



Strengthening Organizations, Systems, and Communities: NN4Y's Consulting and Training Services

Thursday, February 26, 2026

2:00 - 3:00 PM Eastern

1:00 PM Central • 12:00 PM Mountain • 11:00 AM Pacific

*Featuring Youth Action
Leadership Certificate FAQs!*

Welcome!

Webinar Overview

- Introduce yourself in chat: Name, pronouns, organization, location, and an emoji of how your day is going so far. 😊 😄 😭 😲 😡 🙌
- Ask questions in the chat throughout the presentation.
- The webinar slides and a recording will be available on our website.
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Our Speakers

Overview

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&

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About National Network for Youth

**NN4Y is on a mission to
transform systems so that no
young person in America
experiences homelessness.**



collaborate • advocate • transform

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NN4Y works with youth who have experienced homelessness and youth service providers from across the country to prevent and end youth, young adult, and young parent family homelessness and human trafficking. Together, we envision a future in which all young people have a safe place to call home, with endless opportunities to achieve their fullest potential.

Our Programs

- ★ Federal Policy Advocacy
- ★ Youth + Youth Adult Partnerships
- ★ Community-Based Solutions

THE FIGHT TO **END YOUTH** **HOMELESSNESS** TAKES ALL OF US.

Become a member of the National Network for Youth and join the nation's foremost coalition on this issue.

Connect with peers, gain expert guidance, and stay updated on funding and policies affecting **youth homelessness**.

nn4youth.org/membership

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LOCAL CROSS-SYSTEM COLLABORATIVES (LCSC)

In 2019, NN4Y launched our Local Cross-System Collaboration initiative to support communities' efforts to address the root causes of homelessness among young people by advancing innovative, long-term solutions through multi-pronged and multi-level collaborative community work.

React if you've wondered...

What We Offer

We have a YAB... now what?

We want authentic youth-adult partnership... but what does that actually look like?

We've done trainings before... but nothing really changed.

How do we align systems that were never designed to collaborate?

How do we prevent youth homelessness, not just respond to it?

What is the difference between advocacy and lobbying?

How do we prepare for and lead effective meetings with elected officials?

How do we translate local impact into compelling policy asks?

How do we compensate and support youth leaders ethically?

... and more!



Training & Consulting Services

National Network for Youth

What We Offer

Webpage:

<https://nn4youth.org/training-and-consulting-services/>

Full Menu:



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What We Offer:

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Youth-Adult Partnership & Power-Sharing
Youth Action Board Development & Sustainability
Policy & Advocacy
Systems Alignment & Cross-System Collaboration
Leadership & Facilitation Skill-Building
Strategic Storytelling
Federal Navigation Support
Special Programs (like the YALC!)

What We Offer:

What We Offer

All services are customizable

We work with CoCs, state coalitions, youth-serving providers, YABs, governments, schools, local to national organizations, and cross-system coalitions/networks

Engagements range from single sessions to multi-year infrastructure partnerships

What it looks like in practice...

Building Changes | *Washington*

Recent Examples

Two 90-minute virtual policy-focused trainings



Here to share more:

Kayla Blau (she/her)
Strategic Advisor of Housing
and Education at Building
Changes

Youthworks | *North Dakota*

Recent Examples

Full-day in person practice & youth partnership training



Here to share more:

Tom Cook (he/him),
Director of Operations at
Youthworks

OYAB & Partners | *Hawai'i*

Recent Examples



“The things we’ve done this weekend are things that some of us thought we’d never do.”
— Benjamine T., O’ahu Youth Action Board Member, writing on behalf of youth participants

Next Open Cohort: Registration opens February 2026, starts April 2026
2026 NN4Y Members get discounts!



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presents...



Sharpen Your Skills in:

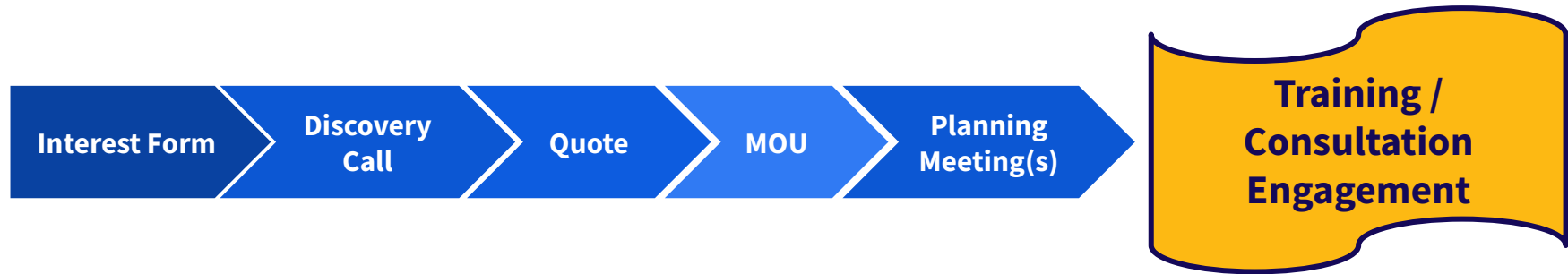
-  Youth Advocacy
-  Partnership Development
-  Systems & Funding
-  Administration
-  Project Management
-  Facilitation

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graduates
the first
year of the
program!

Join the open cohort or complete our [interest form](#) to bring a customized certificate program to your community!

Training Process

How to Partner



Put Your Questions in the Q&A



National Summit on Youth Homelessness + Hill Day



March 12-13, 2026 | Washington DC, Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill

I AM HERE: Vital Document Legal Hotline for Youth

A free, dedicated state-specific legal assistance hotline for **youth experiencing homelessness** to help obtain:

State ID cards and licenses

Social Security Cards

Birth certificates

Documents needed to obtain an ID and license

**Text or
Call!**

1-888-870-DOCS

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12 to 8 PM Eastern | 11 AM to 7 PM Central

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