



YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

- On any given night approximately 1,438 youth (under 18) are homeless in Southern Nevada.
 - This is about 15 percent of the estimated 9,417 people who are homeless in Southern Nevada on any given night.
- Homeless youth includes those accompanied by their families and those who are unaccompanied.
 - Unaccompanied homeless youth may be in a shelter program, living on the street, or squatting in an abandoned building.
 - Unaccompanied homeless youth may be runaway/throwaway youth, which means they are the victim of family conflict, possible victim of abuse, or left their home due to perceived threat or by order of a parent/guardian.
 - In addition to the homeless youth, more than 6,000 youth are in households that are struggling with housing, such as multiple families sharing a single family residence, or families staying in weekly hotels.
- Homeless youth have a disproportionate impact on police and juvenile justice agencies.
- Homeless youth are at significant risk of being homeless as adults.
- In recent years, organizations in our community have added beds for homeless youth, and set aside beds for pregnant youth and youth with children.
- Help us work to end youth homelessness in Southern Nevada by donating your time or money to the homeless trust fund, one of our community partners, or one of several events held throughout the year. Go to www.helphopehome.org for more information.

Testimony: "I never imagined that finishing high school meant that I had to be separated from my family. Times are hard and I know that my family had to do what they did for a better future, even if that meant finding jobs in another state. And I had to stay here to do what I had to do: graduate. Living without my family has been one of the most challenging things I have ever done. It is true that one does not truly appreciate what they have until it is gone." - 18-year-old high school senior