

Homeless LGBTQ Youth | **By Their Side.**

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Up to 40% of homeless youth identify as LGBTQ, and 68% attributing homelessness to family rejection.

Through a continuum of support, education and advocacy, **The Center for Youth** has been working to address homelessness and reduce victimization of Rochester youth for over 45 years. Our youth-driven approach meets the needs of our area's most vulnerable by setting them on a course for stability and self-sufficiency.

Youth susceptible to homelessness most-often identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender or Queer (LGBTQ). Each year, **1.6 million** youth experience homelessness. Up to **40% of homeless youth** identify as LGBTQ, yet only make up 7% of the general youth population - these numbers are disproportionately high. The disparity of homeless LGBTQ youth is troubling - they are at greater risk for victimization, sex trafficking, unsafe sexual practices, mental health issues and more.

LGBTQ youth homelessness occurs for a variety of reasons, including the intersection of homophobia & transphobia, poverty, failed systems, family poverty & abuse and more.

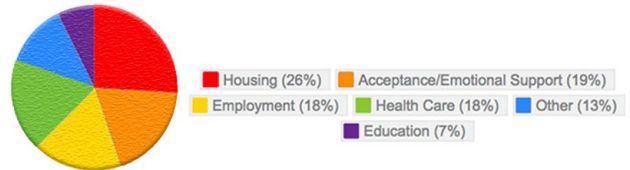
The Center for Youth provides emergency shelters, transitional & permanent housing, referrals, advocacy and more. And just as we've done for nearly 50 years, we stand by the side of our LGBTQ youth, ensuring a solid foundation for each young person to achieve their goals.



Up to 40% of Youth Experiencing Homelessness Identify as LGBTQ

In America, up to 1.6 million youth experience homelessness each year. Up to 40% of young people experiencing homelessness identify as LGBTQ. Considering that LGBT youth represent an estimated 7% of the total youth population, these numbers are disproportionately high.

Source: True Colors Fund



LGBTQ Youth Experiencing Homelessness Have Unique Needs.

While LGBTQ youth experiencing homelessness have similar needs to their non-LGBTQ peers, they also have needs specific to their identities.



LGBTQ youth have 120% higher risk of homelessness

Source: Voices of Youth Count, Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago

The Center for Youth collaborates nationally and locally to not only address LGBTQ youth homelessness, but to also prevent it from happening in the first place.

How you can help: No sustainable government funding stream exists to support housing of LGBTQ individuals, The Center for Youth is committed to this effort through a mix of grants, foundations, corporations, individual donors and special events.

With your financial support, you are able ensure adequate housing, coordination and overall safe-keeping of some of the most vulnerable in our community.



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