

National Summit on Youth Homelessness + Hill Day

March 12-13, 2026

Washington, D.C.



Summit 2026 Agenda

The [National Summit on Youth Homelessness + Hill Day](#) is a hybrid in-person and virtual event. The host hotel is the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. In-person only sessions are marked with **.

Time (ET)	Session Title	Session Description
March 11 Wednesday		
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Game Night**	Kick off the summit with Game Night in the hotel lobby! Connect with others through board games in a relaxed, welcoming space. Start building the relationships that will make your summit experience unforgettable.
March 12 Thursday		
7:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Registration	
7:30 AM - 8:45 AM	Member Only Appreciation Breakfast**	We are excited to welcome all of our members to this special breakfast, where you will hear the latest updates from NN4Y and have time to share and network with other NN4Y members.
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Welcome	
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	National Youth Advisory Council Panel	Trust Is the Work: Models, Tools, and Mindsets That Elevate Young People Beyond Crisis and Into Leadership Diverse lived expertise is essential to building solutions that work, and this opening panel brings together young leaders committed to co-designing a stronger national response. Through the lens of trust as infrastructure, NYAC leaders will highlight proven and emerging models that strategically elevate young people beyond crisis management and toward lasting change. * Trinity Galloway, National Youth Advisory Council * Tori Ikeda, National Youth Advisory Council * Amber Matthews, National Youth Advisory Council * CJ Melendez, National Youth Advisory Council * Marcellus Seals, National Youth Advisory Council * Dane Valentine, National Youth Advisory Council * William Woelki, National Youth Advisory Council
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	What's Hot on Capitol Hill	Description TBD
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Lunch	Lunch will be provided.
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Special Presentation National Network for Youth	Rebuilding Together: A Cross-System Framework for Youth-Led Change * Sarah Billings, National Network for Youth

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1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Hill Meetings with Members of Congress	Attendees should schedule meetings with elected officials in advance of Summit for this time block. These meetings are vital for you to build a relationship with elected officials and advocate for key policy recommendations to advance our collective advocacy agenda. At Summit, NN4Y will provide the hill day resources and time to prepare for these meetings.
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	World Cafe**	The World Cafe has the following experts. Attendees will be able to move between tables and have one-on-one conversations about important policies, initiatives, and developments from across the country. * Madeline Youngren and LaShaun Brooks, Chapin Hall, Engaging Youth Action Board Members in a Homeless Youth Response System Assessment * Galloway, Ali Forney Center, Affirming Care: Best Practices for Serving LGBTQ+ Runaway and Homeless Youth * Katie Meyer Scott, National Homelessness Law Center, Youth Compensation * Shelby Feliciano-Sabala, Project Hope Alliance and Kristen Abrams, Everfree, From Recipients to Drivers: Centering Youth Voice in Case Planning * Michael Santos, ABA Commission on Homelessness & Poverty
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Networking Reception**	Please join us for some fun and connect with your fellow attendees committed to preventing and ending youth and young adult homelessness. Light appetizers and drinks will be served.
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Young Leaders Networking Mixer**	This space is exclusively for young people to connect.

March 13 | Friday

7:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Registration	
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast for All Summit Attendees	Breakfast will be provided.
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Transition to Breakouts	
9:15 AM - 10:30 AM	Breakout Session #1	
	Youth Partnership University of Southern California	Micro-Rejections, Macro Failures: Navigating Shelter Systems without Federal Protections * Rita Hernandez, University of Southern California
	Housing National Homelessness Law Center	Navigating Data and Privacy Concerns for Youth and Youth Homelessness Providers * Katie Meyer Scott, National Homelessness Law Center * DFox, Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence

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	Innovation Humans with Former Lived Experience	Lived Experience to Expertise: Building Transformational and Trauma-Informed Workplaces * Amy Louttit, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development * Angel Drake, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development
	Education SchoolHouse Connection	Supporting College Transitions for Students Experiencing Homelessness * Jillian Sitjar, SchoolHouse Connection * Tasheen Stallings, DC Office of the State Superintendent of Education
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Break	
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Breakout Session #2	
	Youth Partnership National Youth Advisory Council	Centering Youth Power: Intersectional and Participatory Approaches to Advocacy and Research * William Woelki, National Youth Advisory Council * Dane Valentine, National Youth Advisory Council * Amber Matthews, National Youth Advisory Council * Tori Ikeda, National Youth Advisory Council * CJ Melendez, National Youth Advisory Council
	Housing Center for the Study of Social Policy	Bridging the Gap: The Impact of Medicaid/SNAP Policy Changes — Youth Centered Policy Solutions from Youth for Youth * Esi Hutchful, Center for the Study of Social Policy * Jada Brigman, NYC CARES Youth Policy Ambassador
	Innovation VOA Northern New England	Where's the State Money? Advocating for State Legislation to Expanding Funding for Youth Services! * Rich Hooks Wayman, VOA Northern New England * Beth Holger, The Link
	Education SchoolHouse Connection	Whole-Family Pathways: Connecting Young Parents and Children Experiencing Homelessness to Education and Opportunity * Erin Patterson, SchoolHouse Connection * Jamila Larson, Playtime Project * Leslie Shired, Playtime Project
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch	Lunch will be provided.
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Special Presentation Baker McKenzie	I AM HERE: Vital Document Legal Hotline for Youth * Jaclyn Pampel, Partner and Director of North America Pro Bono * Darla Bardine, National Network for Youth
1:30 PM - 1:45 PM	Break	
1:45 PM - 3:00 PM	Breakout Session #3	

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	Youth Partnership Sasha Bruce Youthwork Inc.	From Homelessness to Helping: Empowering Youth Through Lived Experience * Oliver Carter, Sasha Bruce Youthwork Inc. * Natalie White, Sasha Bruce Youthwork Inc. * Utaunia Washington, Sasha Bruce Youthwork Inc. * Shaniya Brown-Youth, Sasha Bruce Youthwork Inc.
	Housing Lambda Legal	Safe Housing and Beyond: Legal Rights and Resources for LGBTQ+ Youth Experiencing Homelessness * Currey Cook, Lambda Legal * Jaclyn Pampel, Baker McKenzie * Dominic Rosenthal, Lambda Legal
	Innovation YMCA of San Diego County, Youth & Family Services	Weathering the Storm Together: Building Sustainable Youth Homelessness Systems Through Collaboration * David Baker, YMCA of San Diego County, Youth & Family Services * Krysta Esquivel, MSW, YMCA of San Diego County, Youth & Family Services * Amanda Sanchez, MSW, ASW, YMCA of San Diego County, Youth & Family Services
	Education SchoolHouse Connection	Addressing Youth Homelessness Through State Advocacy * Jasmine Cboins, Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio * Joli Guenther, Wisconsin Association for Homeless and Runaway Services * Josh Louwerse, Covenant House Alaska * Quinn Merriss, Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio * Rodd Monts, SchoolHouse Connection * Elliot Williams, SchoolHouse Connection
3:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Break	Transition to final session.
3:15 PM - 4:15 PM	General Session Panel	Navigating Federal Administrative Policy Changes: Implications for Those Serving Youth Experiencing Homelessness * Barbara Duffield, SchoolHouse Connection * Currey Cook, Lambda Legal * Katie Meyer Scott, National Homelessness Law Center * Kati Mapa, Child Welfare League of America * Moderator: Darla Bardine, National Network for Youth
4:15 PM - 4:30 PM	Closing Remarks	* Dane Valentine, National Youth Advisory Council

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