

Good morning,

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

- NYTD Video for Youth
- Know Your Rights Toolkit for Youth Experiencing Homelessness

NYTD Video for Youth

During this training, youth will learn what the NYTD survey is, why it matters, and how their participation helps create positive changes in the foster care system. The survey gives youth and young adults with lived experience a way to share what life in and after care is really like. Ideally, the NYTD survey helps educate decision makers, influence policies, and improve services for youth. This training helps youth understand how the survey is used, how their privacy is protected, and how to share honestly and safely. <https://www.payab.pitt.edu/videos/NYTDIntroduction.mp4>

Know Your Rights Toolkit for Youth Experiencing Homelessness

Know Your Rights Toolkit for Youth Experiencing Homelessness Now Available!



We are excited to announce our newest resource, the *Know Your Rights Toolkit for Youth Experiencing Homelessness*! This 43-page toolkit was designed by and for youth ages 13 to 25 who are experiencing homelessness without a parent or guardian. It covers 11 key areas including housing, health care, vital documents, and police encounters.

[Website Version](#)

[PDF Version](#)

If you or someone you know needs immediate assistance, view the [“Get Help Now”](#) section with emergency contacts and free legal help.

How Do I Know if I Have the Rights Defined in This Guide?

Defining homelessness for young people is not always a clear answer. The protections and freedoms explained in this guide are for young people, primarily aged 18-24, who have experienced homelessness. This can include visible homelessness, like sleeping in a public or private place not suitable for human habitation, or hidden homelessness, which may include couch surfing or sleeping in your car.

Keep in mind that rights can be different depending on your age and the state where you live. Some rights apply to all young people, while others may not apply until you turn 18. Understanding your rights is an important step in taking charge of your future and advocating for yourself.

Learn more about definitions of homelessness on page three of the [Know Your Rights Toolkit](#).

Have a great weekend.

Thank you,

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