

# Linking Students with Community Resources

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# Defining Terms

- Homelessness has distinct definitions
  - HUD
  - McKinney Vento / Education
- “Youth” means different things to different services
- Hidden in Plain Sight
  - Homeless youth are notoriously difficult to accurately count in a census

Definitions determine funding → services for students

# The Numbers

(According to HUD)

- Long Beach (2015)
  - 385
  - 17% of total homeless population
- California:
  - Largest numbers of homeless unaccompanied youth in the country
  - 10,416 people → 28 percent of the national total.
- United States:

	All Homeless Youth		Unaccompanied Homeless Youth	
	#	%	#	%
<b>Total Homeless Youth (under 25)</b>	180,760	100.0	36,907	100.0
Homeless Youth (under 18)	127,787	70.7	4,667	12.6
Homeless Youth (18-24)	52,973	29.3	32,240	87.4

# Who are homeless youth?

- More than 25% of former foster children become homeless within two to four years of leaving the system.
- According to a study of youth in shelters, nearly 50% reported intense conflict or physical harm by a family member as a major contributing factor to their homelessness.
- LGBTQ-identified youth make up 20-40% of the population of homeless youth
- Other factors: justice involvement, generational poverty, lack of affordable housing, parent/guardian deaths, substance abuse (both guardian and student), and mental health issues

# Barriers to success

- Focus on survival
  - Difficulty with futures planning
  - Distraction from learning environment
- Limited support system
- Instability
  - hygiene
- Upfront fees
- Culture clash
- Transportation
- Computer access (limits)

# Empowering to overcome barriers

## A Framework for Well-Being

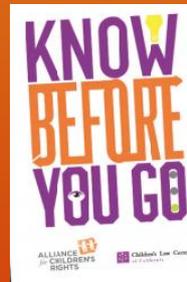


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# Connecting with the community

You're not a social service agency, but you can empower students to connect with social service agencies.

- Continuum of Care
  - <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/states/california/homeless/continuumcare/nalcoc>
  - <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/states/california/homeless/continuumcare/salcoc>
- Faith based community
  - Look for collaboratives
- Apps



- State resources
  - California US Interagency Council on Homelessness representative is Amy Sawyer: [amy.sawyer@usich.gov](mailto:amy.sawyer@usich.gov)

# References & Resources

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