

Homeless Youth Survey: Final Report



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I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

There were 304 youth that were surveyed on April 8, 2015, as part of the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership Homeless Youth Taskforce (Taskforce) youth survey questionnaire. This survey was part of a pilot project to survey homeless or at-risk youth to find out their current living situations, social service experiences, and to collect basic demographic information and descriptors. The following table provides a breakdown of the total number of youth surveyed by region.

Table 1. Total Number of Youth Surveyed by Region

	Female	Male	Not Sure	Total	Total Percentage
Morongo Basin	26	38	1	65	21.4%
Redlands	12	35	0	47	15.5%
San Bernardino	32	50	1	83	27.3%
Victorville	5	6	0	11	3.6%
West Valley	44	54	0	98	32.2%

According to the youth surveyed, approximately 3/4 resided on the day of the survey at the home of a parent, guardian, foster parent, friend, relative, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend. Approximately 9% of youth resided in temporary, emergency or transitional housing. Over 13% resided outdoors in a public place, abandoned building, or vehicle.

Table 2. Where did you stay last night?*

	Number	Valid percent
Home of parent, guardian or foster parent	83	28.3%
Home of a friend or relative in an area meant for regular sleeping	99	33.8%
Home of a friend or relative in an area not meant for regular sleeping	18	6.1%
Group home	1	0.3%
Home of partner, boyfriend or girlfriend	17	5.8%
With someone they did not know because they needed a place to stay	4	1.4%
Youth or adult shelter	9	3.1%
Transitional living program	8	2.7%
Hotel/motel paid for by a government program or nonprofit organization	3	1.0%
Hotel/motel paid for by some other way	2	0.7%
Outdoors in a public place, i.e. park, street, campground, bus station, etc.	18	6.1%
Abandoned building; squatted	10	3.4%
Car, bus, or RV	11	3.8%
Hospital, psychiatric facility, or drug/alcohol treatment center	0	0%
Juvenile detention, jail, or prison	0	0%
Somewhere else	10	3.4%

* The following information does not include the missing values (n=11), see Appendix A for full breakdown.

When asked how long the youth have been residing in similar places, almost 3 out of 4 noted that they have resided there for months (43%) and/or years (30%). In addition, similarly over 60% of youth noted that they would be able to reside at the same location for 14 days without being asked to leave.

The following table shows the breakdown of demographic information based on age (this information does not include missing values). Three age ranges were included in the survey: Range A (0-10 years of age), Range B (11-17 years of age), and Range C (18-25 years of age); however 0 surveys received included information for the Range A age group.

Table 3. Demographics by Age of Respondent

	11-17 years	18-25 years	Total
Ethnicity/Race			
Hispanic/Latino	49	74	123
Black/African American	27	40	67
Native American or Alaskan Native	3	8	11
Asian	1	2	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	5	1	6
White	31	71	102
Other Race*	22	24	46
Gender Identity			
Female	49	68	117
Male	61	116	177
Not sure	0	1	1
Sexual Orientation			
Gay or Lesbian	4	7	11
Straight	92	154	246
Bisexual	8	11	19
Queer/Other	2	1	3
Don't know/Questioning	0	3	3
Prefer not to answer	2	5	7
Health			
Physical, mental, emotional or developmental disability	24	76	100
Education			
Currently enrolled in school	96	70	166
9 th grade or less	20	11	31
9 th to 11 th grade	76	82	158
12 th grade (diploma)	10	63	73
GED certificate	0	8	8
Some college	1	15	16
Associate's degree	0	2	2
Bachelor's degree	0	1	1
Post-secondary training	0	0	0
Household Information			
Are you a parent?	5	53	58
If yes, are you currently living with your child?	3	25	28
Are you pregnant or gotten someone else pregnant?	3	13	16

* Over 80% of respondents identified "Other Race" as Latino/Hispanic or Central/South American country of origin.

Approximately 2% (n=6) of the respondents noted military service. Nearly 1 out of 5 (n=46) self-identified as "in" or "formerly in" foster care. Just over 20% (n=58) of youth identified as having a job,

paid internship or other type of employment. Over 1/3 of youth (n=105) identified as having been involved in the justice system at one time or another.

Thirty-nine percent of youth (n=117) were accessing youth related services at the time of the survey. The primary issues experienced by youth in accessing services noted in the survey included lack of transportation, not having necessary identification or personal documents, not knowing where to go for assistance, and feeling uncomfortable in seeking help. The following table identifies barriers in accessing youth-related services (this information does not include missing values).

Table 4. Experienced the Following in Accessing Services

	11-17 years	18-25 years	Total
Lack of transportation	39	87	126
Did not have I.D./personal documents	21	45	66
Did not know where to go for help	21	40	61
Felt uncomfortable	18	42	60
Did not qualify for services	5	25	30
Placed on a wait list and never heard back	4	22	26
Other reason	8	15	23
Did not follow through or return for services	3	13	16
Language barrier	2	5	7
Has not experienced any issues in accessing services	39	28	67

Youth were asked to identify reasons for loss of housing or homeless status. Of youth that responded to the question, approximately 70% (n=181) were homeless 3 times or less in the past three years. The following table lists the reasons youth noted for being homeless (this information only includes those responses under “check all that apply”; the same youth may have responded to multiple reasons).

Table 5. Reasons for Loss of Housing or Becoming Homeless

	11-17 years	18-25 years	Total
Ran away/kicked out from my family home	36	98	134
Ran away/kicked out from a group home or foster home	3	13	16
Violence at home between family members	21	44	65
Differences with parents about religious beliefs	6	16	22
Because of some other reason*	28	55	83

* Approximately 3 out of 4 youth described the reason as the passing of a parent or caregiver.

The responses to question 22, “Including yourself, how many people in your household were sleeping in the same place as you last night” was inconclusive. Over 3/4 of youth respondents did not include themselves in the numbers provided.

II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Homelessness among youth is an issue of concern throughout the country. Many youth, whether unaccompanied or residing with friends and/or family, experience many of the same factors such as poverty, domestic violence, substance abuse, lack of housing stability, mental health disorders that contribute to adult homelessness. Youth homelessness is often characterized through crisis resulting from family instability and breakdown, which result in youth running away from negative environments or through abandonment.

Risks Associated with Youth Homelessness:

- High mobility (residential and school) can lead to enrollment problems such as:
 - Lack of school or immunization records
 - Proof of residence or guardianship
- Loss and isolation
- Lack of transportation, regular meals, clothing, etc.
- May experience poor health, fatigue, and hunger
- Stigma, youth often face prejudice and misunderstanding
- Issues related to safety – (street life/violence)
- Youth taking on adult worries

According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH), State of Homelessness in America 2015 Report¹, unaccompanied homeless youth contribute to approximately 7.8 percent (45,205 people) of the overall homeless population according to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Point-In-Time Counts nationally conducted. In the same report it is estimated that in 2014, in the State of California that approximately 12% of individuals that experience homelessness are unaccompanied children and youth. This number represents both sheltered and unsheltered children and youth, including transitional age youth 18-24 years of age.

The NAEH report also noted that PITCs may not present an accurate enumeration of homeless youth as communities are still adopting and developing strategies to ensure that homeless youth are captured during these counts.

In order to address the issue of youth homelessness in San Bernardino County, the Children's Network Policy Council (Policy Council) established the Homeless Youth Taskforce (Taskforce) on February 2010. The Taskforce was created to investigate the needs of homeless youth in the county and to find solutions to address those needs. Homeless youth are a distinct and vulnerable population in need of intensive, developmentally appropriate, and targeted support. The Taskforce seeks to raise awareness of the issue of child and youth homelessness, educate the public about the unique needs and challenges

¹ National Alliance to End Homelessness. (2015). State of Homelessness in America Report. Retrieved from <http://www.endhomelessness.org/library/entry/the-state-of-homelessness-in-america-2015>.

of this population, promote homeless youth prevention and intervention programs, reduce barriers to services, and coordinate efforts to reduce duplication and ensure efficiency.

The Taskforce is comprised of representatives of faith-based and community-based organizations, public and private agencies, concerned members of the public, and youth currently experiencing homelessness. In 2014, the Policy Council approved the transition of the Taskforce from the oversight of the Policy Council to the Interagency Council on Homelessness which oversees the implementation of the 10-Year Strategy to End Homelessness in San Bernardino County.

1. Understanding Youth Homelessness

The main question that arises in many communities is trying to determine what exactly is meant when we speak of youth homelessness. There are many different ways to describe youth homelessness, and this often is further muddled by the various descriptors used by separate agencies to define the homeless youth population. These different definitions lead to inaccurate comparisons based on enumeration methodologies by various federal agencies and homeless organizations that often present conflicting counts of this population.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services² uses the following:

- An individual or family who lacks housing, including whose primary residence during the night is a supervised public or private facility (e.g., shelters) that provides temporary living accommodations, and an individual who is a resident in transitional housing.
- A homeless person is an individual without permanent housing who may live on the streets; stay in a shelter, mission, single room occupancy facilities, abandoned building or vehicle; or in any other unstable or non-permanent situation, including living “doubled-up.”

The California Department of Education³ defines homelessness as:

- The term homeless children and youth mean individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. This definition also includes:
 - Children and youth who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
 - Children who may be living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, shelters, or awaiting foster care placement
 - Children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings
 - Children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings, or

² See: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Homelessness. <http://www.hhs.gov/programs/social-services/homelessness/index.html>.

³ See: California Department of Education: Resources for Homeless Children and Youths. <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/hs/cy/>.

- Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are children who are living in similar circumstances listed above

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development⁴ defines homelessness as:

- An individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence;
- An individual who has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground;
- An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements;
- An individual or family who will imminently lose their housing; has no subsequent residence identified; and lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing; and
- Unaccompanied youth and homeless families with children and youth defined as homeless under other Federal statutes who have experienced a long-term period without living independently in permanent housing, have experienced persistent instability as measured by frequent moves over such period, and can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic conditions.

2. Survey Background

The Taskforce decided to conduct an in-depth survey of youth within select cities in San Bernardino County as a result of the varying inconsistencies that exists with several youth counts as defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Department of Education McKinney-Vento Act guidelines. In 2014, there were over 36,886 homeless public school students in San Bernardino County according to the Department of Education⁵. Through the HUD-mandated Point in Time Count⁶, only 114 unsheltered and 131 sheltered children and youth were identified county-wide.

Such discrepancies pose challenges in obtaining much needed funding for these youth. Therefore, the Taskforce took on the task of conducting a pilot survey in hopes of gaining more accurate data that reflected the needs of our communities. Since this was a pilot project, the Taskforce focused on only four major areas of the County. Our volunteers made contact with over 300 youth self-identified as homeless or at-risk of homelessness. The following sections of this report present our findings, examine the challenges we faced, and a look forward to recommendations for next steps.

⁴ 24 CFR Part 91, 582 and 583.

⁵ Kidsdata.org. A Program of Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health. (2015). Custom Profile: San Bernardino County. [Data file]. Retrieved from: <http://www.kidsdata.org/region/366/san-bernardino-county/results?fmt=355,356,1208,1209,1210,1211,2309>.

⁶ Institute for Urban Initiatives. (2015). San Bernardino County 2015 Homeless Count and Subpopulation Survey: Final Report. Retrieved from: <http://www.sbcounty.gov/Uploads/DBH/SBCHP/Projects/Point%20In%20Time/SBC2015HomelessCountandSubpopulationFinalReport.pdf>.

Our county had previously counted homeless youth during the HUD-mandated Point in Time Count. However, the Taskforce viewed several limitations with this count. The time frame in which the count was implemented, 6 a.m. to 10 a.m., did not lend itself to locating youth who may be living on the streets. Instead, the Taskforce recognized the need to hold a survey during the day, at a time when these youth were more visible in the community.

3. When was the survey administered?

The survey took place on April 8, 2015 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. to capture both youth who were still in school and youth who were not. The survey was implemented where large populations of unaccompanied homeless youth had been identified previously.

Through the Homeless Youth Survey we hoped to achieve three main goals: 1) to more accurately depict the magnitude of the problem in our county, 2) to better understand the causes behind this problem and, 3) to utilize this data to capture additional funding to help support these youth in need and to make the system more responsive to their needs.

4. Who was considered homeless and surveyed?

Per guidelines set out by the Taskforce, a youth was considered homeless and surveyed when they fell within the following criteria:

- Living on the streets or in an area not meant for human habitation, such as a car or abandoned building;
- Residing in an emergency shelter;
- Residing in transitional housing designated for homeless families;
- Living in a motel or hotel; and
- Living in unstable housing situations such as “couch surfing.”

5. Who was not considered homeless, however were still surveyed for homeless history?

Per guidelines set out by the Taskforce, a youth was not considered homeless and surveyed when they resided in one of the following places noted:

- Living in a house, apartment or unit with a parent, relative or guardian; and
- Residing in foster care homes or foster care group homes.

6. Who carried out the count?

The survey was administered by youth (18 to 25) who made contact with approximately 300 youth. The survey was implemented in four major areas of San Bernardino County; the region’s Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Centers served as the main youth deployment and contact sites for that area. In other areas, two service providers, including one youth shelter and one youth drop-in center, coordinated the survey administration in their regions. A “Train the Trainer” session was conducted by the Office of Homeless Services in order to train the lead volunteers in each major area who in turn trained the youth

volunteers. The key to the survey implementation was to keep it as peer driven as possible. Adults were on-site with the youth volunteers to ensure their safety and to assist with resources.

Youth that participated in the survey received a hygiene kit that included a homeless youth resource guide developed by the Taskforce and a \$25 gift card to the local Stater Brothers grocery stores. The youth volunteers received a \$25 gift card to Target for their participation in administering the survey to their peers.

III. METHODOLOGY

In order to shed light on the plight of youth homelessness in San Bernardino County, the Taskforce conducted the following activities: 1) developing a youth survey; 2) coordinating the administration of the youth survey within the piloted major areas; and 3) implementing the survey.

1. Developing a Youth Survey

The homeless unaccompanied youth survey was developed by the Taskforce in cooperation with the State of California Homeless Youth Project (HYP). The impetus of the survey was to understand why youth becomes homeless and to assist planning agencies in determining what services are needed to best meet the needs of homeless youth.

A survey provided by the HYP was modified by the Taskforce with input from various participating homeless youth service agencies to focus on data needed to understand the homeless youth experience.

The HYP⁷ is a research and policy initiative of the California Research Bureau. The project is committed to bringing youth to the policy table and to informing policymakers, opinion leaders, and other stakeholders about the needs of unaccompanied homeless youth. Funding for the project is provided by The California Wellness Foundation (State of CA, 2015).

The Taskforce sought to improve understanding of young people ages 12 to 24 who are on their own and the issues they face. These include family conflict and other reasons for being on the street, lack of shelter and educational opportunities, health and mental health needs, and the effect of interactions with law enforcement agencies. The project highlights solutions for these youth by engaging them directly in research and policy discussions, and giving voice to their experiences and recommendations as well as those of researchers, practitioners, and policy experts.

2. Coordinating the Administration of the Youth Survey

Coordinating the survey included the following activities: a) determining areas to be surveyed; b) establishing a youth survey regional key contact team; and c) involving similarly aged youth to participate as survey volunteers.

a. Determining Areas to be Surveyed

The survey was implemented in five major areas of San Bernardino County:

- **Morongo Basin** which consists of the areas surrounding the town of Yucca Valley, the city of Twentynine Palms, and the unincorporated areas of the Eastern High Desert region of San Bernardino County.
- The city of **Redlands** and its unincorporated areas.

⁷ State of California, Homeless Youth Project. (2015). Website accessed on September 8, 2015: <http://cahomelessyouth.library.ca.gov/about.html>

- The city of **San Bernardino** and the unincorporated area of Muscoy.
- The city of **Victorville** and its unincorporated areas.
- **West Valley** which consisted primarily of the city of Rancho Cucamonga and its surrounding areas including unincorporated areas in the region.

These areas were included in the survey coverage area through input from youth who were actively involved in the development of the survey, as areas where homeless youth tend to congregate. These areas tended to connect with cities that had functioning TAY Centers nearby, homeless youth shelters and/or youth drop in centers.

TAY Centers were created to provide integrated services to transitional aged youth (16-25 years-old) who are unserved, uninsured and homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Transitional age youth typically have been over-represented in the Justice System and out-of-home (foster care, group homes, and institutions) placements. TAY Centers provide a high level of care with services that are gender specific, culturally and linguistically appropriate.

Homeless Youth Shelters generally provide short-term shelter for homeless and runaway youth between the ages of 11-17. These programs offer intensive individual, group and family counseling with the goal of reuniting youth with their families whenever possible, preventing future issues that may destabilize the youth's housing, and providing youth with a safe place to go.

Youth Drop-In Centers provide safe locations and/or facilities where youth can access essential resources such as food, clothing, hygiene items, safe storage of their belongings, access to computers and phones, showers and health services free of charge. These services provide youth with information on safe housing, mental health services, employment training, educational support, independent living skills and referrals.

b. Establishing a Youth Survey Regional Key Contact Team

For each region of the county to be surveyed, a Key Contact Team was established and consisted of representatives from the Taskforce, the participating TAY Centers, Homeless Youth Shelter providers and Youth Drop-In Centers who were able to provide insight and knowledge regarding youth homelessness and strategies for youth specific outreach. This team also included various representatives from public and private agencies, local government, law enforcement, community- and faith-based organizations, youth advocates and members of the public. Homeless and previous homeless youth were also contacted to serve as direct youth Key Leaders for all 4 major areas.

The Taskforce coordinated the Key Contact Teams with the San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health Transitional Age Youth Manager to coordinate deployment sites or identify areas within the survey region where homeless youth congregate.

c. Involving Similarly-Aged Youth to Participate as Survey Volunteers.

The primary purpose of the Key Leaders was to raise youth awareness of the survey and actively involve and recruit other transitional aged youth to participate in the implementation of the survey. Volunteers

were recruited both within the survey region and throughout the county from a wide range of youth oriented service providers and other interested community stakeholders.

Handouts and recruitment materials were developed and distributed during each training to the volunteers and were also made available directly from the deployment sites. A list of youth service providers was developed and distributed to youth as a referral resource directory to assist youth in the navigation of support services.

Youth peers that volunteered to survey homeless in the regional areas included persons previously involved in the provision or receipt of direct youth services and youth currently participating in youth oriented support programs.

3. Implementing the Survey

The Youth Survey Instrument was administered by the youth volunteers to gather information regarding youth characteristics to assist the Taskforce and various organizations. A unique identifier was established to maintain confidentiality and to screen for duplicate entries (see Attachment A for the Survey Instrument).

Youth surveyors were instructed to collect the following information from every youth surveyed: first 3 letters of the first name, first 3 letters of the last name, state born, and age range.⁸ Information gathered was input into a database for analysis and including missing variables and input errors.

Additional demographic information such as race⁹, ethnicity¹⁰, gender identity¹¹, and sexual orientation¹² was also included in the survey, which served two purposes: assisting with the prevention of duplicative entries and basic demographics.

Survey implementation occurred through two main interactions within the regional area which included street-based outreach, where youth volunteers went to pre-identified areas, and magnet events, where youth were encouraged to convene and participate to engage in the survey and to connect with resources and services.

a. Street-based Outreach

Teams of three youth volunteers were accompanied by one adult expert. Each team went to areas where youth had been known to gather such as skate parks and libraries. The youth volunteers approached the street youth and conducted the survey. Adult experts, who included social workers,

⁸ Age ranges included: A-(0-10 yr), B-(11-17yr), and C-(18-25 yr).

⁹ Race: a) Black/African American, b) Native American or Alaskan Native, c) Asian, d) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, e) White, and f) Some other race (please identify).

¹⁰ Yes or No answer to Hispanic or Latino.

¹¹ Current Gender Identity: a) female, b) male, c) transgender and identify as a girl or woman, d) transgender and identify as a boy or man, e) not sure, and f) other (please specify).

¹² How do you think of yourself?: a) Gay or Lesbian, b) Straight, c) Bisexual, d) Queer/Other, e) I don't know/Questioning, and f) prefer not to answer.

licensed social services professionals, and trained individuals, were on scene if needed as subject matter experts.

b. Magnet Events

In some communities, the youth participants were told to meet at pre-designated areas. For example, one group stayed afterschool until the other students had departed and then met with a team of volunteers to take the survey. This proved successful in rural areas where transportation poses an issue. Partnering with the Homeless Liaisons at the various school districts proved to be vital in connecting with homeless youth to arrange for survey completion and the provision of available resources.

The youth interviewed describe their experiences – how they became homeless, what life on the street is like, their interactions with police, their education and aspirations, their mental health experiences, how they go about getting help – the services they need, and the changes they would like to see happen in policy or law.

IV. HOMELESS YOUTH SURVEY SUMMARIES

In order to better understand the needs of youth that are homeless or at-risk of homelessness, the Taskforce's survey was designed to collect and report basic demographics and descriptors as part of the survey. Appendix A includes homeless youth subpopulation survey summaries (see pages 19-48). Appendix B includes youth survey summaries by region (see pages 50-77).

Survey questions were also compiled in order to ensure that youth specific data would be collected for the following:

- State Born
 - CA;
 - Outside CA;
 - Outside U.S.A.
- Age Range:
 - 0-10 Years of Age;
 - 11-17 Years of Age;
 - 18-25 Years of Age.
- Ethnicity:
 - Hispanic or Latino.
- Race:
 - Black/African American;
 - Native American or Alaskan Native
 - Asian;
 - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander;
 - White;
 - Some other race.
- Gender Identity:
 - Female;
 - Male;
 - Transgender, and identify as a girl or woman;
 - Transgender, and identify as a boy or man;
 - Not Sure;
 - Other.
- Sexual Orientation:
 - Gay or Lesbian;
 - Straight;
 - Bisexual;
 - Queer/Other;
 - I don't know/Questioning;
 - Prefer not to answer.
- Housing Status and Stability

- Education
- Employment
- Foster Care
- Justice System Involvement
- Accessing Services
- Household Status
- Disability Status
- Military Service

V. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING HOMELESS YOUTH SERVICES

This section outlines opportunities that the Taskforce has identified to assist youth service planners to improve youth related services within the region. These opportunities are aligned with the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership's 10-Year Strategy to End Homelessness and its update, *Recalibrating for Results*¹³.

Next steps include the following three recommendations:

Recommendation 1: Examine Transportation Resources Available for Youth

Youth expressed the need for transportation resources to access services such as emergency shelter, food banks, counseling and mental health services, etc. Transportation is an ongoing issue within San Bernardino County as the region encompasses more than 20,000-square-miles, larger than the state of Rhode Island. There are 9,411 roadway miles in San Bernardino County which is the second largest number for a county in the State. Providing transportation is expensive, particularly because the county is so large.

According to the United States Department of Transportation¹⁴, socioeconomic conditions such as income, disabilities, gender, ethnicity, and education are all factors affecting mobility. Homeless youth also face structural obstacles due to lack of transportation such as the need to make multiple trips for eligibility and program requirements for essential services and access to mainstream resources. Application processes can be lengthy and complicated. Due to a homeless youth's lack of stability, completing requirements and meeting with providers and agencies can be difficult.

The Taskforce recommends exploring potential solutions to increase access to transportation for homeless youth to access services such as emergency shelter, community and behavioral health clinics, DMV and educational institutions. For example, OmniTrans offers a *GoSmart*¹⁵ program which provides students at participating schools, colleges and universities in the San Bernardino Valley unlimited rides on Omnitrans fixed routes. The *Go Smart* program is a discounted fare program in which Omnitrans negotiates pricing with partner organizations. Funding comes from student fees and/or administrative sources. An opportunity would be to study the benefits of such systems to enhance services provided by local youth shelters and/or drop in centers.

¹³ San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership Website. (2015). 10 Year Strategy to End Homelessness in the County of San Bernardino. Website accessed on October 19, 2015:

<http://www.sbcounty.gov/dbh/sbchp/Tenyearstrategy.aspx>

¹⁴ United States Department of Transportation. (2015). Research, statistics, and technology. Website access on October 19, 2015: <https://www.transportation.gov/research-and-statistics>

¹⁵ Omnitrans. (2015). GoSmart Program. Website accessed on October 19, 2015: <http://www.omnitrans.org/fares-passes/gosmart/>

Recommendation 2: Outreach and Education Campaign on Resources Available

The Taskforce encourages the development of a campaign to educate homeless youth, transitional age youth, and/or youth estranged from their families on available services, resources, and effective transitions to independence for youth involved in systems of care. One hundred and ten survey respondents identified as having been involved in the justice system.

The Taskforce recommends exploring the development of a peer-aged Youth Street Outreach Team to work directly with the homeless youth and at-risk youth service providers to identify youth resources available, and assist in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of youth outreach programming. Identifying funding sources for this type of campaign and outreach team may be useful to its creation and sustainability.

It is recommended that an outreach campaign take into account the unique needs of homeless youth to support their access to mainstream federal, state, and local programs. The Taskforce encourages the following educational interventions:

- The identification of youth drop-in centers
 - collaboration and coordination with the local municipalities and other local jurisdictions to identify and gather information on all current and potential services available to homeless youth
- Training for service providers on the needs and resource available to homeless youth
- Improved use of technology to reach out to homeless youth
- Prioritizing access for homeless youth
- Increasing data collection efforts
- Training for businesses on the needs and resources available to homeless youth

Recommendation 3: Explore Socioeconomic Factors that Influence Youth Homelessness

The Taskforce recommends continuing collaborative efforts to enhance the positive work being done by current service providers to improve the direction of youth oriented services, such as through use of surveys, community feedback, youth input, various data collected from youth service providers to clearly define the socioeconomic factors that contribute to runaway youth and youth homelessness.

The following should be considered for future study:

- Reevaluate the need and intent of any survey conducted
- Determine specific best practice methods to conduct further research
- Coordinate any method of data collection with youth service providers, shelters, and local food banks
- Structure any research to reflect the different needs of homeless youth
 - Homeless youth who are still connected to their families have different needs than runaway and homeless youth, youth who are aging out of foster care, or youth that have exited the juvenile justice system.
- Increase research efforts in underserved areas throughout the region

Appendix A: Homeless Youth Subpopulation Survey Summaries

Age (11-17 Years)

Total Surveyed: 110

- State Born:
 - 81.8% or 90 were born in CA;
 - 6.4% or 7 were born in another state outside of CA;
 - 6.4% or 7 were born outside the United States;
 - 5.4% or 6 did not have a recorded answer.

- Ethnicity:
 - 44.6% or 49 identified as Hispanic or Latino.

- Race:
 - 24.6% or 27 were Black/African American;
 - 2.7% or 3 were Native American or Alaskan Native
 - 0.9% or 1 was Asian;
 - 4.5% or 5 were Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander;
 - 28.2% or 31 were White;
 - 20% or 22 identified as some other race¹⁶;
 - 19.1% or 21 did not have a recorded answer.

- Gender Identity:
 - 44.5% or 49 identified as Female;
 - 55.5% or 61 identified as Male;
 - 0% or 0 identified as Transgender, and identify as a girl or woman;
 - 0% or 0 identified as Transgender, and identify as a boy or man;
 - 0% or 0 identified as Not Sure;
 - 0% or 0 identified as Other.

- Sexual Orientation:
 - 3.6% or 4 were Gay or Lesbian;
 - 83.7% or 92 were Straight;
 - 7.3% or 8 were Bisexual;
 - 1.8% or 2 were Queer/Other;
 - 0% or 0 responded I don't know/Questioning;
 - 1.8% or 2 preferred not to answer;
 - 1.8% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.

¹⁶ Approximately 9 out of 10 youth survey respondents identified "Some Other Race" as "Hispanic or Latino."

- Housing Status and Stability:
 - Where did you stay last night?
 - 51.8% or 57 stayed at the home of parent, guardian or foster parent;
 - 23.6% or 26 stayed at the home of a friend or other relative's home - indoors, on a couch or in place meant for regular sleeping;
 - 5.5% or 6 stayed at the home of a Friend or other relative's home - outdoors or indoors in a place not meant for regular sleeping;
 - 0% or 0 stayed in a group home;
 - 3.6% or 4 stayed at the home of their partner, boyfriend, or girlfriend;
 - 2.8% or 3 stayed with someone they did not know because they needed a place to stay;
 - 3.6% or 4 stayed at a youth or adult shelter;
 - 0% or 0 stayed at a transitional living program
 - 2.8% or 3 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by a government program or nonprofit organization;
 - 0% or 0 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by some other way;
 - 0.9% or 1 stayed outdoors or in a public place, like a park, the street, a campground, a train or bus station, etc.;
 - 0% or 0 stayed in an abandoned building or squatted;
 - 0.9% or 1 stayed in a car, bus, or RV;
 - 1.8% or 2 stayed somewhere else;
 - 2.7% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.
 - How long have you been staying there?
 - 11.8% or 13 have been staying there for days;
 - 7.3% or 8 have been staying there for weeks;
 - 33.6% or 37 have been staying there for months;
 - 45.5% or 50 have been staying there for years;
 - 1.8% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.
 - Do you think you can stay there for the next 14 days without being asked to leave?
 - 71.8% or 79 responded “yes”;
 - 8.2% or 9 responded “no”;
 - 19.1% or 21 responded “I don’t know”;
 - 0.9% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.
 - How long have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
 - 8.2% or 9 have been without a home or place to stay for days;
 - 4.5% or 5 have been without a home or place to stay for weeks;
 - 38.2% or 42 have been without a home or place to stay for months;
 - 12.7% or 14 have been without a home or place to stay for years;

- 36.4% or 40 did not have a recorded answer.
 - Thinking about the past 3 years, how many different times have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
 - 32.7% or 36 responded 0 times;
 - 40% or 44 responded 1-3 times;
 - 13.7% or 15 responded 4-10 times;
 - 2.7% or 3 responded 11-50 times;
 - 0.9% or 1 responded 51-100 times;
 - 0% or 0 responded 101+ times;
 - 10% or 11 did not have a recorded answer.
 - Ran away/kicked out from my family home.
 - 32.7% or 36 responded “yes”.
 - Ran away/kicked out from a group home or foster home.
 - 2.7% or 3 responded “yes”.
 - Violence at home between family members.
 - 19.1% or 21 responded “yes”.
 - Difference with parents about religious beliefs.
 - 5.5% or 6 responded “yes”.
 - Left home because of some other reason
 - 25.5% or 28 responded “yes”¹⁷.
- Education
 - Highest grade completed?
 - 18.2% or 20 completed 9th grade or less;
 - 69.1% or 76 completed 9th to 11th grade;
 - 9.1% or 10 completed 12th grade (diploma);
 - 0% or 0 completed GED certificate;
 - 0.9% or 1 completed some college;
 - 0% or 0 completed an Associate’s degree;
 - 0% or 0 completed a Bachelor’s degree;
 - 0% or 0 completed Post-secondary training;
 - 2.7% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.

¹⁷ The majority of responses to “left home because of some other reason” were as a result of the death of a parent or grandparent.

- Are you currently attending or enrolled in school?
 - 87.3% or 96 responded “yes”;
 - 10.9% or 12 responded “no”;
 - 1.8% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.

- Employment (have a job, paid internship, or other type of employment)
 - 13.7% or 15 responded “yes”;
 - 83.6% or 92 responded “no”;
 - 2.7% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.

- Have you ever been in foster care?
 - 14.6% or 16 responded “yes”;
 - 81.8% or 90 responded “no”;
 - 2.7% or 3 responded “I don’t know/not sure”;
 - 0.9% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.

- Justice System Involvement
 - 22.7% or 25 responded “yes”;
 - 76.4% or 84 responded “no”;
 - 0.9% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.

- Accessing Services and Issues Experienced
 - Are you currently accessing any services in the community?
 - 23.6% or 26 responded “yes”;
 - 75.5% or 83 responded “no”;
 - 0.9% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.

 - Lack of transportation.
 - 39 responded “yes”.

 - Did not have I.D./personal documents.
 - 21 responded “yes”.

 - Did not know where to go for help.
 - 21 responded “yes”.

 - Did not qualify for services.
 - 5 responded “yes”.

- Placed on a wait list and never heard back.
 - 4 responded “yes”.
 - Did not follow through or return for services.
 - 3 responded “yes”.
 - Language barrier.
 - 2 responded “yes”.
 - Felt uncomfortable.
 - 18 responded “yes”.
 - Some other reason.
 - 8 responded “yes”.
 - Have not experienced any issues.
 - 39 responded “yes”.
- Household Status
 - How many biological children do you have?
 - 82.8% or 91 responded as having 0 children;
 - 3.6% or 4 responded as having 1 child;
 - 0.9% or 1 responded as having 2 children;
 - 12.7% or 14 did not have a recorded answer.
 - How many of your children are currently living with you?
 - 84.6% or 93 responded as having 0 children living with them;
 - 2.7% or 3 responded as having 1 child living with them;
 - 12.7% or 14 did not have a recorded answer.
 - Are you currently pregnant, or have you recently gotten someone else pregnant?
 - 2.7% or 3 responded “yes”;
 - 84.6% or 93 responded “no”;
 - 0.9% or 1 responded “I don’t know/not sure”;
 - 0.9% or 1 preferred not to answer;
 - 10.9% or 12 did not have a recorded answer.
 - Has a doctor or health professional ever told you that you have a physical, mental, emotional, or developmental disability?
 - 21.8% or 24 responded “yes”;
 - 76.4% or 84 responded “no”;

- 1.8% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.
- Military Service
 - 0% or 0 responded “yes”;
 - 92.7% or 102 responded “no”;
 - 7.3% or 8 did not have a recorded answer.

Age (18-25 Years)

Total Surveyed: 185

- State Born:
 - 86.5% or 160 were born in CA;
 - 9.7% or 18 were born in another state outside of CA;
 - 2.7% or 5 were born outside the United States;
 - 1.1% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.

- Ethnicity:
 - 40% or 74 identified as Hispanic or Latino.

- Race:
 - 21.6% or 40 were Black/African American;
 - 4.3% or 8 were Native American or Alaskan Native
 - 1.1% or 2 were Asian;
 - 0.5% or 1 was Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander;
 - 38.4% or 71 were White;
 - 13% or 24 identified as some other race¹⁸;
 - 21.1% or 39 did not have a recorded answer.

- Gender Identity:
 - 36.8% or 68 identified as Female;
 - 62.7% or 116 identified as Male;
 - 0% or 0 identified as Transgender, and identify as a girl or woman;
 - 0% or 0 identified as Transgender, and identify as a boy or man;
 - 0.5% or 1 identified as Not Sure;
 - 0% or 0 identified as Other.

- Sexual Orientation:
 - 3.8% or 7 were Gay or Lesbian;
 - 83.2% or 154 were Straight;
 - 6% or 11 were Bisexual;
 - 0.5% or 1 were Queer/Other;
 - 1.6% or 3 responded I don't know/Questioning;
 - 2.7% or 5 preferred not to answer;
 - 2.2% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.

¹⁸ Approximately 9 out of 10 youth survey respondents identified "Some Other Race" as "Hispanic or Latino."

- Housing Status and Stability:
 - Where did you stay last night?
 - 13% or 24 stayed at the home of parent, guardian or foster parent;
 - 37.9% or 70 stayed at the home of a friend or other relative's home - indoors, on a couch or in place meant for regular sleeping;
 - 6.5% or 12 stayed at the home of a Friend or other relative's home - outdoors or indoors in a place not meant for regular sleeping;
 - 0.5% or 1 stayed in a group home;
 - 7% or 13 stayed at the home of their partner, boyfriend, or girlfriend;
 - 0.5% or 1 stayed with someone they did not know because they needed a place to stay;
 - 2.7% or 5 stayed at a youth or adult shelter;
 - 4.3% or 8 stayed at a transitional living program
 - 0% or 0 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by a government program or nonprofit organization;
 - 1% or 2 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by some other way;
 - 8.7% or 16 stayed outdoors or in a public place, like a park, the street, a campground, a train or bus station, etc.;
 - 4.9% or 9 stayed in an abandoned building or squatted;
 - 5.4% or 10 stayed in a car, bus, or RV;
 - 3.8% or 7 stayed somewhere else;
 - 3.8% or 7 did not have a recorded answer.
 - How long have you been staying there?
 - 13.5% or 25 have been staying there for days;
 - 16.8% or 31 have been staying there for weeks;
 - 47.5% or 88 have been staying there for months;
 - 20% or 37 have been staying there for years;
 - 2.2% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.
 - Do you think you can stay there for the next 14 days without being asked to leave?
 - 52.9% or 98 responded “yes”;
 - 14.6% or 27 responded “no”;
 - 27.6% or 51 responded “I don’t know”;
 - 4.9% or 9 did not have a recorded answer.
 - How long have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
 - 10.3% or 19 have been without a home or place to stay for days;
 - 9.2% or 17 have been without a home or place to stay for weeks;
 - 32.9% or 61 have been without a home or place to stay for months;
 - 34.6% or 64 have been without a home or place to stay for years;

- 13% or 24 did not have a recorded answer.
 - Thinking about the past 3 years, how many different times have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
 - 10.8% or 20 responded 0 times;
 - 43.8% or 81 responded 1-3 times;
 - 21.1% or 39 responded 4-10 times;
 - 7% or 13 responded 11-50 times;
 - 0% or 0 responded 51-100 times;
 - 1.6% or 3 responded 101+ times;
 - 15.7% or 29 did not have a recorded answer.
 - Ran away/kicked out from my family home.
 - 53% or 98 responded “yes”.
 - Ran away/kicked out from a group home or foster home.
 - 7% or 13 responded “yes”.
 - Violence at home between family members.
 - 23.8% or 44 responded “yes”.
 - Difference with parents about religious beliefs.
 - 8.6% or 16 responded “yes”.
 - Left home because of some other reason
 - 29.7% or 55 responded “yes”¹⁹.
- Education
 - Highest grade completed?
 - 6% or 11 completed 9th grade or less;
 - 44.32% or 82 completed 9th to 11th grade;
 - 34.1% or 63 completed 12th grade (diploma);
 - 4.32% or 8 completed GED certificate;
 - 8.1% or 15 completed some college;
 - 1% or 2 completed an Associate’s degree;
 - 0.54% or 1 completed a Bachelor’s degree;
 - 0% or 0 completed Post-secondary training;
 - 1.62% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.

¹⁹ The majority of responses to “left home because of some other reason” were as a result of the death of a parent or grandparent.

- Are you currently attending or enrolled in school?
 - 37.84% or 70 responded “yes”;
 - 60.54% or 112 responded “no”;
 - 1.62% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.

- Employment (have a job, paid internship, or other type of employment)
 - 23.2% or 43 responded “yes”;
 - 74.1% or 137 responded “no”;
 - 2.7% or 5 did not have a recorded answer.

- Have you ever been in foster care?
 - 17.84% or 33 responded “yes”;
 - 77.3% or 143 responded “no”;
 - 3.24% or 6 responded “I don’t know/not sure”;
 - 1.62% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.

- Justice System Involvement
 - 43.2% or 80 responded “yes”;
 - 54.6% or 101 responded “no”;
 - 2.2% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.

- Accessing Services and Issues Experienced
 - Are you currently accessing any services in the community?
 - 48.7% or 90 responded “yes”;
 - 49.7% or 92 responded “no”;
 - 1.6% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.

 - Lack of transportation.
 - 87 responded “yes”.

 - Did not have I.D./personal documents.
 - 45 responded “yes”.

 - Did not know where to go for help.
 - 40 responded “yes”.

 - Did not qualify for services.
 - 25 responded “yes”.

- Placed on a wait list and never heard back.
 - 22 responded “yes”.
 - Did not follow through or return for services.
 - 13 responded “yes”.
 - Language barrier.
 - 5 responded “yes”.
 - Felt uncomfortable.
 - 42 responded “yes”.
 - Some other reason.
 - 15 responded “yes”.
 - Have not experienced any issues.
 - 28 responded “yes”.
- Household Status
 - How many biological children do you have?
 - 63.24% or 117 responded as having 0 children;
 - 17.3% or 32 responded as having 1 child;
 - 9.73% or 18 responded as having 2 children;
 - 0.54% or 1 responded as having 3 children;
 - 0.54% or 1 responded as having 4 children;
 - 0.54% or 1 responded as having 5 children;
 - 8.11% or 15 did not have a recorded answer.
 - How many of your children are currently living with you?
 - 73.5% or 136 responded as having 0 children living with them;
 - 8.1% or 15 responded as having 1 child living with them;
 - 4.9% or 9 responded as having 2 children living with them;
 - 0.5% or 1 responded as having 3 children living with them;
 - 13% or 24 did not have a recorded answer.
 - Are you currently pregnant, or have you recently gotten someone else pregnant?
 - 7% or 13 responded “yes”;
 - 74.6% or 138 responded “no”;
 - 3.8% or 7 responded “I don’t know/not sure”;
 - 2.7% or 5 preferred not to answer;
 - 11.9% or 22 did not have a recorded answer.

- Has a doctor or health professional ever told you that you have a physical, mental, emotional, or developmental disability?
 - 41.1% or 76 responded “yes”;
 - 55.7% or 103 responded “no”;
 - 3.2% or 6 did not have a recorded answer.

- Military Service
 - 3.24% or 6 responded “yes”;
 - 95.14% or 176 responded “no”;
 - 1.62% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.

All

Total Surveyed: 304

- State Born:
 - 83.2% or 253 were born in CA;
 - 8.9% or 27 were born in another state outside of CA;
 - 3.95% or 12 were born outside the United States;
 - 3.95% or 12 did not have a recorded answer.

- Age
 - 36.18% or 110 were 11-17 years of age;
 - 60.86% or 185 were 18-25 years of age;
 - 2.96% or 9 did not have a recorded answer.

- Ethnicity:
 - 42.4% or 129 identified as Hispanic or Latino.

- Race:
 - 23% or 70 were Black/African American;
 - 3.6% or 11 were Native American or Alaskan Native
 - 1% or 3 were Asian;
 - 2% or 6 was Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander;
 - 33.5% or 102 were White;
 - 15.8% or 48 identified as some other race²⁰;
 - 21.1% or 64 did not have a recorded answer.

- Gender Identity:
 - 39.1% or 119 identified as Female;
 - 60.2% or 183 identified as Male;
 - 0% or 0 identified as Transgender, and identify as a girl or woman;
 - 0% or 0 identified as Transgender, and identify as a boy or man;
 - 0.7% or 2 identified as Not Sure;
 - 0% or 0 identified as Other.

- Sexual Orientation:
 - 4.6% or 14 were Gay or Lesbian;
 - 82.9% or 252 were Straight;
 - 6.2% or 19 were Bisexual;

²⁰ Approximately 9 out of 10 youth survey respondents identified “Some Other Race” as “Hispanic or Latino.”

- 1% or 3 were Queer/Other;
 - 1% or 3 responded I don't know/Questioning;
 - 2.3% or 7 preferred not to answer;
 - 2% or 6 did not have a recorded answer.
- Housing Status and Stability:
 - Where did you stay last night?
 - 27.3% or 83 stayed at the home of parent, guardian or foster parent;
 - 32.6% or 99 stayed at the home of a friend or other relative's home - indoors, on a couch or in place meant for regular sleeping;
 - 5.9% or 18 stayed at the home of a Friend or other relative's home - outdoors or indoors in a place not meant for regular sleeping;
 - 0.3% or 1 stayed in a group home;
 - 5.6% or 17 stayed at the home of their partner, boyfriend, or girlfriend;
 - 1.3% or 4 stayed with someone they did not know because they needed a place to stay;
 - 3% or 9 stayed at a youth or adult shelter;
 - 2.6% or 8 stayed at a transitional living program
 - 1% or 3 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by a government program or nonprofit organization;
 - 0.7% or 2 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by some other way;
 - 5.9% or 18 stayed outdoors or in a public place, like a park, the street, a campground, a train or bus station, etc.;
 - 3.3% or 10 stayed in an abandoned building or squatted;
 - 3.6% or 11 stayed in a car, bus, or RV;
 - 3.3% or 10 stayed somewhere else;
 - 3.6% or 11 did not have a recorded answer.
 - How long have you been staying there?
 - 13.15% or 40 have been staying there for days;
 - 13.15% or 40 have been staying there for weeks;
 - 42.4% or 129 have been staying there for months;
 - 29.3% or 89 have been staying there for years;
 - 2% or 6 did not have a recorded answer.
 - Do you think you can stay there for the next 14 days without being asked to leave?
 - 58.6% or 178 responded "yes";
 - 12.8% or 39 responded "no";
 - 25.3% or 77 responded "I don't know";
 - 3.3% or 10 did not have a recorded answer.

- How long have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
 - 9.2% or 28 have been without a home or place to stay for days;
 - 7.2% or 22 have been without a home or place to stay for weeks;
 - 33.9% or 103 have been without a home or place to stay for months;
 - 28.3% or 86 have been without a home or place to stay for years;
 - 21.4% or 65 did not have a recorded answer.

- Thinking about the past 3 years, how many different times have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
 - 18.8% or 57 responded 0 times;
 - 41.8% or 127 responded 1-3 times;
 - 18.8% or 57 responded 4-10 times;
 - 5.2% or 16 responded 11-50 times;
 - 0.3% or 1 responded 51-100 times;
 - 1% or 3 responded 101+ times;
 - 14.1% or 43 did not have a recorded answer.

- Ran away/kicked out from my family home.
 - 44.7% or 136 responded “yes”.

- Ran away/kicked out from a group home or foster home.
 - 5.3% or 16 responded “yes”.

- Violence at home between family members.
 - 21.7% or 66 responded “yes”.

- Difference with parents about religious beliefs.
 - 7.6% or 23 responded “yes”.

- Left home because of some other reason
 - 28.3% or 86 responded “yes”²¹.

- Education
 - Highest grade completed?
 - 10.52% or 32 completed 9th grade or less;
 - 53.61% or 163 completed 9th to 11th grade;
 - 24.34% or 74 completed 12th grade (diploma);
 - 2.63% or 8 completed GED certificate;

²¹ The majority of responses to “left home because of some other reason” were as a result of the death of a parent or grandparent.

- 5.92% or 18 completed some college;
 - 0.66% or 2 completed an Associate’s degree;
 - 0.33% or 1 completed a Bachelor’s degree;
 - 0% or 0 completed Post-secondary training;
 - 1.99% or 6 did not have a recorded answer.
 - Are you currently attending or enrolled in school?
 - 55.9% or 170 responded “yes”;
 - 42.1% or 128 responded “no”;
 - 2% or 6 did not have a recorded answer.
- Employment (have a job, paid internship, or other type of employment)
 - 19.4% or 59 responded “yes”;
 - 78% or 237 responded “no”;
 - 2.6% or 8 did not have a recorded answer.
- Have you ever been in foster care?
 - 17.1% or 52 responded “yes”;
 - 78.6% or 239 responded “no”;
 - 3% or 9 responded “I don’t know/not sure”;
 - 1.3% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.
- Justice System Involvement
 - 36.2% or 110 responded “yes”;
 - 62.2% or 189 responded “no”;
 - 1.6% or 5 did not have a recorded answer.
- Accessing Services and Issues Experienced
 - Are you currently accessing any services in the community?
 - 38.5% or 117 responded “yes”;
 - 60.2% or 183 responded “no”;
 - 1.3% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.
 - Lack of transportation.
 - 127 responded “yes”.
 - Did not have I.D./personal documents.
 - 69 responded “yes”.
 - Did not know where to go for help.

- 62 responded “yes”.
 - Did not qualify for services.
 - 31 responded “yes”.
 - Placed on a wait list and never heard back.
 - 26 responded “yes”.
 - Did not follow through or return for services.
 - 17 responded “yes”.
 - Language barrier.
 - 7 responded “yes”.
 - Felt uncomfortable.
 - 60 responded “yes”.
 - Some other reason.
 - 25 responded “yes”.
 - Have not experienced any issues.
 - 69 responded “yes”.
- Household Status
 - How many biological children do you have?
 - 71.1% or 216 responded as having 0 children;
 - 12.2% or 37 responded as having 1 child;
 - 6.3% or 19 responded as having 2 children;
 - 0.3% or 1 responded as having 3 children;
 - 0.3% or 1 responded as having 4 children;
 - 0.3% or 1 responded as having 5 children;
 - 9.5% or 29 did not have a recorded answer.
 - How many of your children are currently living with you?
 - 78.3% or 238 responded as having 0 children living with them;
 - 5.9% or 18 responded as having 1 child living with them;
 - 3% or 9 responded as having 2 children living with them;
 - 0.3% or 1 responded as having 3 children living with them;
 - 12.5% or 38 did not have a recorded answer.
 - Are you currently pregnant, or have you recently gotten someone else pregnant?

- 5.6% or 17 responded “yes”;
 - 77.6% or 236 responded “no”;
 - 3.3% or 10 responded “I don’t know/not sure”;
 - 2.3% or 7 preferred not to answer;
 - 11.2% or 34 did not have a recorded answer.

- Has a doctor or health professional ever told you that you have a physical, mental, emotional, or developmental disability?
 - 34.2% or 104 responded “yes”;
 - 62.8% or 191 responded “no”;
 - 3% or 9 did not have a recorded answer.

- Military Service
 - 2% or 6 responded “yes”;
 - 94.1% or 286 responded “no”;
 - 3.9% or 12 did not have a recorded answer.

Female

Total Surveyed: 119

- State Born:
 - 81.5% or 97 were born in CA;
 - 7.6% or 9 were born in another state outside of CA;
 - 4.2% or 5 were born outside the United States;
 - 6.7% or 8 did not have a recorded answer.

- Ethnicity:
 - 47.1% or 56 identified as Hispanic or Latino.

- Age
 - 41.2% or 49 were 11-17 years of age;
 - 57.1% or 68 were 18-25 years of age;
 - 1.7% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.

- Race:
 - 23.53% or 28 were Black/African American;
 - 3.36% or 4 were Native American or Alaskan Native
 - 0.84% or 1 were Asian;
 - 3.36% or 4 was Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander;
 - 28.57% or 34 were White;
 - 20.16% or 24 identified as some other race²²;
 - 20.16% or 24 did not have a recorded answer.

- Sexual Orientation:
 - 5.04% or 6 were Gay or Lesbian;
 - 77.31% or 92 were Straight;
 - 10.92% or 13 were Bisexual;
 - 0.84% or 1 were Queer/Other;
 - 0.84% or 1 responded I don't know/Questioning;
 - 2.5% or 3 preferred not to answer;
 - 2.5% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.

- Housing Status and Stability:
 - Where did you stay last night?

²² Approximately 9 out of 10 youth survey respondents identified "Some Other Race" as "Hispanic or Latino."

- 25.2% or 30 stayed at the home of parent, guardian or foster parent;
 - 40.34% or 48 stayed at the home of a friend or other relative's home - indoors, on a couch or in place meant for regular sleeping;
 - 3.36% or 4 stayed at the home of a Friend or other relative's home - outdoors or indoors in a place not meant for regular sleeping;
 - 0% or 0 stayed in a group home;
 - 8.4% or 10 stayed at the home of their partner, boyfriend, or girlfriend;
 - 2.5% or 3 stayed with someone they did not know because they needed a place to stay;
 - 4.2% or 5 stayed at a youth or adult shelter;
 - 1.7% or 2 stayed at a transitional living program
 - 1.7% or 2 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by a government program or nonprofit organization;
 - 0.84% or 1 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by some other way;
 - 3.36% or 4 stayed outdoors or in a public place, like a park, the street, a campground, a train or bus station, etc.;
 - 3.36% or 4 stayed in an abandoned building or squatted;
 - 0.84% or 1 stayed in a car, bus, or RV;
 - 1.7% or 2 stayed somewhere else;
 - 2.5% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.
- How long have you been staying there?
 - 13.5% or 16 have been staying there for days;
 - 14.3% or 17 have been staying there for weeks;
 - 46.2% or 55 have been staying there for months;
 - 23.5% or 28 have been staying there for years;
 - 2.5% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.
- Do you think you can stay there for the next 14 days without being asked to leave?
 - 63% or 75 responded “yes”;
 - 10.1% or 12 responded “no”;
 - 24.4% or 29 responded “I don’t know”;
 - 2.5% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.
- How long have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
 - 10.1% or 12 have been without a home or place to stay for days;
 - 8.4% or 10 have been without a home or place to stay for weeks;
 - 43.7% or 52 have been without a home or place to stay for months;
 - 18.5% or 22 have been without a home or place to stay for years;
 - 19.3% or 23 did not have a recorded answer.

- Thinking about the past 3 years, how many different times have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
 - 15.96% or 19 responded 0 times;
 - 52.1% or 62 responded 1-3 times;
 - 17.65% or 21 responded 4-10 times;
 - 4.2% or 5 responded 11-50 times;
 - 0% or 0 responded 51-100 times;
 - 0.84% or 1 responded 101+ times;
 - 9.24% or 11 did not have a recorded answer.

- Ran away/kicked out from my family home.
 - 44.5% or 53 responded “yes”.

- Ran away/kicked out from a group home or foster home.
 - 4.2% or 5 responded “yes”.

- Violence at home between family members.
 - 21% or 25 responded “yes”.

- Difference with parents about religious beliefs.
 - 5.9% or 7 responded “yes”.

- Left home because of some other reason
 - 31.1% or 37 responded “yes”²³.

- Education
 - Highest grade completed?
 - 10.92% or 13 completed 9th grade or less;
 - 57.14% or 68 completed 9th to 11th grade;
 - 23.5% or 28 completed 12th grade (diploma);
 - 1.7% or 2 completed GED certificate;
 - 4.2% or 5 completed some college;
 - 1.7% or 2 completed an Associate’s degree;
 - 0% or 0 completed a Bachelor’s degree;
 - 0% or 0 completed Post-secondary training;
 - 0.84% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.

 - Are you currently attending or enrolled in school?

²³ The majority of responses to “left home because of some other reason” were as a result of the death of a parent or grandparent.

- 68.07% or 81 responded “yes”;
 - 31.09% or 37 responded “no”;
 - 0.84% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.

- Employment (have a job, paid internship, or other type of employment)
 - 16.8% or 20 responded “yes”;
 - 80.7% or 96 responded “no”;
 - 2.5% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.

- Have you ever been in foster care?
 - 14.3% or 17 responded “yes”;
 - 80.7% or 96 responded “no”;
 - 4.2% or 5 responded “I don’t know/not sure”;
 - 0.8% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.

- Justice System Involvement
 - 25.21% or 30 responded “yes”;
 - 73.95% or 88 responded “no”;
 - 0.84% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.

- Accessing Services and Issues Experienced
 - Are you currently accessing any services in the community?
 - 39.5% or 47 responded “yes”;
 - 59.7% or 71 responded “no”;
 - 0.8% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.

 - Lack of transportation.
 - 59 responded “yes”.

 - Did not have I.D./personal documents.
 - 25 responded “yes”.

 - Did not know where to go for help.
 - 30 responded “yes”.

 - Did not qualify for services.
 - 14 responded “yes”.

 - Placed on a wait list and never heard back.
 - 16 responded “yes”.

- Did not follow through or return for services.
 - 6 responded “yes”.
- Language barrier.
 - 3 responded “yes”.
- Felt uncomfortable.
 - 28 responded “yes”.
- Some other reason.
 - 6 responded “yes”.
- Have not experienced any issues.
 - 25 responded “yes”.
- Household Status
 - How many biological children do you have?
 - 63.03% or 75 responded as having 0 children;
 - 17.65% or 21 responded as having 1 child;
 - 8.4% or 10 responded as having 2 children;
 - 0.84% or 1 responded as having 3 children;
 - 0% or 0 responded as having 4 children;
 - 0.84% or 1 responded as having 5 children;
 - 9.24% or 11 did not have a recorded answer.
 - How many of your children are currently living with you?
 - 72.3% or 86 responded as having 0 children living with them;
 - 10.92% or 13 responded as having 1 child living with them;
 - 5.04% or 6 responded as having 2 children living with them;
 - 0.84% or 1 responded as having 3 children living with them;
 - 10.9% or 13 did not have a recorded answer.
 - Are you currently pregnant, or have you recently gotten someone else pregnant?
 - 8.4% or 10 responded “yes”;
 - 83.2% or 99 responded “no”;
 - 2.52% or 3 responded “I don’t know/not sure”;
 - 0.84% or 1 preferred not to answer;
 - 5.04% or 6 did not have a recorded answer.

- Has a doctor or health professional ever told you that you have a physical, mental, emotional, or developmental disability?
 - 27.7% or 33 responded “yes”;
 - 70.6% or 84 responded “no”;
 - 1.7% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.

- Military Service
 - 0.8% or 1 responded “yes”;
 - 95% or 113 responded “no”;
 - 4.2% or 5 did not have a recorded answer.

Male

Total Surveyed: 183

- State Born:
 - 84.2% or 154 were born in CA;
 - 9.8% or 18 were born in another state outside of CA;
 - 3.8% or 7 were born outside the United States;
 - 2.2% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.

- Ethnicity:
 - 39.3% or 72 identified as Hispanic or Latino.

- Age
 - 33.3% or 61 were 11-17 years of age;
 - 63.4% or 116 were 18-25 years of age;
 - 3.3% or 6 did not have a recorded answer.

- Race:
 - 22.95% or 42 were Black/African American;
 - 3.83% or 7 were Native American or Alaskan Native
 - 1.09% or 2 were Asian;
 - 1.09% or 2 was Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander;
 - 37.16% or 68 were White;
 - 12.57% or 23 identified as some other race²⁴;
 - 21.31% or 39 did not have a recorded answer.

- Sexual Orientation:
 - 4.37% or 8 were Gay or Lesbian;
 - 86.89% or 159 were Straight;
 - 3.29% or 6 were Bisexual;
 - 0.55% or 1 were Queer/Other;
 - 1.09% or 2 responded I don't know/Questioning;
 - 2.18% or 4 preferred not to answer;
 - 1.63% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.

- Housing Status and Stability:
 - Where did you stay last night?

²⁴ Approximately 9 out of 10 youth survey respondents identified "Some Other Race" as "Hispanic or Latino."

- 28.96% or 53 stayed at the home of parent, guardian or foster parent;
 - 27.3% or 50 stayed at the home of a friend or other relative's home - indoors, on a couch or in place meant for regular sleeping;
 - 7.65% or 14 stayed at the home of a Friend or other relative's home - outdoors or indoors in a place not meant for regular sleeping;
 - 0.55% or 1 stayed in a group home;
 - 3.83% or 7 stayed at the home of their partner, boyfriend, or girlfriend;
 - 0.55% or 1 stayed with someone they did not know because they needed a place to stay;
 - 2.19% or 4 stayed at a youth or adult shelter;
 - 3.29% or 6 stayed at a transitional living program
 - 0.55% or 1 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by a government program or nonprofit organization;
 - 0.55% or 1 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by some other way;
 - 7.65% or 14 stayed outdoors or in a public place, like a park, the street, a campground, a train or bus station, etc.;
 - 3.29% or 6 stayed in an abandoned building or squatted;
 - 5.46% or 10 stayed in a car, bus, or RV;
 - 4.37% or 8 stayed somewhere else;
 - 3.83% or 7 did not have a recorded answer.
- How long have you been staying there?
 - 13.12% or 24 have been staying there for days;
 - 12.57% or 23 have been staying there for weeks;
 - 39.89% or 73 have been staying there for months;
 - 32.79% or 60 have been staying there for years;
 - 1.63% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.
- Do you think you can stay there for the next 14 days without being asked to leave?
 - 56.3% or 103 responded “yes”;
 - 14.8% or 27 responded “no”;
 - 25.1% or 46 responded “I don’t know”;
 - 3.8% or 7 did not have a recorded answer.
- How long have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
 - 8.7% or 16 have been without a home or place to stay for days;
 - 6% or 11 have been without a home or place to stay for weeks;
 - 27.9% or 51 have been without a home or place to stay for months;
 - 35% or 64 have been without a home or place to stay for years;
 - 22.4% or 41 did not have a recorded answer.

- Thinking about the past 3 years, how many different times have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
 - 20.8% or 38 responded 0 times;
 - 35% or 64 responded 1-3 times;
 - 19.7% or 36 responded 4-10 times;
 - 6% or 11 responded 11-50 times;
 - 0.55% or 1 responded 51-100 times;
 - 1.1% or 2 responded 101+ times;
 - 16.9% or 31 did not have a recorded answer.

- Ran away/kicked out from my family home.
 - 45.4% or 83 responded “yes”.

- Ran away/kicked out from a group home or foster home.
 - 6% or 11 responded “yes”.

- Violence at home between family members.
 - 22.4% or 41 responded “yes”.

- Difference with parents about religious beliefs.
 - 8.7% or 16 responded “yes”.

- Left home because of some other reason
 - 26.2% or 48 responded “yes”²⁵.

- Education
 - Highest grade completed?
 - 9.84% or 18 completed 9th grade or less;
 - 51.37% or 94 completed 9th to 11th grade;
 - 25.14% or 46 completed 12th grade (diploma);
 - 3.29% or 6 completed GED certificate;
 - 7.1% or 13 completed some college;
 - 0% or 0 completed an Associate’s degree;
 - 0.55% or 1 completed a Bachelor’s degree;
 - 0% or 0 completed Post-secondary training;
 - 2.73% or 5 did not have a recorded answer.

 - Are you currently attending or enrolled in school?

²⁵ The majority of responses to “left home because of some other reason” were as a result of the death of a parent or grandparent.

- 48.6% or 89 responded “yes”;
 - 49.2% or 90 responded “no”;
 - 2.2% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.

- Employment (have a job, paid internship, or other type of employment)
 - 20.8% or 38 responded “yes”;
 - 76.5% or 140 responded “no”;
 - 2.7% or 5 did not have a recorded answer.

- Have you ever been in foster care?
 - 19.1% or 35 responded “yes”;
 - 77.1% or 141 responded “no”;
 - 2.2% or 4 responded “I don’t know/not sure”;
 - 1.6% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.

- Justice System Involvement
 - 43.7% or 80 responded “yes”;
 - 54.1% or 99 responded “no”;
 - 2.2% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.

- Accessing Services and Issues Experienced
 - Are you currently accessing any services in the community?
 - 38.3% or 70 responded “yes”;
 - 60.1% or 110 responded “no”;
 - 1.6% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.

 - Lack of transportation.
 - 67 responded “yes”.

 - Did not have I.D./personal documents.
 - 44 responded “yes”.

 - Did not know where to go for help.
 - 32 responded “yes”.

 - Did not qualify for services.
 - 17 responded “yes”.

 - Placed on a wait list and never heard back.
 - 10 responded “yes”.

- Did not follow through or return for services.
 - 11 responded “yes”.
- Language barrier.
 - 4 responded “yes”.
- Felt uncomfortable.
 - 32 responded “yes”.
- Some other reason.
 - 19 responded “yes”.
- Have not experienced any issues.
 - 44 responded “yes”.
- Household Status
 - How many biological children do you have?
 - 76.5% or 140 responded as having 0 children;
 - 8.2% or 15 responded as having 1 child;
 - 4.9% or 9 responded as having 2 children;
 - 0% or 0 responded as having 3 children;
 - 0.55% or 1 responded as having 4 children;
 - 0% or 0 responded as having 5 children;
 - 9.84% or 18 did not have a recorded answer.
 - How many of your children are currently living with you?
 - 82.51% or 151 responded as having 0 children living with them;
 - 2.19% or 4 responded as having 1 child living with them;
 - 1.64% or 3 responded as having 2 children living with them;
 - 0% or 0 responded as having 3 children living with them;
 - 13.66% or 25 did not have a recorded answer.
 - Are you currently pregnant, or have you recently gotten someone else pregnant?
 - 3.29% or 6 responded “yes”;
 - 74.86% or 137 responded “no”;
 - 3.29% or 6 responded “I don’t know/not sure”;
 - 3.29% or 6 preferred not to answer;
 - 15.3% or 28 did not have a recorded answer.

- Has a doctor or health professional ever told you that you have a physical, mental, emotional, or developmental disability?
 - 38.8% or 71 responded “yes”;
 - 57.9% or 106 responded “no”;
 - 3.3% or 6 did not have a recorded answer.

- Military Service
 - 2.2% or 4 responded “yes”;
 - 94.5% or 173 responded “no”;
 - 3.3% or 6 did not have a recorded answer.

Appendix B: Youth Survey Summaries by Region

Morongo Basin

Total Surveyed: 65

- State Born:
 - 80% or 52 were born in CA;
 - 10.8% or 7 were born in another state outside of CA;
 - 1.5% or 1 were born outside the United States;
 - 7.7% or 5 did not have a recorded answer.

- Age
 - 40% or 26 were 11-17 years of age;
 - 60% or 39 were 18-25 years of age.

- Ethnicity:
 - 21.5% or 14 identified as Hispanic or Latino.

- Race:
 - 12.3% or 8 were Black/African American;
 - 6.2% or 4 were Native American or Alaskan Native
 - 1.5% or 1 were Asian;
 - 4.6% or 3 was Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander;
 - 60% or 39 were White;
 - 12.3% or 8 identified as some other race²⁶;
 - 3.1% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.

- Gender Identity:
 - 40% or 26 identified as Female;
 - 58.5% or 38 identified as Male;
 - 0% or 0 identified as Transgender, and identify as a girl or woman;
 - 0% or 0 identified as Transgender, and identify as a boy or man;
 - 1.5% or 1 identified as Not Sure;
 - 0% or 0 identified as Other.

- Sexual Orientation:
 - 3.08% or 2 were Gay or Lesbian;
 - 84.62% or 55 were Straight;
 - 1.54% or 1 were Bisexual;
 - 4.62% or 3 were Queer/Other;

²⁶ Approximately 9 out of 10 youth survey respondents identified “Some Other Race” as “Hispanic or Latino.”

- 1.54% or 1 responded I don't know/Questioning;
 - 3.08% or 2 preferred not to answer;
 - 1.54% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.
- Housing Status and Stability:
 - Where did you stay last night?
 - 7.69% or 5 stayed at the home of parent, guardian or foster parent;
 - 49.23% or 32 stayed at the home of a friend or other relative's home - indoors, on a couch or in place meant for regular sleeping;
 - 9.23% or 6 stayed at the home of a Friend or other relative's home - outdoors or indoors in a place not meant for regular sleeping;
 - 1.54% or 1 stayed in a group home;
 - 4.62% or 3 stayed at the home of their partner, boyfriend, or girlfriend;
 - 3.08% or 2 stayed with someone they did not know because they needed a place to stay;
 - 1.54% or 1 stayed at a youth or adult shelter;
 - 6.15% or 4 stayed at a transitional living program
 - 0% or 0 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by a government program or nonprofit organization;
 - 0% or 0 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by some other way;
 - 4.62% or 3 stayed outdoors or in a public place, like a park, the street, a campground, a train or bus station, etc.;
 - 4.62% or 3 stayed in an abandoned building or squatted;
 - 3.08% or 2 stayed in a car, bus, or RV;
 - 1.54% or 1 stayed somewhere else;
 - 3.08% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.
 - How long have you been staying there?
 - 18.5% or 12 have been staying there for days;
 - 10.8% or 7 have been staying there for weeks;
 - 40% or 26 have been staying there for months;
 - 27.7% or 18 have been staying there for years;
 - 3.08% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.
 - Do you think you can stay there for the next 14 days without being asked to leave?
 - 58.46% or 38 responded "yes";
 - 18.5% or 12 responded "no";
 - 21.54% or 14 responded "I don't know";
 - 1.5% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.
 - How long have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?

- 16.9% or 11 have been without a home or place to stay for days;
 - 13.9% or 9 have been without a home or place to stay for weeks;
 - 26.2% or 17 have been without a home or place to stay for months;
 - 23% or 15 have been without a home or place to stay for years;
 - 20% or 13 did not have a recorded answer.
 - Thinking about the past 3 years, how many different times have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
 - 21.5% or 14 responded 0 times;
 - 43.1% or 28 responded 1-3 times;
 - 18.5% or 12 responded 4-10 times;
 - 7.7% or 5 responded 11-50 times;
 - 0% or 0 responded 51-100 times;
 - 1.5% or 1 responded 101+ times;
 - 7.7% or 5 did not have a recorded answer.
 - Ran away/kicked out from my family home.
 - 50.8% or 33 responded “yes”.
 - Ran away/kicked out from a group home or foster home.
 - 9.2% or 6 responded “yes”.
 - Violence at home between family members.
 - 16.9% or 11 responded “yes”.
 - Difference with parents about religious beliefs.
 - 6.2% or 4 responded “yes”.
 - Left home because of some other reason
 - 23.1% or 15 responded “yes”²⁷.
- Education
 - Highest grade completed?
 - 12.31% or 8 completed 9th grade or less;
 - 46.15% or 30 completed 9th to 11th grade;
 - 27.69% or 18 completed 12th grade (diploma);
 - 1.54% or 1 completed GED certificate;
 - 9.23% or 6 completed some college;

²⁷ The majority of responses to “left home because of some other reason” were as a result of the death of a parent or grandparent.

- 0% or 0 completed an Associate’s degree;
 - 1.54% or 1 completed a Bachelor’s degree;
 - 0% or 0 completed Post-secondary training;
 - 1.54% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.
 - Are you currently attending or enrolled in school?
 - 55.4% or 36 responded “yes”;
 - 43.1% or 28 responded “no”;
 - 1.5% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.
- Employment (have a job, paid internship, or other type of employment)
 - 20% or 13 responded “yes”;
 - 77% or 50 responded “no”;
 - 3% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.
- Have you ever been in foster care?
 - 17% or 11 responded “yes”;
 - 80% or 52 responded “no”;
 - 1.5% or 1 responded “I don’t know/not sure”;
 - 1.5% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.
- Justice System Involvement
 - 30.8% or 20 responded “yes”;
 - 67.7% or 44 responded “no”;
 - 1.5% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.
- Accessing Services and Issues Experienced
 - Are you currently accessing any services in the community?
 - 21.5% or 14 responded “yes”;
 - 78.5% or 51 responded “no”.
 - Lack of transportation.
 - 31 responded “yes”.
 - Did not have I.D./personal documents.
 - 15 responded “yes”.
 - Did not know where to go for help.
 - 16 responded “yes”.

- Did not qualify for services.
 - 7 responded “yes”.
 - Placed on a wait list and never heard back.
 - 4 responded “yes”.
 - Did not follow through or return for services.
 - 3 responded “yes”.
 - Language barrier.
 - 2 responded “yes”.
 - Felt uncomfortable.
 - 13 responded “yes”.
 - Some other reason.
 - 6 responded “yes”.
 - Have not experienced any issues.
 - 15 responded “yes”.
- Household Status
 - How many biological children do you have?
 - 69.2% or 45 responded as having 0 children;
 - 10.8% or 7 responded as having 1 child;
 - 1.5% or 1 responded as having 2 children;
 - 18.5% or 12 did not have a recorded answer.
 - How many of your children are currently living with you?
 - 72.3% or 47 responded as having 0 children living with them;
 - 6.2% or 4 responded as having 1 child living with them;
 - 1.5% or 1 responded as having 2 children living with them;
 - 20% or 13 did not have a recorded answer.
 - Are you currently pregnant, or have you recently gotten someone else pregnant?
 - 10.8% or 7 responded “yes”;
 - 76.9% or 50 responded “no”;
 - 1.5% or 1 responded “I don’t know/not sure”;
 - 10.8% or 7 did not have a recorded answer.

- Has a doctor or health professional ever told you that you have a physical, mental, emotional, or developmental disability?
 - 24.6% or 16 responded “yes”;
 - 72.3% or 47 responded “no”;
 - 3.1% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.

- Military Service
 - 4.6% or 3 responded “yes”;
 - 87.7% or 57 responded “no”;
 - 7.7% or 5 did not have a recorded answer.

Redlands

Total Surveyed: 47

- State Born:
 - 91.5% or 43 were born in CA;
 - 8.5% or 4 were born in another state outside of CA.

- Age
 - 17% or 8 were 11-17 years of age;
 - 83% or 39 were 18-25 years of age.

- Ethnicity:
 - 31.9% or 15 identified as Hispanic or Latino.

- Race:
 - 6.4% or 3 were Black/African American;
 - 66% or 31 were White;
 - 10.6% or 5 identified as some other race²⁸;
 - 17% or 8 did not have a recorded answer.

- Gender Identity:
 - 25.5% or 12 identified as Female;
 - 74.5% or 35 identified as Male.

- Sexual Orientation:
 - 2% or 1 were Gay or Lesbian;
 - 87% or 41 were Straight;
 - 9% or 4 were Bisexual;
 - 2% or 1 responded I don't know/Questioning.

- Housing Status and Stability:
 - Where did you stay last night?
 - 0% or 0 stayed at the home of parent, guardian or foster parent;
 - 44.7% or 21 stayed at the home of a friend or other relative's home - indoors, on a couch or in place meant for regular sleeping;
 - 10.6% or 5 stayed at the home of a Friend or other relative's home - outdoors or indoors in a place not meant for regular sleeping;

²⁸ Approximately 9 out of 10 youth survey respondents identified "Some Other Race" as "Hispanic or Latino."

- 0% or 0 stayed in a group home;
 - 2.1% or 1 stayed at the home of their partner, boyfriend, or girlfriend;
 - 2.1% or 1 stayed with someone they did not know because they needed a place to stay;
 - 8.5% or 4 stayed at a youth or adult shelter;
 - 0% or 0 stayed at a transitional living program
 - 0% or 0 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by a government program or nonprofit organization;
 - 0% or 0 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by some other way;
 - 2.1% or 1 stayed outdoors or in a public place, like a park, the street, a campground, a train or bus station, etc.;
 - 12.8% or 6 stayed in an abandoned building or squatted;
 - 10.6% or 5 stayed in a car, bus, or RV;
 - 6.4% or 3 stayed somewhere else.
- How long have you been staying there?
 - 6.4% or 3 have been staying there for days;
 - 27.7% or 13 have been staying there for weeks;
 - 57.4% or 27 have been staying there for months;
 - 8.5% or 4 have been staying there for years.
- Do you think you can stay there for the next 14 days without being asked to leave?
 - 53.2% or 25 responded “yes”;
 - 8.5% or 4 responded “no”;
 - 38.3% or 18 responded “I don’t know”.
- How long have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
 - 0% or 0 have been without a home or place to stay for days;
 - 2.13% or 1 have been without a home or place to stay for weeks;
 - 34.04% or 16 have been without a home or place to stay for months;
 - 55.32% or 26 have been without a home or place to stay for years;
 - 8.51% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.
- Thinking about the past 3 years, how many different times have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
 - 2.13% or 1 responded 0 times;
 - 17.02% or 8 responded 1-3 times;
 - 36.17% or 17 responded 4-10 times;
 - 12.77% or 6 responded 11-50 times;
 - 31.91% or 15 did not have a recorded answer.
- Ran away/kicked out from my family home.

- 74.5% or 35 responded “yes”.
 - Ran away/kicked out from a group home or foster home.
 - 6.4% or 3 responded “yes”.
 - Violence at home between family members.
 - 29.8% or 14 responded “yes”.
 - Difference with parents about religious beliefs.
 - 10.6% or 5 responded “yes”.
 - Left home because of some other reason
 - 23.4% or 11 responded “yes”²⁹.
- Education
 - Highest grade completed?
 - 14.9% or 7 completed 9th grade or less;
 - 51.1% or 24 completed 9th to 11th grade;
 - 23.4% or 11 completed 12th grade (diploma);
 - 8.5% or 4 completed GED certificate;
 - 2.1% or 1 completed some college;
 - 0% or 0 completed an Associate’s degree;
 - 0% or 0 completed a Bachelor’s degree;
 - 0% or 0 completed Post-secondary training.
 - Are you currently attending or enrolled in school?
 - 17% or 8 responded “yes”;
 - 83% or 39 responded “no”.
- Employment (have a job, paid internship, or other type of employment)
 - 12.8% or 6 responded “yes”;
 - 87.2% or 41 responded “no”.
- Have you ever been in foster care?
 - 12.8% or 6 responded “yes”;
 - 83% or 39 responded “no”;
 - 4.2% or 2 responded “I don’t know/not sure”.

²⁹ The majority of responses to “left home because of some other reason” were as a result of the death of a parent or grandparent.

- Justice System Involvement
 - 46.8% or 22 responded “yes”;
 - 51.1% or 24 responded “no”;
 - 2.1% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.

- Accessing Services and Issues Experienced
 - Are you currently accessing any services in the community?
 - 89.4% or 42 responded “yes”³⁰;
 - 10.6% or 5 responded “no”.

 - Lack of transportation.
 - 12 responded “yes”.

 - Did not have I.D./personal documents.
 - 13 responded “yes”.

 - Did not know where to go for help.
 - 5 responded “yes”.

 - Did not qualify for services.
 - 2 responded “yes”.

 - Placed on a wait list and never heard back.
 - 0 responded “yes”.

 - Did not follow through or return for services.
 - 2 responded “yes”.

 - Language barrier.
 - 0 responded “yes”.

 - Felt uncomfortable.
 - 10 responded “yes”.

 - Some other reason.
 - 9 responded “yes”.

 - Have not experienced any issues.
 - 9 responded “yes”.

³⁰ The majority of respondents identified “Youth Hope” as the location from where they are accessing resources.

- Household Status
 - How many biological children do you have?
 - 74.5% or 35 responded as having 0 children;
 - 17% or 8 responded as having 1 child;
 - 8.5% or 4 responded as having 2 children.
 - How many of your children are currently living with you?
 - 89% or 42 responded as having 0 children living with them;
 - 11% or 5 did not have a recorded answer.
 - Are you currently pregnant, or have you recently gotten someone else pregnant?
 - 0% or 0 responded “yes”;
 - 81% or 38 responded “no”;
 - 0% or 0 responded “I don’t know/not sure”;
 - 0% or 0 preferred not to answer;
 - 19% or 9 did not have a recorded answer.
- Has a doctor or health professional ever told you that you have a physical, mental, emotional, or developmental disability?
 - 51% or 24 responded “yes”;
 - 47% or 22 responded “no”;
 - 2% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.
- Military Service
 - 2.1% or 1 responded “yes”;
 - 97.9% or 46 responded “no”.

San Bernardino

Total Surveyed: 83

- State Born:
 - 85.54% or 71 were born in CA;
 - 7.23% or 6 were born in another state outside of CA;
 - 2.41% or 2 were born outside the United States;
 - 4.82% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.

- Age
 - 51.8% or 43 were 11-17 years of age;
 - 44.6% or 37 were 18-25 years of age;
 - 3.6% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.

- Ethnicity:
 - 47% or 39 identified as Hispanic or Latino.

- Race:
 - 42.17% or 35 were Black/African American;
 - 4.82% or 4 were Native American or Alaskan Native
 - 2.41% or 2 were Asian;
 - 1.21% or 1 was Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander;
 - 14.46% or 12 were White;
 - 18.07% or 15 identified as some other race³¹;
 - 16.87% or 14 did not have a recorded answer.

- Gender Identity:
 - 38.6% or 32 identified as Female;
 - 60.2% or 50 identified as Male;
 - 0% or 0 identified as Transgender, and identify as a girl or woman;
 - 0% or 0 identified as Transgender, and identify as a boy or man;
 - 1.2% or 1 identified as Not Sure;
 - 0% or 0 identified as Other.

- Sexual Orientation:
 - 4.82% or 4 were Gay or Lesbian;
 - 75.9% or 63 were Straight;
 - 9.64% or 8 were Bisexual;

³¹ Approximately 9 out of 10 youth survey respondents identified “Some Other Race” as “Hispanic or Latino.”

- 0% or 0 were Queer/Other;
 - 1.21% or 1 responded I don't know/Questioning;
 - 2.42% or 2 preferred not to answer;
 - 6% or 5 did not have a recorded answer.
- Housing Status and Stability:
 - Where did you stay last night?
 - 54.2% or 45 stayed at the home of parent, guardian or foster parent;
 - 15.7% or 13 stayed at the home of a friend or other relative's home - indoors, on a couch or in place meant for regular sleeping;
 - 3.6% or 3 stayed at the home of a Friend or other relative's home - outdoors or indoors in a place not meant for regular sleeping;
 - 0 % or 0 stayed in a group home;
 - 2.4% or 2 stayed at the home of their partner, boyfriend, or girlfriend;
 - 0% or 0 stayed with someone they did not know because they needed a place to stay;
 - 0% or 0 stayed at a youth or adult shelter;
 - 4.8% or 4 stayed at a transitional living program
 - 3.6% or 3 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by a government program or nonprofit organization;
 - 1.2% or 1 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by some other way;
 - 1.2% or 1 stayed outdoors or in a public place, like a park, the street, a campground, a train or bus station, etc.;
 - 0% or 0 stayed in an abandoned building or squatted;
 - 1.2% or 1 stayed in a car, bus, or RV;
 - 4.8% or 4 stayed somewhere else;
 - 7.2% or 6 did not have a recorded answer.
 - How long have you been staying there?
 - 14.46% or 12 have been staying there for days;
 - 9.64% or 8 have been staying there for weeks;
 - 30.12% or 25 have been staying there for months;
 - 44.58% or 37 have been staying there for years;
 - 1.2% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.
 - Do you think you can stay there for the next 14 days without being asked to leave?
 - 57.83% or 48 responded "yes";
 - 8.43% or 7 responded "no";
 - 28.92% or 24 responded "I don't know";
 - 4.82% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.

- How long have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
 - 9.6% or 8 have been without a home or place to stay for days;
 - 3.6% or 3 have been without a home or place to stay for weeks;
 - 30.1% or 25 have been without a home or place to stay for months;
 - 14.5% or 12 have been without a home or place to stay for years;
 - 42.2% or 35 did not have a recorded answer.

- Thinking about the past 3 years, how many different times have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
 - 31.33% or 26 responded 0 times;
 - 36.15% or 30 responded 1-3 times;
 - 13.25% or 11 responded 4-10 times;
 - 1.2% or 1 responded 11-50 times;
 - 0 % or 0 responded 51-100 times;
 - 1.2% or 1 responded 101+ times;
 - 16.87% or 14 did not have a recorded answer.

- Ran away/kicked out from my family home.
 - 20.5% or 17 responded “yes”.

- Ran away/kicked out from a group home or foster home.
 - 6% or 5 responded “yes”.

- Violence at home between family members.
 - 16.9% or 14 responded “yes”.

- Difference with parents about religious beliefs.
 - 6% or 5 responded “yes”.

- Left home because of some other reason
 - 27.7% or 23 responded “yes”³².

- Education
 - Highest grade completed?
 - 9.64% or 8 completed 9th grade or less;
 - 46.99% or 39 completed 9th to 11th grade;
 - 31.33% or 26 completed 12th grade (diploma);
 - 1.2% or 1 completed GED certificate;

³² The majority of responses to “left home because of some other reason” were as a result of the death of a parent or grandparent.

- 4.82% or 4 completed some college;
 - 0% or 0 completed an Associate’s degree;
 - 0% or 0 completed a Bachelor’s degree;
 - 0% or 0 completed Post-secondary training;
 - 6.02% or 5 did not have a recorded answer.
 - Are you currently attending or enrolled in school?
 - 63.9% or 53 responded “yes”;
 - 30.1% or 25 responded “no”;
 - 6% or 5 did not have a recorded answer.
- Employment (have a job, paid internship, or other type of employment)
 - 16.87% or 14 responded “yes”;
 - 78.31% or 65 responded “no”;
 - 4.82% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.
- Have you ever been in foster care?
 - 15.66% or 13 responded “yes”;
 - 75.9% or 63 responded “no”;
 - 4.82% or 4 responded “I don’t know/not sure”;
 - 3.62% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.
- Justice System Involvement
 - 32.5 % or 27 responded “yes”;
 - 63.9% or 53 responded “no”;
 - 3.6% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.
- Accessing Services and Issues Experienced
 - Are you currently accessing any services in the community?
 - 27.71% or 23 responded “yes”;
 - 68.68% or 57 responded “no”;
 - 3.61% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.
 - Lack of transportation.
 - 32 responded “yes”.
 - Did not have I.D./personal documents.
 - 18 responded “yes”.
 - Did not know where to go for help.

- 13 responded “yes”.
 - Did not qualify for services.
 - 5 responded “yes”.
 - Placed on a wait list and never heard back.
 - 4 responded “yes”.
 - Did not follow through or return for services.
 - 2 responded “yes”.
 - Language barrier.
 - 3 responded “yes”.
 - Felt uncomfortable.
 - 14 responded “yes”.
 - Some other reason.
 - 1 responded “yes”.
 - Have not experienced any issues.
 - 22 responded “yes”.
- Household Status
 - How many biological children do you have?
 - 75.9% or 63 responded as having 0 children;
 - 9.64% or 8 responded as having 1 child;
 - 4.82% or 4 responded as having 2 children;
 - 9.64% or 8 did not have a recorded answer.
 - How many of your children are currently living with you?
 - 81.93% or 68 responded as having 0 children living with them;
 - 4.82% or 4 responded as having 1 child living with them;
 - 2.41% or 2 responded as having 2 children living with them;
 - 10.84% or 9 did not have a recorded answer.
 - Are you currently pregnant, or have you recently gotten someone else pregnant?
 - 2.41% or 2 responded “yes”;
 - 78.31% or 65 responded “no”;
 - 4.82% or 4 responded “I don’t know/not sure”;
 - 1.21% or 1 preferred not to answer;

- 13.25% or 11 did not have a recorded answer.
- Has a doctor or health professional ever told you that you have a physical, mental, emotional, or developmental disability?
 - 26.5% or 22 responded “yes”;
 - 67.5% or 56 responded “no”;
 - 6% or 5 did not have a recorded answer.
- Military Service
 - 1.2% or 1 responded “yes”;
 - 91.57% or 76 responded “no”;
 - 7.23% or 6 did not have a recorded answer.

Victorville

Total Surveyed: 11

- State Born:
 - 72.7% or 8 were born in CA;
 - 18.2% or 2 were born in another state outside of CA;
 - 9.1% or 1 was born outside the United States.

- Age
 - 18.2% or 2 were 11-17 years of age;
 - 81.8% or 9 were 18-25 years of age.

- Ethnicity:
 - 45.5% or 5 identified as Hispanic or Latino.

- Race:
 - 18.2% or 2 were Black/African American;
 - 9% or 1 were Native American or Alaskan Native
 - 36.4% or 4 were White;
 - 36.4% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.

- Gender Identity:
 - 45.5% or 5 identified as Female;
 - 54.5% or 6 identified as Male.

- Sexual Orientation:
 - 0% or 0 were Gay or Lesbian;
 - 81.8% or 9 were Straight;
 - 18.2% or 2 were Bisexual;
 - 0% or 0 were Queer/Other;
 - 0% or 0 responded I don't know/Questioning;
 - 0% or 0 preferred not to answer.

- Housing Status and Stability:
 - Where did you stay last night?
 - 0% or 0 stayed at the home of parent, guardian or foster parent;
 - 27.3% or 3 stayed at the home of a friend or other relative's home - indoors, on a couch or in place meant for regular sleeping;

- 0% or 0 stayed at the home of a Friend or other relative's home - outdoors or indoors in a place not meant for regular sleeping;
 - 0% or 0 stayed in a group home;
 - 18.2% or 2 stayed at the home of their partner, boyfriend, or girlfriend;
 - 0% or 0 stayed with someone they did not know because they needed a place to stay;
 - 27.3% or 3 stayed at a youth or adult shelter;
 - 0% or 0 stayed at a transitional living program
 - 0% or 0 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by a government program or nonprofit organization;
 - 0% or 0 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by some other way;
 - 27.3% or 3 stayed outdoors or in a public place, like a park, the street, a campground, a train or bus station, etc.;
 - 0% or 0 stayed in an abandoned building or squatted;
 - 0% or 0 stayed in a car, bus, or RV;
 - 0% or 0 stayed somewhere else.

- How long have you been staying there?
 - 27.3% or 3 have been staying there for days;
 - 36.4% or 4 have been staying there for weeks;
 - 36.4% or 4 have been staying there for months;
 - 0% or 0 have been staying there for years.

- Do you think you can stay there for the next 14 days without being asked to leave?
 - 36.36% or 4 responded “yes”;
 - 18.18% or 2 responded “no”;
 - 18.18% or 2 responded “I don’t know”;
 - 27.27% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.

- How long have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
 - 18.2% or 2 have been without a home or place to stay for days;
 - 9.1% or 1 have been without a home or place to stay for weeks;
 - 45.5% or 5 have been without a home or place to stay for months;
 - 27.3% or 3 have been without a home or place to stay for years.

- Thinking about the past 3 years, how many different times have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
 - 0% or 0 responded 0 times;
 - 63.7% or 7 responded 1-3 times;
 - 18.2% or 2 responded 4-10 times;
 - 18.2% or 2 responded 11-50 times.

- Ran away/kicked out from my family home.
 - 36.4% or 4 responded “yes”.
- Ran away/kicked out from a group home or foster home.
 - 0% or 0 responded “yes”.
- Violence at home between family members.
 - 36.4% or 4 responded “yes”.
- Difference with parents about religious beliefs.
 - 18.2% or 2 responded “yes”.
- Left home because of some other reason
 - 63.6% or 7 responded “yes”³³.
- Education
 - Highest grade completed?
 - 0% or 0 completed 9th grade or less;
 - 54.5% or 6 completed 9th to 11th grade;
 - 27.3% or 3 completed 12th grade (diploma);
 - 9.1% or 1 completed GED certificate;
 - 9.1% or 1 completed some college;
 - 0% or 0 completed an Associate’s degree;
 - 0% or 0 completed a Bachelor’s degree;
 - 0% or 0 completed Post-secondary training.
 - Are you currently attending or enrolled in school?
 - 36.4% or 4 responded “yes”;
 - 63.6% or 7 responded “no”.
- Employment (have a job, paid internship, or other type of employment)
 - 9% or 1 responded “yes”;
 - 82% or 9 responded “no”;
 - 9% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.
- Have you ever been in foster care?
 - 54.5% or 6 responded “yes”;
 - 45.5% or 5 responded “no”.

³³ The majority of responses to “left home because of some other reason” were as a result of the death of a parent or grandparent.

- Justice System Involvement
 - 54.5% or 6 responded “yes”;
 - 45.5% or 5 responded “no”.

- Accessing Services and Issues Experienced
 - Are you currently accessing any services in the community?
 - 72.7% or 8 responded “yes”;
 - 27.3% or 3 responded “no”.

 - Lack of transportation.
 - 7 responded “yes”.

 - Did not have I.D./personal documents.
 - 0 responded “yes”.

 - Did not know where to go for help.
 - 3 responded “yes”.

 - Did not qualify for services.
 - 4 responded “yes”.

 - Placed on a wait list and never heard back.
 - 4 responded “yes”.

 - Did not follow through or return for services.
 - 1 responded “yes”.

 - Language barrier.
 - 0 responded “yes”.

 - Felt uncomfortable.
 - 0 responded “yes”.

 - Some other reason.
 - 2 responded “yes”.

 - Have not experienced any issues.
 - 1 responded “yes”.

- Household Status
 - How many biological children do you have?
 - 54.5% or 6 responded as having 0 children;
 - 0% or 0 responded as having 1 child;
 - 9.1% or 1 responded as having 2 children;
 - 0% or 0 responded as having 3 children;
 - 0% or 0 responded as having 4 children;
 - 9.1% or 1 responded as having 5 children;
 - 27.3% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.
 - How many of your children are currently living with you?
 - 72.7% or 8 responded as having 0 children living with them;
 - 27.3% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.
 - Are you currently pregnant, or have you recently gotten someone else pregnant?
 - 9.1% or 1 responded “yes”;
 - 63.6% or 7 responded “no”;
 - 27.3% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.
- Has a doctor or health professional ever told you that you have a physical, mental, emotional, or developmental disability?
 - 54.5% or 6 responded “yes”;
 - 45.5% or 5 responded “no”.
- Military Service
 - 9.1% or 1 responded “yes”;
 - 90.9% or 10 responded “no”.

West Valley

Total Surveyed: 98

- State Born:
 - 80.6% or 79 were born in CA;
 - 8.2% or 8 were born in another state outside of CA;
 - 8.2% or 8 were born outside the United States;
 - 3% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.

- Age
 - 31.6% or 31 were 11-17 years of age;
 - 62.3% or 61 were 18-25 years of age;
 - 6.1% or 6 did not have a recorded answer.

- Ethnicity:
 - 57.1% or 56 identified as Hispanic or Latino.

- Race:
 - 22.45% or 22 were Black/African American;
 - 2.04% or 2 were Native American or Alaskan Native
 - 0% or 0 were Asian;
 - 2.04% or 2 was Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander;
 - 16.33% or 16 were White;
 - 20.41% or 20 identified as some other race³⁴;
 - 36.74% or 36 did not have a recorded answer.

- Gender Identity:
 - 44.9% or 44 identified as Female;
 - 55.1% or 54 identified as Male;
 - 0% or 0 identified as Transgender, and identify as a girl or woman;
 - 0% or 0 identified as Transgender, and identify as a boy or man;
 - 0% or 0 identified as Not Sure;
 - 0% or 0 identified as Other.

- Sexual Orientation:
 - 7.1% or 7 were Gay or Lesbian;
 - 85.7% or 84 were Straight;
 - 4.1% or 4 were Bisexual;

³⁴ Approximately 9 out of 10 youth survey respondents identified “Some Other Race” as “Hispanic or Latino.”

- 0% or 0 were Queer/Other;
 - 0% or 0 responded I don't know/Questioning;
 - 3.1% or 3 preferred not to answer.
- Housing Status and Stability:
 - Where did you stay last night?
 - 33.7% or 33 stayed at the home of parent, guardian or foster parent;
 - 30.6% or 30 stayed at the home of a friend or other relative's home - indoors, on a couch or in place meant for regular sleeping;
 - 4.1% or 4 stayed at the home of a Friend or other relative's home - outdoors or indoors in a place not meant for regular sleeping;
 - 0% or 0 stayed in a group home;
 - 9.2% or 9 stayed at the home of their partner, boyfriend, or girlfriend;
 - 1% or 1 stayed with someone they did not know because they needed a place to stay;
 - 1% or 1 stayed at a youth or adult shelter;
 - 0% or 0 stayed at a transitional living program
 - 0% or 0 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by a government program or nonprofit organization;
 - 1% or 1 stayed at a hotel/motel paid for by some other way;
 - 10.2% or 10 stayed outdoors or in a public place, like a park, the street, a campground, a train or bus station, etc.;
 - 1% or 1 stayed in an abandoned building or squatted;
 - 3.1% or 3 stayed in a car, bus, or RV;
 - 2% or 2 stayed somewhere else;
 - 3.1% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.
 - How long have you been staying there?
 - 10.2% or 10 have been staying there for days;
 - 8.2% or 8 have been staying there for weeks;
 - 48% or 47 have been staying there for months;
 - 30.6% or 30 have been staying there for years;
 - 3% or 3 did not have a recorded answer.
 - Do you think you can stay there for the next 14 days without being asked to leave?
 - 64.3% or 63 responded "yes";
 - 14.3% or 14 responded "no";
 - 19.4% or 19 responded "I don't know";
 - 2% or 2 did not have a recorded answer.
 - How long have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?

- 7.1% or 7 have been without a home or place to stay for days;
 - 8.2% or 8 have been without a home or place to stay for weeks;
 - 40.8% or 40 have been without a home or place to stay for months;
 - 30.6% or 30 have been without a home or place to stay for years;
 - 13.3% or 13 did not have a recorded answer.
 - Thinking about the past 3 years, how many different times have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?
 - 16.3% or 16 responded 0 times;
 - 55.1% or 54 responded 1-3 times;
 - 15.3% or 15 responded 4-10 times;
 - 2% or 2 responded 11-50 times;
 - 1% or 1 responded 51-100 times;
 - 1% or 1 responded 101+ times;
 - 9.2% or 9 did not have a recorded answer.
 - Ran away/kicked out from my family home.
 - 48% or 47 responded “yes”.
 - Ran away/kicked out from a group home or foster home.
 - 2% or 2 responded “yes”.
 - Violence at home between family members.
 - 23.5% or 23 responded “yes”.
 - Difference with parents about religious beliefs.
 - 7.1% or 7 responded “yes”.
 - Left home because of some other reason
 - 30.6% or 30 responded “yes”³⁵.
- Education
 - Highest grade completed?
 - 9.2% or 9 completed 9th grade or less;
 - 65.3% or 64 completed 9th to 11th grade;
 - 16.3% or 16 completed 12th grade (diploma);
 - 1% or 1 completed GED certificate;
 - 6.1% or 6 completed some college;

³⁵ The majority of responses to “left home because of some other reason” were as a result of the death of a parent or grandparent.

- 2% or 2 completed an Associate’s degree;
 - 0% or 0 completed a Bachelor’s degree;
 - 0% or 0 completed Post-secondary training.
 - Are you currently attending or enrolled in school?
 - 70.4% or 69 responded “yes”;
 - 29.6% or 29 responded “no”.
- Employment (have a job, paid internship, or other type of employment)
 - 25.5% or 25 responded “yes”;
 - 73.5% or 72 responded “no”;
 - 1% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.
- Have you ever been in foster care?
 - 16.33% or 16 responded “yes”;
 - 81.63% or 80 responded “no”;
 - 2.04% or 2 responded “I don’t know/not sure”.
- Justice System Involvement
 - 35.7% or 35 responded “yes”;
 - 64.3% or 63 responded “no”.
- Accessing Services and Issues Experienced
 - Are you currently accessing any services in the community?
 - 30.6% or 30 responded “yes”;
 - 68.4% or 67 responded “no”;
 - 1% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.
 - Lack of transportation.
 - 45 responded “yes”.
 - Did not have I.D./personal documents.
 - 23 responded “yes”.
 - Did not know where to go for help.
 - 25 responded “yes”.
 - Did not qualify for services.
 - 13 responded “yes”.

- Placed on a wait list and never heard back.
 - 14 responded “yes”.
- Did not follow through or return for services.
 - 9 responded “yes”.
- Language barrier.
 - 2 responded “yes”.
- Felt uncomfortable.
 - 23 responded “yes”.
- Some other reason.
 - 7 responded “yes”.
- Have not experienced any issues.
 - 22 responded “yes”.
- Household Status
 - How many biological children do you have?
 - 68.4% or 67 responded as having 0 children;
 - 14.3% or 14 responded as having 1 child;
 - 9.2% or 9 responded as having 2 children;
 - 1% or 1 responded as having 3 children;
 - 1% or 1 responded as having 4 children;
 - 6.1% or 6 did not have a recorded answer.
 - How many of your children are currently living with you?
 - 74.5% or 73 responded as having 0 children living with them;
 - 10.2% or 10 responded as having 1 child living with them;
 - 6.1% or 6 responded as having 2 children living with them;
 - 1% or 1 responded as having 3 children living with them;
 - 8.2% or 8 did not have a recorded answer.
 - Are you currently pregnant, or have you recently gotten someone else pregnant?
 - 7.1% or 7 responded “yes”;
 - 77.6% or 76 responded “no”;
 - 5.1% or 5 responded “I don’t know/not sure”;
 - 6.1% or 6 preferred not to answer;
 - 4.1% or 4 did not have a recorded answer.

- Has a doctor or health professional ever told you that you have a physical, mental, emotional, or developmental disability?
 - 36.7% or 36 responded “yes”;
 - 62.3% or 61 responded “no”;
 - 1% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.

- Military Service
 - 0% or 0 responded “yes”;
 - 99% or 97 responded “no”;
 - 1% or 1 did not have a recorded answer.

Appendix C: Survey Instrument

2015 UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

INTRODUCTION: Hello, my name is _____, and I am helping to conduct a brief survey to better understand the housing needs of young people in our community. It should only take about 10 minutes of your time, and will help us develop more resources and services for young people in our community. If you have not yet taken this survey, are you interested in taking it now?

SURVEY LOCATION: _____ **SURVEY DATE:** _____ **INITIALS OF SURVEYOR** _____

UNIQUE ID: _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
First 3 letters of first name First 3 letters of last name State Born Age Range: A-(0-10yr), B-(11-17yr), C-(18-25yr)

HOUSING STATUS & STABILITY – *First, I have some questions about your housing, including where you stayed last night and reasons you may have ever lost your housing.*

1. Where did you stay last night? Please select one of the following options.

- a. Home of my parent, guardian, or foster parent
- b. Friend or other relative's home – indoors, on a couch or in a place meant for regular sleeping
- c. Friend or other relative's home – outdoors OR indoors in a place not meant for regular sleeping
- d. Group home
- e. Home of my partner, boyfriend, or girlfriend
- f. With someone I did not know because I needed a place to stay
- g. Youth or adult shelter
- h. Transitional living program
- i. Hotel/motel paid for by a government program or non--profit organization
- j. Hotel/motel paid for some other way
- k. Outdoors or in a public place, like a park, the street, a campground, a train or bus station, etc.
- l. Abandoned building or squat
- m. Car, bus, or RV
- n. Hospital, psychiatric facility, or drug/alcohol treatment center
- o. Juvenile detention, jail, or prison
- p. Somewhere else (*please specify*): _____

2. How long have you been staying there?

_____ Days Weeks Months Years

3. IF A--F: Do you think you could stay there for the next 14 days without being asked to leave?

a. Yes b. No c. I don't know

4. How long have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay?

_____ Days Weeks Months Years

5. Thinking about the past three years, how many different times have you been without a home, or a regular place to stay? # _____ times

6. Did you ever lose your housing or become homeless for any of the following reasons? Check all that apply.

- a. Ran away/kicked out from my family home
- b. Ran away/kicked out from a group home or foster home
- c. Violence at home between family members
- d. Differences with parents about religious beliefs
- e. Because of some other reason (*please specify*): _____

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION – *Now, I am going to ask you for some information about your background, including how you identify in your race and ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation.*

7. Do you identify as Hispanic or Latino?

a. Yes b. No

8. With which race(s) do you most identify? Check all that apply.

- a. Black/African American
- b. Native American or Alaskan Native
- c. Asian
- d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- e. White
- f. Some other race: _____

9. What is your current gender identity?

- a. Female
- b. Male
- c. Transgender, and identify as a girl or woman
- d. Transgender, and identify as a boy or man
- e. Not sure
- f. Other (*specify*): _____

10. Which of the following best represents how you think of yourself?

- a. Gay or Lesbian
- b. Straight
- c. Bisexual
- d. Queer/Other
- e. I don't know/Questioning
- f. Prefer not to answer

11. Has a doctor or other health professional ever told you that you have a physical, mental, emotional, or developmental disability? For example, a chronic health condition, a learning disability, a mental health or substance abuse issue, etc.

- a. Yes
- b. No

12. Have you ever served in the military? (17 yrs. & up)

- a. Yes
- b. No

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, & EXPERIENCES – Now, I am going to ask a few questions about your education and employment, and some of your life experiences.

13. What is the highest grade or year of school that you have completed?

- a. 9th grade or less
- b. 9th – 11th grade
- c. 12th grade (diploma)
- d. GED certificate
- e. Some college
- f. Associate's degree
- g. Bachelor's degree
- h. Post-secondary training

14. Are you currently attending or enrolled in school?

- a. Yes
- b. No

15. Do you currently have a job, paid internship, or other type of employment?

- a. Yes
- b. No

16. Have you ever been in foster care? For example, were you ever taken out of your home and placed with other family members, a foster family, a group home, etc.

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. I don't know/not sure

17. Have you ever been involved in the justice system? This includes jail, juvenile hall, probation camp, staying overnight or longer in jail or prison, and being on probation or parole, etc.

- a. Yes
- b. No

18. Are you currently accessing any services in the community? For example, emergency shelter, case management, food banks, counseling or mental health services, etc.

- a. Yes
- b. No

If yes, where?

19. Have you recently experienced any of the following issues in trying to get help or access services in the community? Check all that apply.

- a. Lack of transportation
- b. Did not have I.D./personal documents
- c. Did not know where to go for help
- d. Did not qualify for services
- e. Placed on a wait list and never heard back
- f. Did not follow through or return for services
- g. Language barrier
- h. Felt uncomfortable
- i. Some other reason: _____
- j. I have not experienced any issues

HOUSEHOLD – Lastly, I have some questions about the household member who are staying with you. Again your responses will not be shared with anyone outside of our team.

20. If you are a parent,

a. How many biological children have you had?

_____ child(ren) Not applicable

b. How many of your own children are currently living with you?

_____ child(ren) Not applicable

21. Are you currently pregnant, or have you recently gotten someone else pregnant?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. I don't know/not sure
- d. Prefer not to answer

22. Including yourself, how many people in your household were sleeping in the same place as you last night?

- a. _____ Children (under 10)
- b. _____ Children (11-17)
- c. _____ Youth (18-25)
- d. _____ Adults (26 and older)

THANK YOU for taking the time to participate in this survey!