

Did you know...

- On any given night, at least **400 individuals are temporarily sheltered** in our community's emergency homeless shelters or transitional housing programs.
- **Over a third** of them are **children** under the age of 18.
- At least **4,500 families** are **at risk** of becoming homeless.
- In the '08-'09 school year, the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation identified **503 students** who had **experienced homelessness** sometime during the school year. **41%** were **teenagers**. (No data exists yet on how many of those teenagers were "unaccompanied.")
- At least **131 young adults** (ages 18-23) experienced homelessness in 2008.



Did you know...

YOU could be a part of
CREATING A PLACE
for our homeless youth

- in our hearts
- in a drop-in center
- in a permanent home

Volunteer for

any of the following committees:

Community Awareness

Contact: Kat Isbell
housingmatters@destination-home.info
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Legislation

Contact: Patty Avery
patty.avery@oldnational.com
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Services

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Prevention

Contact: Lyneve Scott
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Data Collection

Contact: Cynthia Smith
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Learn how
YOU can
be a key
to
creating a place
for our
homeless youth



Homeless Youth Coalition is a committee of the city-county Commission on Homelessness which oversees the ten-year plan to end homelessness in

Evansville & Vanderburgh County:

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HYC INTEREST

Name _____ Organization _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Add my name to the HYC email/ mailing list. Contact me. I want to get more involved with--

Community Awareness Prevention Services Legislation Data Collection/Evaluation

My donation of \$ _____ is enclosed.

(Please make checks payable to "Aurora" with "HYC" in the memo line.)

Mail this form to **Homeless Youth Coalition, PO Box 74, Evansville, IN 47701-0074.**

Testimonials

"There's no such thing as a 'typical' homeless [youth] ... Tonight, there are kids who are alone and tired and scared...Even in the most desperate youth, there is hope"

-- Sr. Mary Rose McGeady

I moved out of my mom's last year, then out of my boyfriend's because he was abusing me... then, to another friend, then to a friend's mom's house. But I had to leave there—not enough room for me. I've been staying either with my real dad or a guy I've been dating. I'm working two jobs, so going to school has been hard.

— high school senior female

This year I've stayed in five different places. About three weeks ago, my dad kicked me out. And now I'm living with an adult guy friend in his apartment. I've told my counselor at school that I want to do what it takes to get emancipated.

-- high school sophomore male



My dad died a while back. Mom just decided to move out of state without me. Some people from a church took me in. I tried to get into a couple of schools here, but since I didn't have a guardian, I had trouble. They finally let me into an alternative school. I sure hope I can finish my senior year, but I'm not sure how long I can stay with these folks.

— high school female

Areas of Focus

Shaping Awareness — Develop channels for making the community at large and various public and private agencies aware of youth homelessness—its causes, issues, needs, and available services.

Framing Legislation —Research issues related to youth homelessness. Make recommendations on needed state and federal legislation, monitor its progress and coordinate advocacy efforts.

Designing Services — Catalog existing services available to homeless youth. Develop and propose plans for a drop-in center/emergency shelter and permanent supportive housing for youth.

Crafting Prevention — Identify services that affect the causes of youth homelessness, while working with the Community Awareness subcommittee to promote awareness in these programs of their role in preventing youth homelessness.



Building Data—Determine types of information needed, gather data, and make data available to other groups working with homeless youth.