From Research to Action: Strategies to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness

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Overview

What is working to reduce youth homelessness? Come hear more about the latest research from ORS Impact about the practices and strategies to prevent and end youth homelessness. Find out how communities are utilizing these interventions to make youth homelessness rare and brief. Bring your questions!

Additional Details

Ending youth and young adult homelessness in any community is a powerful proofpoint to accelerate efforts to end all homelessness.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

A clear, inclusive, and nationally recognized definition of youth homelessness is essential, as the absence of a standard definition creates challenges.

Interventions for youth homelessness must prioritize personalized care, trust-building, and youth-empowered decision-making.

Guiding principles from youth homelessness efforts can inform adult-focused strategies, with a need for infrastructure to sustain this work, centering the voices of those served and integrating a strong focus on prevention.

Tailored, culturally competent approaches are essential for different subpopulations of youth, including LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC, with a focus on creating safe, affirming spaces and ensuring services for young parents, while centering the needs of BIPOC youth.

Youth with lived experience have much wisdom and guidance to share with community leaders.

Gulf Coast, MS, and Arlington Co, VA, have made progress reducing youth homelessness, proving that it's possible.

Considerations for Equity

LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC youth are at greater risk of experiencing homelessness compared to all other youth. An equitable, tailored approach is required to deliver culturally competent, welcoming, and affirming services that center the unique needs of each young person.

Sustained engagement and empowerment of youth with lived experience and diverse backgrounds in decision-making and strategic planning better aligns the systems' goals and services with the unique needs and identities of youth and advances equity.

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