

# Housing Response for Youth Homelessness

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# What is TAC?

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The Technical Assistance Collaborative is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping our nation's human services, health care, homelessness, and affordable housing systems implement policies and practices that empower people to live healthy, independent lives in the communities they choose.

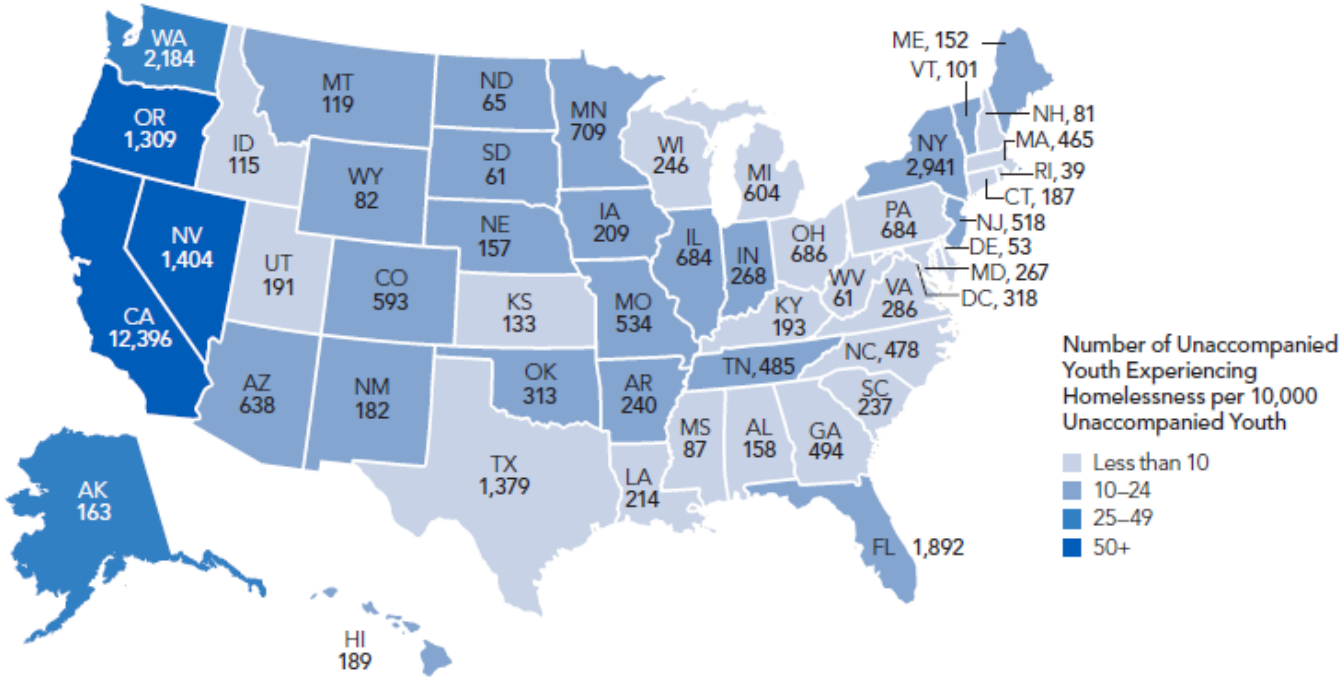
## Shallow Data Dive



*"He'll have to call you back. He's in the middle of a shallow dive."*

# 2018 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress: Estimates of Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

EXHIBIT 4.4: Estimates of Unaccompanied Homeless Youth  
By State, 2018



## Prevalence of Youth Homelessness in America

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**1** in **10**

young adults ages 18-25 experienced a form of homelessness over a 12-month period.

*That's 3.5 million young adults. About half of them involved explicitly reported homelessness while the other half involved couch surfing only.*

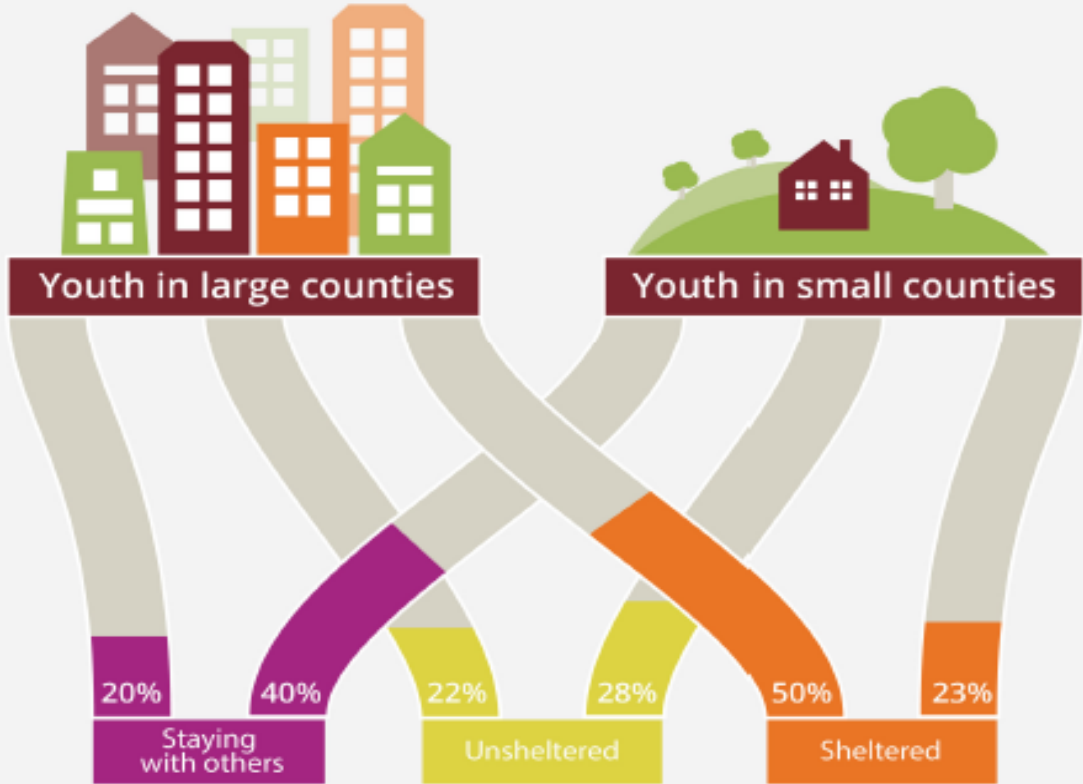
**1** in **30**

youth ages 13-17 experienced a form of homelessness over a 12-month period.

*That's about 700,000 youth. About three-quarters of them involved explicitly reported homelessness (including running away or being kicked out) and one-quarter involved couch surfing only.*

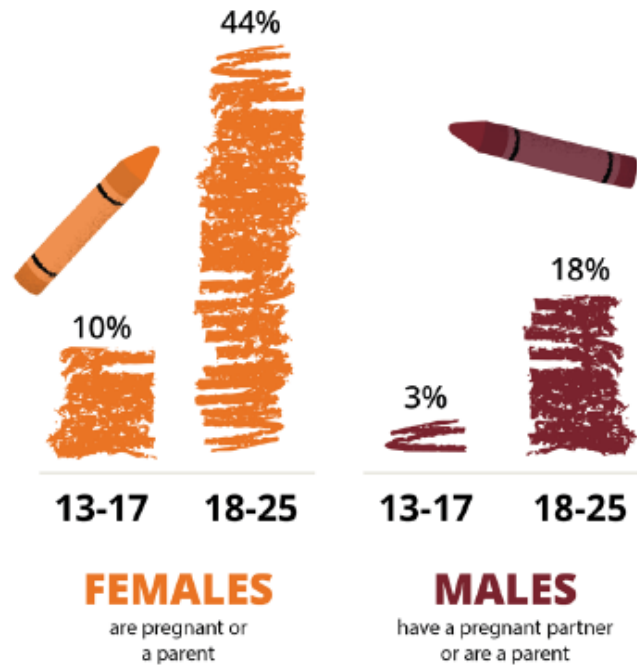
# Figure 2. Youth Homelessness in Rural Communities is Especially Hidden

Where youth experiencing homelessness stayed on the night of the youth count.



# Prevalence of Homelessness among Pregnant and Parenting Youth

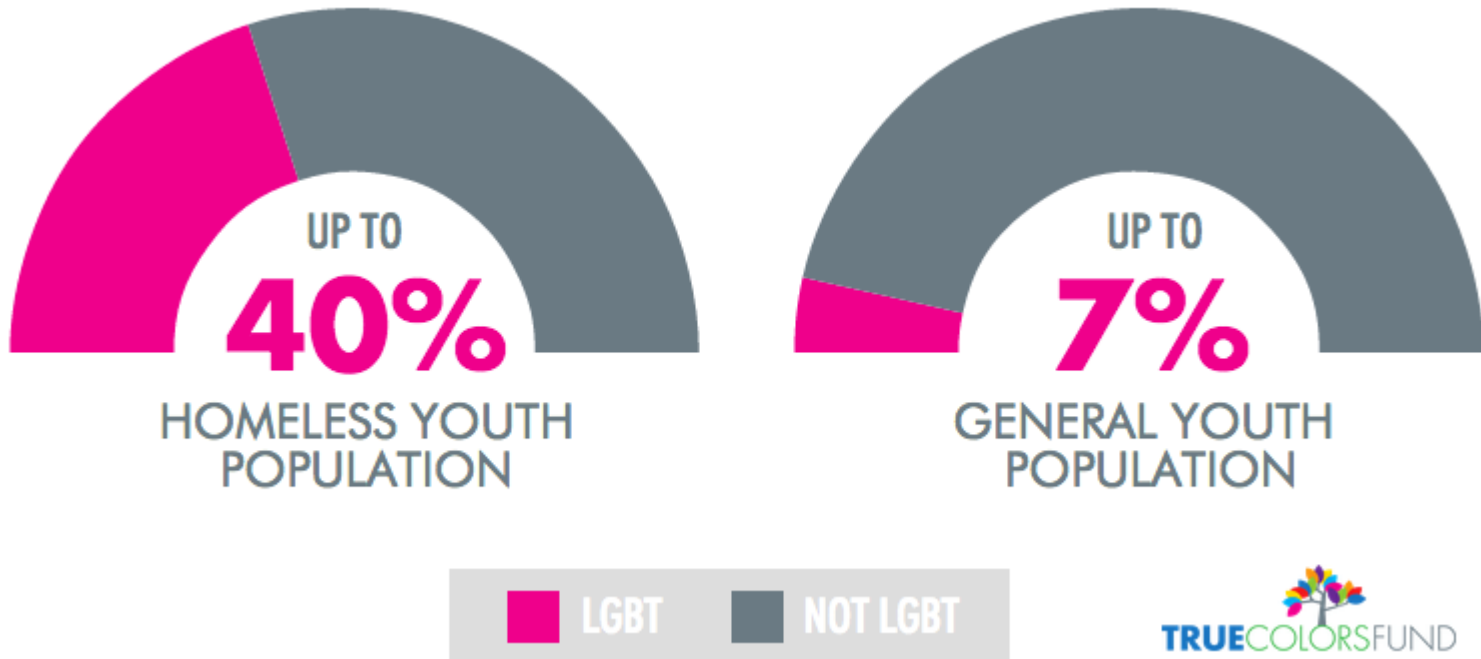
Pregnancy and parenthood are common among youth experiencing homelessness



(Source: VoYC Brief Youth Survey)

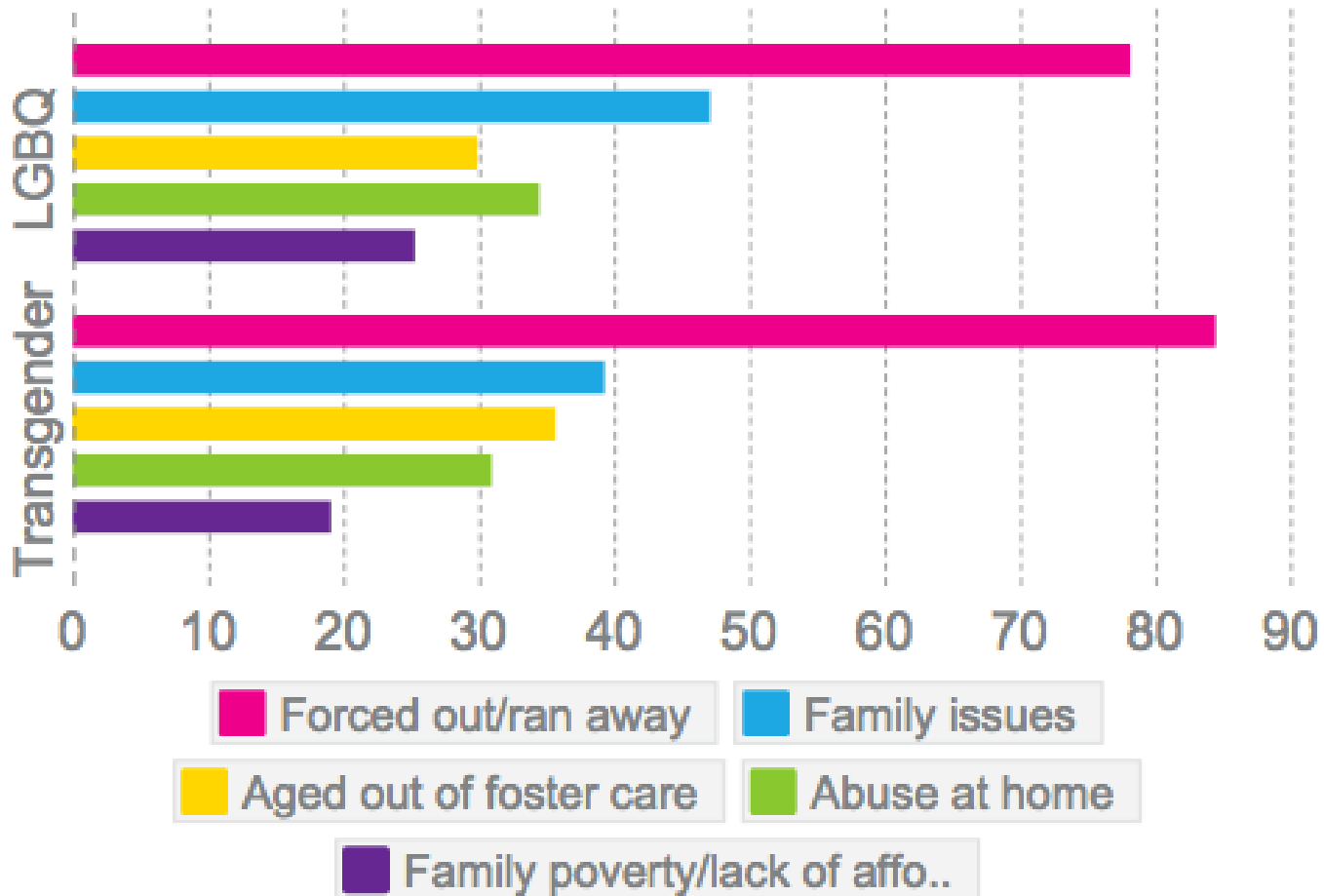
# Prevalence of Homelessness among LGBTQ Youth

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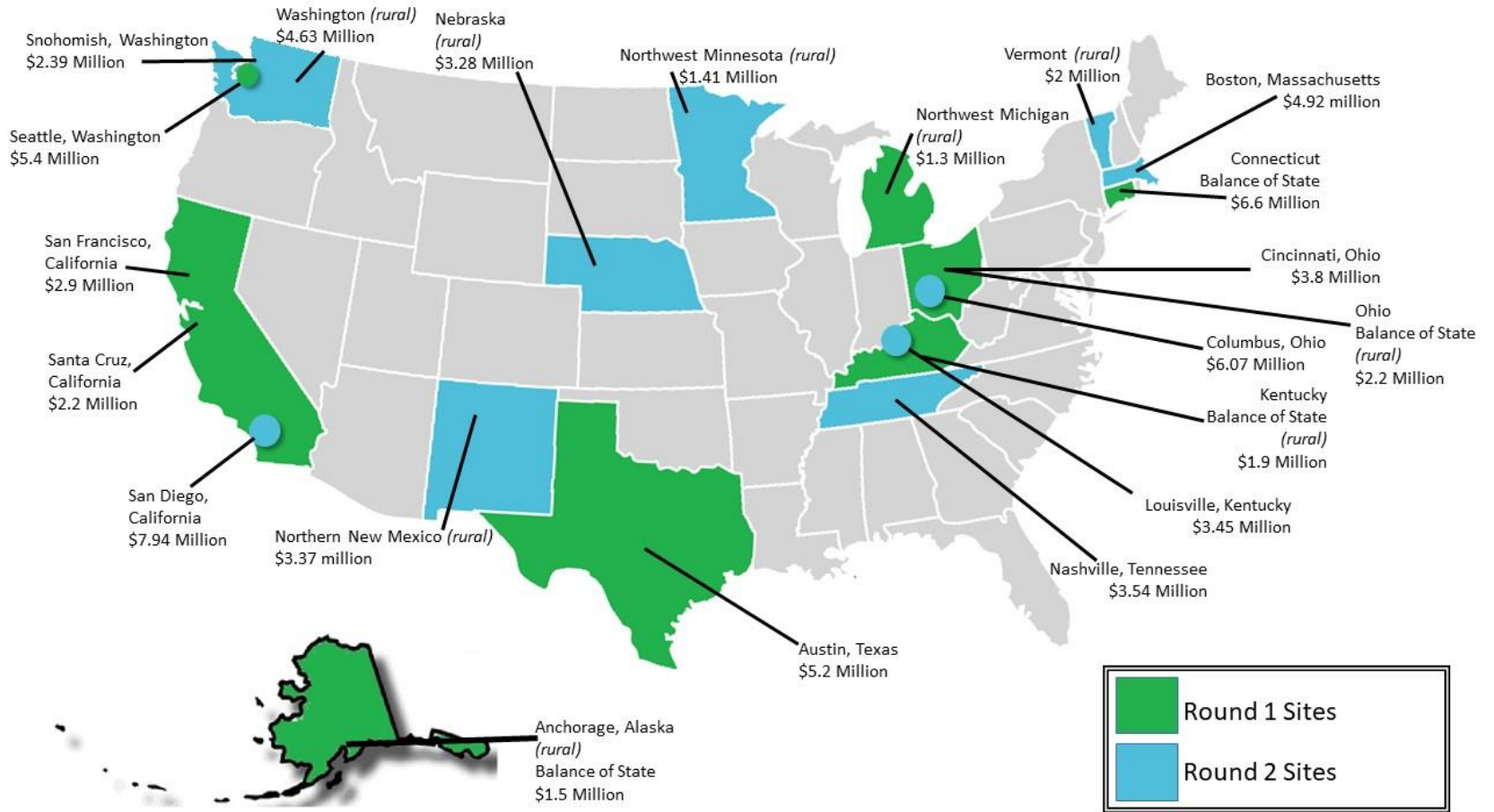


# Why does homelessness happen among LGBTQ youth?



# Housing Resources for Youth and Young Adults

# Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP)



# YHDP Lessons Learned

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1. Youth are the **EXPERTS!**
2. Use your **B**est **A**vailable **D**ata to make decisions
  - a. Keep your eye on subpopulation data and trends
3. Impactful Partnerships are (SUCH) hard work



# Other HUD Resources

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## Mainstream Vouchers

- For non-elderly persons with disabilities who are:
  - Transitioning out of institutional or other segregated settings,
  - At serious risk of institutionalization,
  - Homeless, or
  - At risk of becoming homeless
- New funding was available in 2018
- Another NOFA being published soon with even more money attached

## Family Unification Program (FUP)

- Serves two populations:
  - Families for whom the lack of adequate housing is the primary factor in:
    - The imminent placement of the family's children in out-of-home care
    - The delay in the discharge of the children to the family from out-of-home care
  - Youth between 18-24 who have left foster care, or will leave foster care in 90 days
- Partnership between PHA and PCWA
- New funding was available in 2018

# Resource Page

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- [HUD's Landing Page for the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project](#): This page has many youth-focused resources, including three guidebooks developed during the last round of YHDP funding.
- [A Safe and Decent Place to Live: Towards a Housing First Framework for Youth](#): Guidance from the Canadian Youth Network assists planners of new programs to adopt a housing first approach.
- [Family and Youth Services Bureau Website, Assessment Tools for Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs](#): A list presenting various screening and assessment tools to help determine the best interventions and services for different youth in care.
- [Housing and Outreach Strategies for Rural Youth](#): A document with best Practices from the Rural Youth Survey (National Alliance to End Homelessness)
- [Voices of Youth Count](#): An effort to link evidence and action by capturing the experiences of runaway and homeless youth.
- [Youth Collaboration Toolkit](#): Recently published by True Colors United, offers guidance of how communities & organizations can authentically partner with youth
- [A Way Home](#): Published by the Homeless Hub in Canada, this is a guide for communities looking to develop a plan to address youth homelessness

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