

RESOURCES TO IMPLEMENT THE PRINCIPLES FOR CHANGE

ADDRESSING THE INTERSECTIONS OF
YOUTH LEGAL SYSTEM
INVOLVEMENT AND HOMELESSNESS



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COLLABORATING FOR CHANGE

'Collaborating for Change' is a project of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice and its partners the National Network for Youth (NN4Y) and National League of Cities' (NLC) Institute for Youth, Education, and Families. This initiative brings together stakeholders from across multiple sectors to ensure that a youth's involvement with the legal system does not increase the likelihood that they will experience homelessness, and that communities support rather than criminalize youth who experience homelessness.

INTRODUCTION

This document is intended as an online companion to the Principles for Change and is meant to provide access to literature, websites, and resources. Throughout this document, the goal is to ensure efforts prioritize LGBTQ+ youth, gender non-conforming (GNC) youth, youth of color, youth with disabilities and other over-represented populations to address and reduce the disproportionalities that exist among youth experiencing homelessness and the legal system. The breakdown of this document is designed in sections solely as a means of providing easy access to information. This is in no way meant to suggest the issues and demographics brought up are to be viewed as separate populations. Each section intertwines with another, as special populations and social issues are heavily interconnected. It is important to collectively review resources from all listed sections and ask ourselves how can we, as youth advocates, approach this work intersectionally.



CJJ & PARTNER RESOURCES:

- Principles for Change: Addressing the Intersections of Youth Legal System Involvement and Homelessness, found [here](#).
- The Coalition for Juvenile Justice's "National Standards for the Care of Youth Charged with Status Offenses," found [here](#).
- The Standards' companion training curriculum includes guidance on training professionals on this issue, as well a resource list, which highlights many relevant publications on these issues including:
 - "Racial Disparities in Youth Commitments and Arrests," found [here](#).
 - "Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Juvenile Justice System: Promising Practices," found [here](#).
 - "Understanding Racial and Ethnic Disparity in Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice," found [here](#).
- Gender-Responsive Services, found [here](#).
- "Addressing the Intersections of Juvenile Justice Involvement and Youth Homelessness: Working With Girls," found [here](#).

ORGS OR PROGRAMS WORKING W/ YOUTH:

- Youth Reception Center at Covenant House Alaska, found [here](#).
- Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth's "Ending Youth Homelessness in Southern Nevada," found [here](#).
- "What is Safe Place?" Found [here](#).
- Covenant House: "Helping Homeless Children & Youth," found [here](#).
- StandUp For Kids, found [here](#).
- True Colors United, found [here](#).
- Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice (CURYJ), found [here](#).
- No Kids in Prison, found [here](#).
- Young Invincibles - Elevating the voices of Young Americans on top issues, such as healthcare, jobs, and higher education. (Focuses on health care, civic engagement, higher education, workforce and finances--all from youth perspectives and all issues faced by the youth homelessness population, as well as youth transition out of the legal system). Found [here](#).

YOUTH DISABILITY DATA + TOOLS:

- "Resources for Transition Age Youth with Disabilities," found [here](#).
- "Reflecting on My Experiences as a Homeless Youth with Disabilities," found [here](#).
- "Getting Lost in the Gaps: Youth at the Intersection of Disability and Homelessness," found [here](#).
- National Disability Rights Network's "Orphanages, Training Schools, Reform Schools and Now This? Recommendations to Prevent the Disproportionate Placement and Inadequate Treatment of Children with Disabilities in the Juvenile Justice System," found [here](#).

RACIAL DISPARITIES:

- National Juvenile Justice Network's "The Promise of Racial Impact Statements," found [here](#).
- The Center for Children's Law and Policy and the Burns Institute offer resources, training, and technical assistance to help jurisdictions reduce racial and ethnic disparities in their juvenile justice systems. Learn more at cclp.org and burnsinstitute.org.
- "Adoration of the Question: Reflections on the Failure to Reduce Racial & Ethnic Disparities," by Models for Change: Systems Reform in Juvenile Justice, found [here](#).
- "Forgotten Youth: Homeless LGBT Youth of Color and the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act," found [here](#). *[Also found under 'LGBTQ Youth']*
- **Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander specific resources:**
 - Hawaii Youth Services Network, found [here](#).
 - Pacific Youth & Community Development, found [here](#).
 - Empowering Pacific Islander Communities (EPIC), found [here](#).
 - "Moving Beyond Exclusion: Focusing on the Needs of Asian/Pacific Islander Youth in San Francisco" - Report that includes data and research on Asian and Pacific Islander youth in the legal system and how to address the issue. Found [here](#).
 - Formerly Incarcerated Group Healing Together (F.I.G.H.T.) - Organization that assists, advises, and counsels those of Asian Pacific Islander descent who are currently incarcerated or have been released. Found [here](#).
- **Asian American specific resources:**
 - Asian Americans Advancing Justice | Community Education Resources: Criminal Justice Reform, found [here](#).

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- "Moving Beyond Exclusion: Focusing on the Needs of Asian/Pacific Islander Youth in San Francisco" - Report that includes data/research on Asian and Pacific Islander youth in the legal system and how to address the issue). Found [here](#).
- F.I.G.H.T. is also active in the advocacy of preventing deportation among people of diverse ethnicity. Resources: Services and Programs (education, housing, job skills, immigration), found [here](#). [Also found under 'Immigrant Youth + Children of Immigrants']
- National Juvenile Justice Network, Anti-Racism Resource: "Ways Youth Justice Advocates Can Address Anti-Asian Hate," found [here](#).
- **Native American specific resources:**
 - Youth.gov, found [here](#).
 - National Congress of American Indians, Tribal Juvenile Justice, found [here](#).
 - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Tribal Youth Programs and Services, found [here](#).
 - Tribal Youth Resource Center, found [here](#).
 - National Juvenile Defender Center, Tribal/Native American Youth, found [here](#).
 - Association on American Indian Affairs, "Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative: Examining How JDAI Sites Interact with Native Youth and Tribes," found [here](#).
- **Pro-Black Lens/Addressing Anti-Blackness:**
 - Liberation House, found [here](#).

IMMIGRANT YOUTH + CHILDREN OF IMMIGRANTS:

- "Homelessness Among Immigrant Youth: Transitions Between Inclusion and Exclusion," found [here](#).
- "Children of Undocumented Immigrants: An Invisible Minority among Homeless Students" (book), found [here](#).
- The National Center for Homeless Education resource page, found [here](#).
- F.I.G.H.T., found [here](#).
- Homeless Youth Handbook resource page, found [here](#).

GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN:

- Arizona Legal Women and Youth Services (ALWAYS), found [here](#).
- Girls Study Group, "Resilient Girls--Factors That Protect Against Delinquency," found [here](#).
- "The Sexual Abuse to Prison Pipeline: The Girls' Story," found [here](#).

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- OJJDP FY 2021 "Reducing Risk for Girls in the Juvenile Justice System," found [here](#).
- "Remapping Pipelines and Pathways: Listening to Queer and Transgender Youth of Color's Trajectories Through Girls' Juvenile Justice Facilities," found [here](#). *[Also found under 'GNC, Trans Youth' section, but overlaps with race and LGBT youth as well.]*
- See 'CJJ Resources' section for more on resources geared towards young women in the justice system and homelessness population.

LGBTQ+ YOUTH:

- "At the Intersections: A Collaborative Report on LGBTQ Youth Homelessness," published by True Colors Fund and the National LGBTQ Task Force, includes useful content relevant to these Principles, including chapters on **intersectionality, race, and the youth legal system**. Found [here](#).
- The Family Acceptance Project provides free "confidential family support services to help ethnically diverse families decrease rejection and increase support for their LGBT children, including those who are questioning their sexual orientation or gender identity." These services are offered to families in the San Francisco Bay Area, but the project's website also provides nationally applicable research and other information about helping culturally and religiously diverse families support their LGBT youth's wellbeing. Found [here](#).
- Ali Forney Center Emergency Housing Programs (NYC), found [here](#).
- "Forgotten Youth: Homeless LGBT Youth of Color and the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act," found [here](#).
- "LGBTQ Youth are at Greater Risk of Homelessness and Incarceration," Prison Policy statistics on LGBTQIA+ youth, found [here](#).
- North County LGBTQ Resource Center provides a trauma-informed toolkit alongside additional resources, found [here](#).

GNC & TRANSGENDER YOUTH:

- "Equal Access for Transgender People: Supporting Inclusive Housing and Shelters," found [here](#).
- "Supporting Homeless Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Youth," found [here](#).
- "Remapping Pipelines and Pathways: Listening to Queer and Transgender Youth of Color's Trajectories Through Girls' Juvenile Justice Facilities," found [here](#).

LEGAL RESOURCES:

- ACLU of Northern CA, "Know Your Rights: Youth Homelessness," found [here](#).
- National Center for Transgender Equality, "Know Your Rights: Housing and Homeless Shelters," found [here](#).
- American Bar Association, "Homeless Youth Legal Network," found [here](#).

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE:

- "Designing a Clinic Model for a Restorative Community Justice Partnership," found [here](#).
- Community Justice for Youth, found [here](#).
- Juvenile Justice Initiative, Restorative Justice, found [here](#).

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

- Runaway & Homeless Youth and Relationship Violence Toolkit, found [here](#).
- National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, found [here](#).
- National Center for Homeless Education, Domestic Violence, found [here](#).

COMPREHENSIVE RESOURCES:

- National Network for Youth, "New USDA Resources for Youth Shelters Feeding Youth and Families Experiencing Homelessness," found [here](#).
- National Network for Youth, "Runaway and Homeless Youth and Trafficking Prevention Act," found [here](#).
- The National Conference of State Legislatures manages a Housing and Homelessness Legislation Database for all 50 states from the 2019 legislative session to the current legislative session. There are vast youth homelessness subtopics to aid in your research. The database can be found [here](#).
- "Special Populations of Homeless Americans" (book), found [here](#).
- Safe Horizon National Youth Homelessness Statistics (data from 2015 - 2017), found [here](#).
- National Network for Youth, Federal Policy on Youth Homelessness, found [here](#).
- National Conference of State Legislatures, "Youth Homelessness Overview," found [here](#).
- "Back on Track: Supporting Youth Reentry from Out-of-Home Placement to the Community," found [here](#).

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