



Local Cross-System Collaborative 2026 Cohort Information Session

June 25, 2026 | 2:00 - 3:00 PM Eastern
1:00 PM Central • 12:00 PM Mountain • 11:00 AM Pacific

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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 Q&A throughout the presentation.
- The webinar slides and a recording will be available on our website.
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Agenda

1 What is an LCSC?

2 What is the application process?

3 What makes a strong application?

4 Q&A

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.

What We Do

- ★ 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**.

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Why Local Cross-System Collaboration Matters

No Single System Can End Youth Homelessness

Young people often navigate:

- Housing & homelessness systems
- Schools and higher education
- Child welfare
- Workforce programs
- Healthcare and behavioral health
- Juvenile justice and legal systems

When systems work in isolation, young people fall through the cracks.

What is an LCSC?

Local Cross-System Collaborative

A community-based partnership that brings together:

- Young people with lived expertise
- Service providers
- Public systems
- Schools
- Community leaders
- Decision-makers

Goal: Strengthen coordination, address barriers, and improve outcomes for young people.

What Communities Do

Communities Work Together To:

- Build relationships across systems
- Engage and compensate young people
- Identify barriers and opportunities
- Develop shared priorities
- Create a strategic action plan
- Implement tangible systems improvements

This is not just planning. The goal is action and measurable progress.

What Support Does NN4Y Provide?

Up to 18 Months of Support

- ✓ Facilitation and strategic planning
- ✓ Coaching and technical assistance
- ✓ Youth leadership development
- ✓ Training and capacity-building
- ✓ Policy and advocacy connections
- ✓ Peer learning opportunities
- ✓ Mini-grant competition for youth-led projects
- ✓ Scholarships for NN4Y programs and events

You'll have a partner in the work, not just a consultant

What Does Participation Look Like?

Engagement Structure

Kickoff

- In-person convening in your community

Ongoing Support

- Lead organization meetings at least twice monthly
- Full LCSC meetings at least monthly
- Ongoing coaching and technical assistance

Focus

- Building momentum
- Supporting implementation
- Creating sustainable change

Who Should Apply?

Lead Organizations May Include:

- Youth-serving nonprofits
- Continuums of Care (CoCs)
- Coalitions and partnerships
- Tribal governments and Tribal-serving organizations
- Public systems
- Other organizations committed to ending youth homelessness

We Especially Encourage:

- Under-resourced communities
- Rural communities
- Communities facing policy or funding challenges

What Makes a Strong Application?

Strong Communities Typically:

- Work across systems
- Meaningfully engage young people
- Share decision-making power
- Compensate youth for their expertise
- Have an identified point person
- Are committed to long-term systems change

You Do Not Need:

- A perfect plan
- Existing funding
- Every partner already at the table

Application Components

The Application Covers:

- Community context
- Youth homelessness and housing instability
- Existing partnerships
- Youth leadership practices
- Funding and sustainability
- Policy and systems barriers
- Community goals and priorities

Letters of Support Required:

- Community/service provider partner
- Public systems or government partner
- Youth or young adult

Timeline & Key Dates

2026 Cohort Timeline

- June 25, 2026: Information Session
 - July 22, 2026: Applications Due
 - August 2026: Application Review & Follow-Up Conversations
 - September 2026: Selected Communities Announced
 - Fall 2026: Cohort Launch
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- Engagement Length: 18 months

Questions & Discussion

Questions?

What questions do you have about:

- The LCSC model?
- Eligibility?
- Application requirements?
- Community readiness?
- Youth engagement?

Closing & Next Steps

Interested in Applying?

Here's what's next:

- ✓ Review the application
- ✓ Reach out with questions
- ✓ Gather letters of support
- ✓ Submit by July 22, 2026

Questions?

Contact

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Thank you for joining us.



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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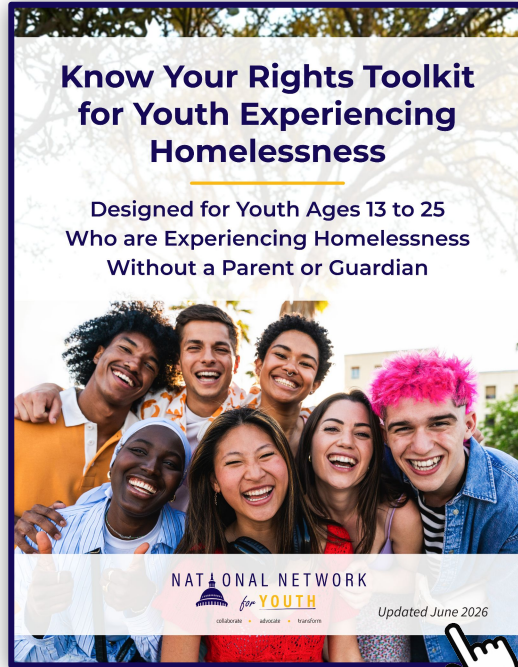
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Sneak Peek: Know Your Rights Toolkit for Youth Experiencing Homelessness

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This 43-page toolkit is for youth ages 13-25 who are experiencing homelessness without a parent or guardian.

- ★ Introduction to Your Legal Rights
- ★ Quick Free Help
- ★ Shelter & Housing
- ★ Food & Health Care
- ★ Public Education
- ★ Antidiscrimination Laws
- ★ Police Encounters
- ★ Vital Documents
- ★ 2SLGBTQIA+ Youth
- ★ Youth with Disabilities
- ★ Immigrant Youth

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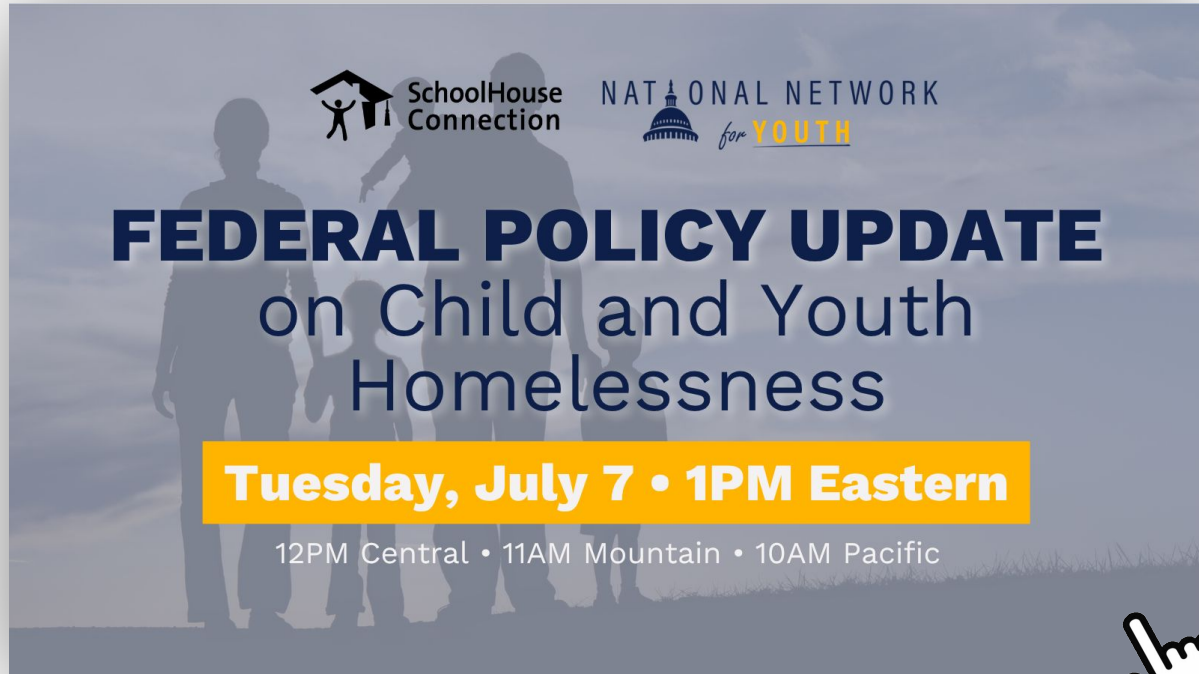
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FEDERAL POLICY UPDATE
on Child and Youth
Homelessness

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