

#HHChat December 2nd, 2014

We discussed pathways into homelessness for youth with Stephen Gaetz, Sabina Mirza, Jesse Donaldson & Isaac Coplan, authors of the Leaving Home: Youth Homelessness in York Region report.

Factors that drive youth to become homeless are not just present in big cities, but everywhere. The Leaving Home report specifically looked at youth homelessness in York Region and found that although there are many services that help youth in such a situation, too many are unable to get the supports that they need and turn to resources that are out of their community. The report presents findings from the intensive research project that took place over the summer of 2013.

You can download the full report and the executive summary at: homelesshub.ca/leavinghome

Leaving Home: Youth Homelessness in York Region

Leaving Home: Youth Homelessness in York Region In York Region, there is a growing awareness of the problem of youth homelessness. In the past many people saw it as a 'big city' problem, more likely to occur in places like downtown Toronto or Vancouver.

 HOMELESSHUB

We invited authors of this report to help us answer questions on young people's pathways to homelessness:



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Our guest @SteveGaetz is the Director of the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness /@homelesshub and the President of @RaisingTheRoof.

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Stephen Gaetz
@SteveGaetz

I'm @SteveGaetz York U professor and director of the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness. #HHchat

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Homeless Hub
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We also have @Donaldsonjesse who is currently the Senior Research Associate at @ImpaktCorp. #HHChat

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Jesse Donaldson
@Donaldsonjesse

Excited to begin the #HHChat on pathways into youth homelessness! The chat follows the release of this report:
homelesshub.ca/leavinghome

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As well as @SabeansM PhD student at the Faculty of Education @yorkuniversity. #HHChat

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Sabina Mirza
@SabeansM

PhD student in the Faculty of Ed @yorkuniversity! My research interests are youth homelessness in relation to education #HHChat

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And @IsaacCoplan, Instructor @RyersonU and researcher with @DTToronto. #HHChat

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Isaac
@IsaacCoplan

Hi, I'm Isaac Coplan - Happy to be joining today- live from the homeless hub. #hhchat

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@homelesshub

.@Donaldsonjesse, @SabeansM, @IsaacCoplan & others worked under the guidance of @SteveGaetz to put together the York Region report. #HHChat

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We were also joined by some returning and new participants for this chat:



Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

Hi I'm Tanya Gulliver-Garcia, Research Coordinator @homelesshub #HHChat - looking fwd to the discussion

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Five/Fourteen
@FiveFourteen_

#HHChat looking forward to today's chat!

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C Vandenberghe
@c_vandenberghe

Glad to join @homelesshub chat today on young people's pathways to homelessness #HHChat! I'm a Research Scientist from @ACCFRCR in #yyc

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Terrilee Kelford
@TerrileeKelford

Terrilee Kelford ED for Kelford Youth Services & CoChair Cornerstone Landing looking forward to the discussion on youth homelessness
[#HHChat](#)

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Krista Jensen
@atomickitty

Hi, Krista here from the Knowledge Mobilization Unit at YorkU [#hhchat](#)

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SYPC
@SYPCHamOnt

Hey there! It's Erika from Hamilton, Project Coordinator with the [@SYPCHamOnt](#) [#HHChat](#)

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ATEH Ottawa
@ATEH_OTT

We're following today's [@homelesshub](#) [#HHChat](#) on youth pathways into homelessness -- now underway! More info: bit.ly/1rdNI8z

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Shannon Sullivan CYW
@miss_sully20

Hi I'm a support worker at NightLight Youth Services in Niagara Falls
[#HHchat](#)

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Bianca Wylie
@biancawylie

I'm Bianca Wylie - working on affordable housing and shelter civic tech/open data projects [#HHchat](#)

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Our Place Peel
@OurPlacePeel

[@homelesshub](#) Dani Mills, Shelter Manager at [@OurPlacePeel](#) [#HHChat](#)

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morgenpeers
@glasgoh

i'm Morgen Peers, "suburbanist" working on low cost compact dwelling design & construction, based in Scarborough, working in Can/USA/UK [#hhchat](#)

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Jennifer Dawn Adams
@kootenaygirljen

[#HHChat](#) Hello - Jennifer, kootenaygirls and kootenaygirljen. I'm an entrepreneur, innovator and planner. There are solutions.

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Question 1:



Homeless Hub
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Q1. Factors that drive youth to become homeless exist in every community. What are some of them? [#HHChat](#)

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Isaac
@IsaacCoplan

A1 service barriers = huge issue This wasn't from a lack of understanding from providers, it was because of a lack of resources.
[#hhchat](#)

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Maggie Reid
@maggiemreid

A1: mental health issues, lack of affordable housing, a precarious labour market [#HHchat](#)

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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

A1: for me, I left home because of abuse and a need for a safe envt
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Jesse Donaldson
@Donaldsonjesse

[@homelesshub](#) It varies widely but in our report 92% of youth reported that conflict with parents or caregivers was a factor [#HHChat](#)

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Jesse Donaldson
@Donaldsonjesse

[@homelesshub](#) We can't forget housing. A lack of affordable housing can be a major barrier for youth [#HHChat](#)

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Karen Woods
@woolseynarrows

[#HHChat](#) Rural Hi, Karen here--- Influencing factor in rural communities- existing culture and beliefs limit opportunities for youth.

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Jesse Donaldson
@Donaldsonjesse

[@woolseynarrows](#) Agreed Karen - rural context can present different pathways/barriers [#HHChat](#)

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Terrilee Kelford
@TerrileeKelford

A1 Stereotyping youth. Even if they find an affordable apartment, landlords won't rent to them. [#HHChat](#)

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Jesse Donaldson
@Donaldsonjesse

[@TerrileeKelford](#) A1: We heard a lot of that. Discrimination related to age, benefits, couples living together. [#HHChat](#)

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Shannon Sullivan CYW
@miss_sully20

A1 there are a lot of stereotypes towards teens, some of my clients end up staying at motels in the falls [#HHchat](#)

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Stephen Gaetz
@SteveGaetz

Young people become homeless because of: 1) family & interpersonal conflict; 2) Structural factors, 3) institutional failures [#HHChat](#)

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Sabina Mirza
@SabeansM

Im with [@SteveGaetz](#) Young ppl become homeless b/c: 1) family conflict; 2) Structural factors, 3) institutional failures (big issue) [#HHChat](#)

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Stephen Gaetz
@SteveGaetz

1) Family & interpersonal conflict is key to understanding youth homelessness. Mental health and addictions can also play a role. [#hubchat](#).

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Stephen Gaetz
@SteveGaetz

A1: 2) BUT structural factors also lead to youth homelessness. Lack of income, affordable housing & opportunities. [#hubchat](#).

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Stephen Gaetz
@SteveGaetz

A1: 3) Structural factors such as racism and homophobia also contribute to youth homelessness. [#hubchat](#).

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Stephen Gaetz
@SteveGaetz

A1: 3) Institutional failings lead to youth homelessness. Lack of transitional supports when leaving juvenile detention or prison [#hubchat](#).

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Stephen Gaetz
@SteveGaetz

A1: 3) The BIG institutional failure that contributes to youth homelessness is we need to bring child protection laws up to date [#HHChat](#)

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Karen Woods
@woolseynarrows

[#HHCHAT](#) Lack of Systems thinking. Youth as investment rather than a problem to be solved.

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Stephen Gaetz
@SteveGaetz

A1: 3) Failed transitions from child protection - need to stop the flow of young people into homelessness [#HHChat](#)

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Karen Woods
@woolseynarrows

[#hhChat](#) Yes [@SteveGaetz](#) proper transitional supports and discharge planning from care and justice services. STIGMA

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Stephen Gaetz
@SteveGaetz

A1: Young people who are housed can't afford to move out. How can we expect homeless youth to find it, afford it? #HHChat

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Stephen Gaetz
@SteveGaetz

A1: Rural youth who become homeless often don't have reasonable housing options or access to necessary supports #HHChat

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Karen Woods
@woolseynarrows

A1:@StephenGaetz Youth mobility is part of rural culture.Raising our children to leave. #hhchat

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Stephen Gaetz
@SteveGaetz

A1: @woolseynarrows - Agreed youth mobility is part of rural culture, but it must happen in a safe and planned way. #HHChat

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Ayesha Noorani
@AyeshaNoorani

#HHchat A1: imo -youth #homelessness caused by discrimination & at times no family support 4 #mentalhealth, #sexualidentity & #disability

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Ayesha Noorani
@AyeshaNoorani

#HHChat - A1: as a side, these factors also not addressed or recognized b/c youth #homelessness is at many times "hidden"

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Jason Hartwick
@hatsnboots1978

A1:Problems at home.Problems in school.Overall,mostly an adult (or adults) that just doesn't care,or doesn't show it. #HHChat

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Question 2:



Homeless Hub
@homelesshub

Q2. Many youth who experience homelessness couch surf and are otherwise hidden. How do we ensure they are safe and access services?
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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

A2 - mainstream providers need to ask questions to ALL youth about hsg & make it safe for youth to share issues/needs #HHChat

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Terrilee Kelford
@TerrileeKelford

A2 We need outreach community based resources. Go find the kids where they are on their terms and territory. #HHChat

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Shannon Sullivan CYW

@miss_sully20

Q2 I think getting out in the community and talking to youth, they may not realize what resources are available [#HHchat](#)

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Jesse Donaldson

@Donaldsonjesse

Q2 Many youth don't know what services are available in their community. "Homeless" services aren't the first choice for many youth [#HHChat](#)

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Tanya GulliverGarcia

@TanyaMGulliver

A2 And youth may not self-identify as [#homeless](#) right [@Donaldsonjesse](#) [#HHchat](#)

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Jesse Donaldson

@Donaldsonjesse

[@TanyaMGulliver](#) Absolutely. It's can be loaded term. [#HHChat](#)

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Stephen Gaetz

@SteveGaetz

A2: If you were young and homeless, couch surfing, how would you even know who to ask or what to ask for? We need to help. [#HHChat](#)

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Isaac
@IsaacCoplan

A2: Youth are resilient, this shouldn't be ignored -more integration of services- responsive to the variety of needs [#hhchat](#)

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Stephen Gaetz
@SteveGaetz

A2: To help young couch surfers, we need to bring the services and supports to where they are - schools and comm centres. [#HHChat](#)

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SYPC
@SYPCHamOnt

[@homelesshub](#) Many youth share that they lacked info about resources & supports. We need more outreach and awareness about supports! [#HHChat](#)

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Isaac
@IsaacCoplan

A2: I hate to use the 'medical metaphor' - but it's too easy to try and treat a blanket 'diagnosis' instead of symptoms. [#hhchat](#)

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Sabina Mirza
@SabeansM

A2: Bringing accessible services to schools and comm centres is key. [#HHChat](#)

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Maggie Reid
@maggiemreid

A2: We should also address stigmas surrounding homelessness. Could be a factor preventing youth from seeking out services they need.
[#hhchat](#)

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Sabina Mirza
@SabeansM

A2: Stigma around homelessness is a huge factor, I agree
[@maggiemreid](#) [#HHChat](#)

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Karen Woods
@woolseynarrows

A2: Revise directive 3.5 Ontario Works Directive especially for Rural youth. Special circumstances assessed by family friend. [#hhchat](#)

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Jason Hartwick
@hatsnboots1978

A2. Best that can be done is offer the services/spread awareness in places like schools. Peers are the best resource with youth. [#HHChat](#)

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Question 3:



Homeless Hub
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Q3. What kind of barriers do youth experiencing homelessness encounter when looking for housing and employment? [#HHChat](#)

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Shannon Sullivan CYW

@miss_sully20

A3 many of the youth don't know how to approach job searching and they want to be out of the shelter asap so OW/ODSP is easier #HHChat

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Tanya GulliverGarcia

@TanyaMGulliver

A3 - my first potential L/L decided she didn't want to rent to a teenager -- age is a factor along with no credit history, income #HHChat

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SYPC

@SYPCHamOnt

@homelesshub Being a young parent adds another layer of discrimination against youth seeking housing. #HHChat

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Shannon Sullivan CYW

@miss_sully20

A3 that's what I've found in my experience, although we run programs during the day to assist;it's still voluntary for youth #HHChat

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Isaac

@IsaacCoplan

A3:I think we should focus on setting youth up with resources they need to thrive- not just gain employment. - 1 of those is housing #hhchat

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Jesse Donaldson
@Donaldsonjesse

[@IsaacCoplan](#) A3: No kidding. Try getting to work everyday without a home [#HHChat](#)

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Sabina Mirza
@SabeansM

[@IsaacCoplan](#) This is key- having a home means basic needs are met; a place where one can eat, rest, sleep and recover from illness or injury

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B. Ackeley
@BronwenAckeley

[.@IsaacCoplan](#) Agreed. Self-sufficiency is the ultimate goal. [#HHChat](#)

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Stephen Gaetz
@SteveGaetz

[@BronwenAckeley](#) [@IsaacCoplan](#) Its much more than self sufficiency. We should focus on healthy transitions to adulthood and wellbeing [#HHChat](#)

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B. Ackeley
@BronwenAckeley

[@SteveGaetz](#) [@IsaacCoplan](#) Well said! Thank you. =) You're absolutely right.

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Trilby Smith
@TrilbySmith

@SteveGaetz @BronwenAckeley @IsaacCoplan Agreed. We like to speak of interdependence, not independence. #HHChat #fosteringchange

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Christine Thompson
@cthompson585

@IsaacCoplan @SteveGaetz gainful employment needs sustainable housing needs gainful employment...#HHCHAT

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Isaac
@IsaacCoplan

@cthompson585 but in this case - housing should be provided first - if it was a friend, we would provide shelter- then help w/ job. #hhchat

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Isaac
@IsaacCoplan

@IsaacCoplan @cthompson585 and by shelter - i mean permanent housing. #hhchat

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Christine Thompson
@cthompson585

@IsaacCoplan but not all youth are ready for permanent housing. they need time to learn everyday skills to live on their own.

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Isaac
@IsaacCoplan

@cthompson585 Yet, all youth deserved to be housed. There are lots of ways to get there ie. foyer, adapted housing first, supp. housing.

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Stephen Gaetz
@SteveGaetz

A3: Access to income (not just employment) imp for homeless youth. But so is access to education. That will have the best impact. #HHChat

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Jesse Donaldson
@Donaldsonjesse

Q3: Tough employment market can force youth into under the table work where risk of exploitation from employers increases #HHChat

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Isaac
@IsaacCoplan

@Donaldsonjesse Also, recognizing that the labour market has changed in the last 25 years. Even steady legal work can be tough. #hhchat

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Christine Thompson
@cthompson585

@Donaldsonjesse @SteveGaetz more employment training programs needed to help under-educated youth compete in current market

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Jesse Donaldson
@Donaldsonjesse

@cthompson585 @SteveGaetz Employment training programs are great but only in conjunction with other supports that a youth may need #HHChat

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Christine Thompson
@cthompson585

@Donaldsonjesse @SteveGaetz Agreed. But a model where all is offered in one location works -- Eva's Phoenix for example.

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Sabina Mirza
@SabeansM

A3: Many employers expect more now in terms of education, but many youth drop out due to homelessness, not b/c of choice! #HHChat

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Five/Fourteen
@FiveFourteen_

#HHChat A3 Barriers can be as simple as not having a phone & voice mail, not having regular access to check email

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Terrilee Kelford
@TerrileeKelford

A3 Many youth can't cope with expectation of full time attendance at school, employment, trauma and managing apartment and finances. #HHChat

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Stephen Gaetz
@SteveGaetz

@TerrileeKelford Agreed - we place too much burden on young people who are suffering from trauma to pull themselves up by bootstraps
#HHChat

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Question 4:



Homeless Hub
@homelesshub

Q4. Are there specific groups that are overrepresented in the homeless youth population? Does this differ between regions? #HHChat

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B. Ackeley
@BronwenAckeley

The LGBTQ+ youth are one that often gets recognized, but who's resources are often lacking, if available at all. #HHChat

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@BronwenAckeley LGBTQ2S youth are overrepresented, in fact 25-40% of homeless youth identify as LGBTQ2 bit.ly/1oq1Mdo #HHChat

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B. Ackeley
@BronwenAckeley

@homelesshub As a member of the LGBTQ+ community, this is a matter very close to my heart. I'm working to help here, in the KW area.
#HHChat

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Shannon Sullivan CYW

@miss_sully20

A4 In Niagara I've found there's a large amount of LGBTQ youth that are homeless #HHChat

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Karen Woods

@woolseynarrows

@homelesshub Aboriginal status and non-status youth and LGBTQ rural youth. #HHCHAT

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SYPC

@SYPCHamOnt

@homelesshub Yes! In Hamilton we know of Aboriginal, young parents, complex mental health and child welfare involved youth #HHChat

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Five/Fourteen

@FiveFourteen_

#HHChat A4 We see so many LGBTQ2 youth move to urban centres with little or no resources/supports. So many have been rejected by family

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Stephen Gaetz

@SteveGaetz

A4: LGBTQ youth 4 more likely to become homeless because homophobia is 1 of the last allowable forms of discrimination. Unfortunately #HHChat

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Isaac
@IsaacCoplan

@SteveGaetz as well as class based discrimination against people experiencing homelessness - unfortunately. #hhchat

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Isaac
@IsaacCoplan

A4: It's important to create safe spaces - as well as address the needs of different groups with targeted services. #hhchat

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B. Ackeley
@BronwenAckeley

@IsaacCoplan Especially for LGBTQ+ youth, being supported by members of the LGBTQ+ community can do wonders for mental well being #HHChat.

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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

A4 - in most shelters there are more males than females -- overrepresentation or are the young women hidden? #HHChat

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Jennifer Dawn Adams
@kootenaygirljen

@homelesshub #hhchat - #homelessness has no age discrimination. The roaming "youth" of #homeless here in Kamloops that I know are 13-22.

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Stephen Gaetz
@SteveGaetz

A4: Not all communities have safe supportive environments for young girls and women who experience homelessness [#HHChat](#)

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Karen Woods
@woolseynarrows

Average age of child leaving parental home-27. How could society think a vulnerable child can do it without support? [#hhchat](#)

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Karen Woods
@woolseynarrows

Q4:Successful community solutions to youth homelessness must begin with system wide engagement [#HHChat](#)

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Isaac
@IsaacCoplan

[@woolseynarrows](#) It's important to think big - and think integrated. There shouldn't be a wrong 'place of entry' into a system. [#hhchat](#)

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Five/Fourteen
@FiveFourteen_

[#HHChat](#) A4 We are working to open transitional housing in Windsor, Ottawa and Toronto for 18-21 y/o LGBTQ2 who have aged out of foster care

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Shannon Sullivan CYW
@miss_sully20

A4 at NightLight the house is divided and one half is transition housing which houses up to 10 males #HHChat

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Question 5:



Homeless Hub
@homelesshub

Q5. What are some successful models of accommodation for youth?
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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

A5 - there are some great transitional hsg programs in Canada incl. Covenant House #YYZ & #yvrshoots Rights of Passage #HHChat

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Terrilee Kelford
@TerrileeKelford

A5 in Lanark County we are placing homeless youth in approved foster homes to allow for appropriate planned transition to housing #HHChat

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Jesse Donaldson
@Donaldsonjesse

Q5: I'll let @SteveGaetz do the honours..... @homelesshub #HHChat

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SYPC
@SYPCHamOnt

@homelesshub There are great & successful youth housing options that respond to youth development i.e. @wesleyurban youth housing #HHChat

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Sabina Mirza
@SabeansM

A5: The education system should be a central part of any successful model of accommodation for youth. #HHchat

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Stephen Gaetz
@SteveGaetz

Employment important for homeless youth but ALL young people need access to education too! Grade 8 won't cut it in this job mrkt #HHChat

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Isaac
@IsaacCoplan

A5: I think the response really has to do with needs - we can't forget that there isn't one 'cause' of homelessness. #hhchat

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Sabina Mirza
@SabeansM

@IsaacCoplan I think all models of accommodation for homelessness must focus on prevention, despite varying needs. #HHchat

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Stephen Gaetz
@SteveGaetz

A5: Housing First can work for youth! if it meets needs of adolescents and young adults. Find out more? bit.ly/1Acq6kh #HHChat

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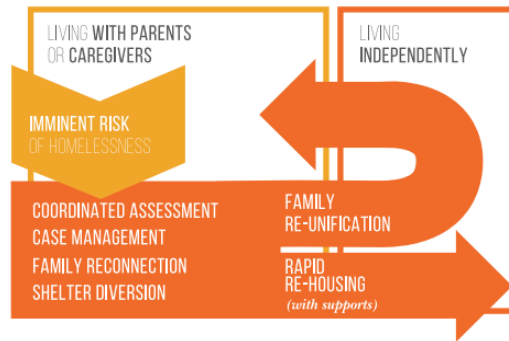


Homeless Hub
@homelesshub

Thanks @SteveGaetz the Foyer is a great example of a model of accommodation for youth. #HHChat

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FIGURE 1 *Models of Accommodation*



Stephen Gaetz
@SteveGaetz

.@IsaacCoplan and I say BAM! to @Donaldsonjesse 's diagram share! #HHChat

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Question 6:



Homeless Hub
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Q6. What kind of supports do youth require? Are they different from the ones that adults need? #HHChat

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Karen Woods
@woolseynarrows

A6. A community that believes they are the future from birth to adulthood and is willing to invest longterm [#HHChat](#)

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Karen Woods
@woolseynarrows

A6: Meaningful learning and training opportunities. Not filling an economic development void for cheap labour. [#hhchat](#)

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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

Q6 - supports need to be individualized to meet the needs of youth [#HHChat](#)

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Shannon Sullivan CYW
@miss_sully20

[@TanyaMGulliver](#) I agree, everyone is individual and has a vast range of needs [#HHChat](#)

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Isaac
@IsaacCoplan

[@TanyaMGulliver](#) I'm with tanya! [#hhchat](#)

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Isaac
@IsaacCoplan

A6: That being said, there's a huge lack of access to mental health & addictions services for youth in particular. [#hhchat](#)

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@IsaacCoplan Access to mental health & addictions services for youth is definitely important. #HHChat

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Christine Thompson
@cthompson585

@homelesshub @SteveGaetz @IsaacCoplan Definite gap in services for youth age bracket #HHChat

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B. Ackeley
@BronwenAckeley

A6. Youth need support in remembering that they are valued & important & that their experiences don't define them, but build them up. #HHChat

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Five/Fourteen
@FiveFourteen_

#HHChat A6 Options are so important. Youth must be respected as the lead in determining what is the best path forward for them

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B. Ackeley
@BronwenAckeley

@FiveFourteen_ That's right. Active listening, endless empathy and consideration. Listen to hear and understand, and work with them. #HHChat

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Isaac
@IsaacCoplan

A6: there are other region specific issues that emerge for youth in particular- ie. transportation [#hhchat](#)

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Karen Woods
@woolseynarrows

Mental Health and addiction services built on CMHA gatekeeper training recommendation for under serviced areas. [#hhchat](#)

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Stephen Gaetz
@SteveGaetz

A6: The causes and conditions of youth homelessness are diff from those that affect adults. Therefore so must be the solutions. [#HHChat](#)

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Ayesha Noorani
@AyeshaNoorani

[#HHChat](#) A6: right off the bat: the youth need & deserve respect & to be heard! often they're sidelined or undermined simply b/c of their age

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Question 7:



Homeless Hub
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Last but important question Q7. What strategies can we implement to stop youth from becoming homeless in the first place? [#HHChat](#)

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Karen Woods
@woolseynarrows

A7: When treating adult mental health patients who are parents. TREAT THE FAMILY! Upstream is where it's @ #hhchat

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Terrilee Kelford
@TerrileeKelford

A7 Address issues of poverty. If parents are struggling so too are their children. #HHChat

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B. Ackeley
@BronwenAckeley

#HHChat Q7 Be present where kids are, w/ strategies of help & support so those who face homelessness as an option have somewhere to turn 1st

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Jesse Donaldson
@Donaldsonjesse

Q7: Better, more timely support for not just youth but families who are experiencing challenges #HHChat

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Christine Thompson
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@Donaldsonjesse @homelesshub @evasinitatives Family Reconnect Prog successfully helps youth and their families #HHChat

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A7: 1) Communities must develop targeted strategies & plans to end youth homelessness #HHChat

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A7: 2) Integrated 'systems of care' must be in place to align services and funding to support youth in holistic way #HHChat

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A7: 3) All levels of govt must be at the table: Federal, provincial, Aboriginal, municipal to solve youth homelessness #HHChat

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A7: 3) Youth homelessness is a 'Fusion Policy' issue, and provinces should have targeted youth homelessness strategy like Alberta #HHChat

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A7: 4) Plans to end youth homelessness should have a youth development focus, and youth engagement #HHChat

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A7: 5) To address youth homelessness we must shift from managing the prob and instead focus on prevention and housing/supports
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A7: 6) Research and data must be used as part of the sol'n to youth homelessness if we want the best results. [#HHChat](#)

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A7: Read [@SteveGaetz](#). [#hhchat](#)

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[#HHChat](#) A7 Raising the age of protection to 18 so that 16 & 17 year olds can access housing and supports through [@OntYouth](#)

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Shelba Waldron
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[#hhchat](#) A:7 We need to empower the natural mentors in a child's life. Extended family, coaches, pastor's, etc..[#ProtectiveFactors](#)

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Trilby Smith
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A.7 We must lengthen, ease and better support the transition from foster care #HHChat #fosteringchange

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Sabina Mirza
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A7: Canadian institutional responses need to be re-oriented to prioritize education as a central strategy to prevent homelessness #HHchat

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Shannon Sullivan CYW
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Q7 many times youth are alone, frustrated, confused or angry about situations so I think being that support they can talk to is key #HHChat

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A7: Focus on supporting families & helping solve conflicts before they get too big- particularly using a wrap-around model. #hhchat

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Tanya GulliverGarcia
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A&: @CovenantHouseTO has a great program educating students in schools #HHchat covenanthousetoronto.ca/homeless-youth...

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#HHChat Q7 Includes individual & family counselling, resources for avoiding poverty/eviction/job loss. access to education, and comm support

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A7 as well as empowering the youth and building that confidence can make a difference, focusing on strengths #HHChat

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Ayesha Noorani
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#HHChat - A7 - visible peer support where issues occur (school/communities) is v. imp. Services must be approachable to work

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Jason Hartwick
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A7. Systemic changes for helping entire families is needed. Social assistance to addiction services, band-aid solutions are the norm #HHChat

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Thanks to everyone for participating and contributing to this important discussion!



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