

A Policy Seminar

sponsored by the
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Tuesday, May 13, 2008 ~ 11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.
Stanley Mosk Library & Courts Building ~ 914 Capitol Mall ~ Room 500
Sacramento, California

AGENDA

- 11:30 – 11:40 AM WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS – Ginny Puddefoot
- 11:40– 12:05 PM. MENTAL HEALTH AND RELATIONSHIPS: KEY FINDINGS FROM THE CALIFORNIA HOMELESS YOUTH RESEARCH PROJECT – Nell Bernstein, *independent journalist and researcher;* and Stanley Joseph, *Assistant Manager,, Diamond Drop-In Center*
- 12:05 – 12:25 PM MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT: FINDINGS FROM LARKIN STREET – Toby Eastman, *Chief of Programs, Larkin Street Youth Services*
- 12:25 – 12:45 PM TRANSFORMING SERVICES FOR HOMELESS YOUTH FROM A TRAUMA PERSPECTIVE – Arlene Schneir, *Director of Planning and Development, Division of Adolescent Medicine, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles*
- 12:45 – 1:05 PM REPAIRING DISRUPTED RELATIONSHIPS: ATTACHMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH IN HOMELESS YOUTH – Toni Vaughn Heineman, *Executive Director of A Home Within*
- 1:05 – 1:30 PM OPEN DISCUSSION OF KEY ISSUES AND OPTIONS – *Speakers and Audience, facilitated by* Ginny Puddefoot

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**VOICES FROM THE STREET:
A SURVEY OF HOMELESS YOUTH
BY THEIR PEERS**

A Policy Briefing

sponsored by the
**California Research Bureau and the
California Council on Youth Relations**

Wednesday, March 5, 2008 ~ 12:00 Noon to 2:00 P.M.

Stanley Mosk Library & Courts Building ~ 914 Capitol Mall ~ Room 500
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SQOLL – *Sqoll was born in Compton, CA and grew up all over Los Angeles in many different kinds of group homes in the foster care system. At the age of 17, he hit the streets and became chronically homeless. He is still homeless and pursues his dream of getting his music known. His beat library consists of over 5,000 tracks and most of those tracks are hip-hop, industrial, trip hop, and drum and bass. With only a laptop, a backpack, and the set of clothes on his back, he plans on taking over the emotions of the world. He keeps his head up and doesn’t brag about his exceptional skills. Ok, just a little. But he is the future of music, and if not, he will inspire the change.*

MS. ERIN CASEY – Ms. Casey has worked as a Clinical Case Worker at My Friend's Place (MFP) in Hollywood, CA for 4 years. The mission of MFP is to "assist and inspire homeless youth to build self-sufficient lives." For 20 years, MFP has provided free emergency, therapeutic, and educational services to youth ages 12-24 and their children in a drop-in setting 7 days a week. Last year, MFP saw 1,600 youth access services more than 28,500 times.

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