

Good morning,

Please see below/attached for information and resources related to your work with older youth.

- Youth In Care Transitioning to College: Financial and Transition Support Webinar (flyer attached)
- SchoolHouse Connection Webinars
- New Resources on LGBTQ+ Youth Homelessness



YOUTH IN CARE TRANSITIONING TO COLLEGE: FINANCIAL AND TRANSITION SUPPORT

Join us for an important encore presentation on how youth in foster care can get a post-secondary education tuition free and how you can support them during the critical transition period between high school and college.

Information provided will include:

- PA Tuition Waiver (FosterED)
- Chafee grant
- Pre-college supports
- Campus supports



TUESDAY, MAY 5TH
11am- 12pm
12pm - 12:30pm Optional Q&A

REGISTER HERE

Please join us for this important event. This is a follow up from our March 26th presentation:

**Youth In Care Transitioning to College:
Financial and Transition Support**

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

11:00am - 12:00pm WEBINAR
12:00pm - 12:30pm OPTIONAL Q & A

Are you working with youth in care who want to get a college degree? Then this follow up webinar is for you! Please join us for an important **encore presentation** on how youth with foster care experience can get a post-secondary education tuition-free and the issues they need to consider during the critical transition period between high school and college. Learn how you can support them as they navigate the financial aid process and prepare for college. This event is great for high school youth in care, resource parents, and anyone who supports or works with foster youth.

Information will be provided on college entitlements including the PA Tuition Waiver (FosterED) and the Chafee grant for the 2026 – 2027 academic year as well as challenges students face and supports that are available before they enter college and once they are enrolled to help them be successful on their educational journeys.

Please see the attached flyer for registration information. See you on the 5th!

REGISTER

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SchoolHouse Connection Webinars:

FAFSA and Homeless Youth: Scenarios and Solutions Spring 2026

Thursday, April 23, 2026 | 2PM Eastern

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From Toolkit to Practice: Improving Attendance for Students Experiencing Homelessness

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 | 12PM Eastern

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Federal Policy Update on Child and Youth Homelessness

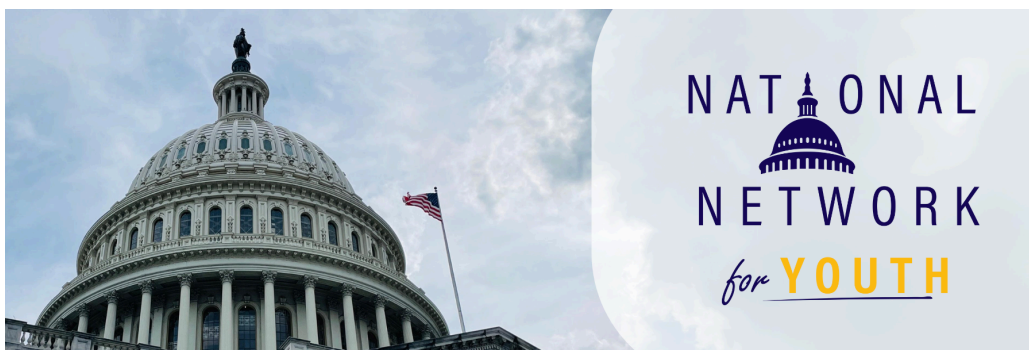
Wednesday, April 29, 2026 | 3PM Eastern

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New Resources on LGBTQ+ Youth Homelessness:

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Tuesday, April 7, 2026



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New Resources on LGBTQ+ Youth Homelessness

Policy Brief + Recording Now Available

We are thrilled to announce that our new LGBTQ+ youth homelessness policy brief and webinar recording are now available!

We are deeply grateful to our amazing partners who contributed to this report: Ali Forney Center, NN4Y's National Youth Advisory Council, NN4Y's Policy Advisory Committee, and the young leaders who provided input and quotes. A special thank you to our webinar speaker: Galloway (they/them), Advocacy Manager at The Ali Forney Center.

[Download the Brief](#)



[Watch the Recording](#)



Learn More About LGBTQ+ Youth Homelessness

Preventing and ending LGBTQ+ youth homelessness is attainable. In an increasingly hostile world, it requires not only national policy and programmatic change, but the mobilization of communities to fight back and protect our young people, especially our gender-diverse youth.

LGBTQ+ youth experience homelessness at disproportionately high rates compared to their non-LGBTQ+ peers. Not because of who they are, but because of the unwelcoming environment around them.

- LGBTQ+ youth are **120 percent more likely** to experience homelessness than their non-LGBTQ+ peers.
- Of all youth ages 18 to 25 who have experienced homelessness, **between 20 to 40 percent** identify as LGBTQ+.
- Transgender and nonbinary young people experience homelessness at a rate **73 percent greater** than cisgender LGB young people.
- LGBTQ+ youth of color face high rates of homelessness. **47 percent** of LGBTQ+ youth living in shelters or in other homelessness services identify as a racial or ethnic minority.

Addressing LGBTQ+ youth homelessness requires more than general youth-serving interventions—it demands targeted investments, affirming policies, and tailored programming that center safety, equity, and belonging in every aspect of care.

[Learn More](#)

Help Us Continue This Work

A big part of what makes our work possible is that we don't take federal funding. That independence allows us to advocate boldly and make sure that organizations receiving federal dollars continue to provide affirming support for all youth experiencing homelessness, including LGBTQ+ youth.

Your support makes this work possible. Partner with us with a small gift. Just \$5 helps fuel our collective fight to prevent and end youth homelessness.

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Become a Member

Ending youth homelessness takes all of us. At the National Network for Youth (NN4Y), membership means more than resources. It's a safe space to learn, grow, and fight together for the future of youth, young adults, and young parent families experiencing homelessness.

We offer tiered membership fees to ensure our membership is affordable for organizations of all sizes, as well as passionate individuals. **In recognition of the challenges our members face, any organization that has lost an RHYA or other federal grant can receive a 3-month discount on 2026 membership.**

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