

Housing Options for Transition-Aged Youth: Stable, Supportive Housing at the Intersection of Child Welfare and Homeless Youth Services

As leaders in the field, you are invited to join regional housing and child welfare leaders to galvanize housing resources and supportive services to prevent and end youth homelessness.

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Each year, more than 29,000 youth age-out of foster care nationwide without the support of a permanent family, and as a consequence are at serious risk of homelessness, unemployment, and other undesirable outcomes. Additionally, nearly 1.7 million young people experience homelessness outside the formal foster care system each year, and sadly, their outcomes are even worse. Despite these staggering national figures, there is considerable variation in the number of youth needing housing services and in the knowledge and resources available to address this problem. Ending youth homelessness requires regional solutions.

As an expert in your field, you are invited to join New England regional housing, child welfare, homeless services, and youth leaders to share your expertise about ending youth homelessness in your community. You will hear directly from HUD and HHS staff about ways to tap federal, state, and local streams of funding to provide housing and services for youth.

Topics will include:

- federal and local interagency collaboration/partnership
- analyzing cost-savings and leveraging private investment with public dollars
- best practices for self-sufficiency and employment programs
- programs to promote youth well-being (including mental and physical health resources)
- step by step explanations of affordable housing development for youth
- tips for building an appropriate range of housing options
- positive youth development and successful transitions to adulthood among foster youth

Invited Presenters Include:

Sandra Henriquez, Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Justice Joette Katz, Commissioner, Connecticut State Department of Child Welfare

Joan Wallace-Benjamin, Home for Little Wanderers, Boston, MA

Mark Kroner, Lighthouse Training Institute, Cincinnati, OH

David Voegle, Executive Director, DIAL/SELF

Ruth White, National Center for Housing & Child Welfare

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