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The Homeless Children and Youth Act (H.R. 5221) Social Media Toolkit

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Tweet: The Homeless Children & Youth Act aligns federal definitions of #homelessness for children & youth, streamlines assistance, leverages resources, and brings greater visibility to the reality of family & youth homelessness.

You can help us ensure this bill is passed by sending a personalized letter to your U.S. Representative urging them to cosponsor the #Homeless Children and Youth Act.
#EndYouthHomelessness

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Tweet: Thank You [@RepSherrill], [@RepDonBacon] [@congbillposey] [@repdeliaramirez] for your co-sponsorship of the Homeless Children and Youth Act (H.R. 5221) We are grateful for your leadership in helping some of the most vulnerable #homeless children and youth get access to assistance. #HCYA

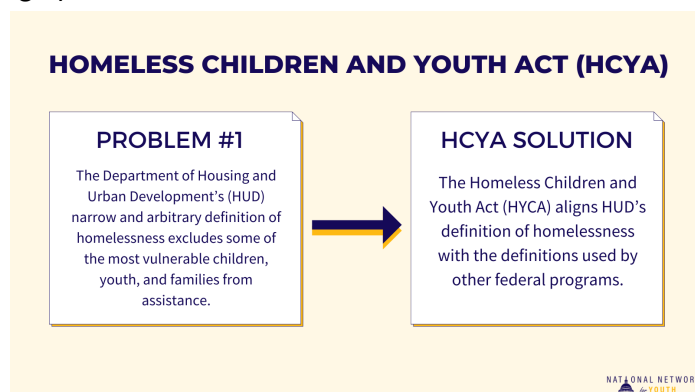
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1. Most children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness are shut out of homeless assistance because they do not meet the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) restrictive definition of homelessness.
2. They are excluded because they experience invisible forms of #homelessness, such as staying in motels and couch surfing, but have equally poor educational & health outcomes as those living in shelters.
3. The Homeless Child and Youth Act aligns HUD's definition of homelessness with other federal programs targeted at serving children and youth experiencing homelessness.
4. Tell Congress: cosponsor #HCYA to support our most vulnerable children & youth:
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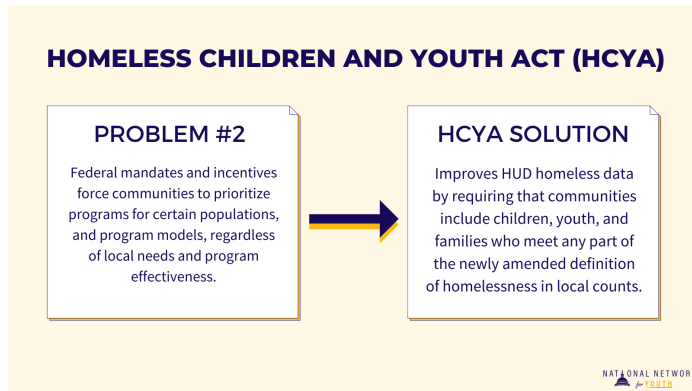
1. The aim of the The Homeless Child and Youth Act (HCYA) is to fix three primary issues that are keeping some children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness from accessing the services they need. This starts with aligning HUD's definition of homelessness with other federal programs targeted at serving children and youth experiencing homelessness.

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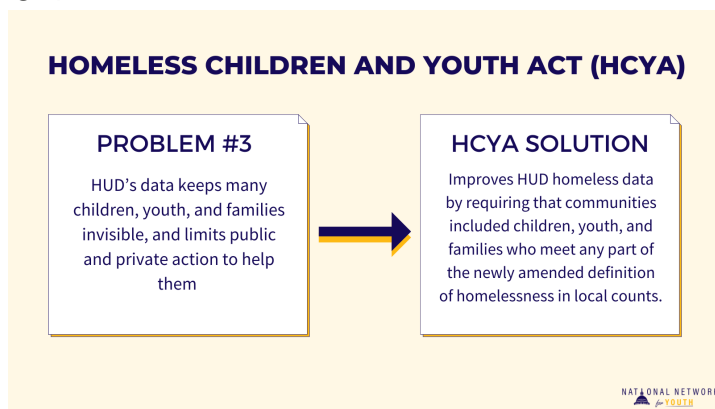
2. HCYA simplifies and streamlines eligibility and promotes leveraging additional resources through improved interagency collaboration, allowing communities to assess and serve some of the most vulnerable children and youth and preventing future homelessness.

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3. The only way to truly bring greater visibility to the reality of family and youth homelessness is for there to be more data collected on those experiencing homelessness in situations that are not covered under HUD's current definition, such as staying in a motel or staying temporarily with other people.

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4. You can help us fight to ensure that the Homeless Child and Youth act is passed by contacting your legislator today! It takes less than five minutes to take action and move us one step closer to increasing access to services for these children, youth and families.

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