



Greetings Allies!

The DC Alliance of Youth Advocates, in concert, with George Washington University and the Interagency Council on Homelessness will be conducting a survey of homeless and unstably housed youth (up to age 24) from March 7-21, 2011.

Why A Youth Homelessness Survey?

- The current homelessness systems across the United States are lacking vital information regarding the population of homeless youth. Our goal is to shrink the knowledge gap and develop effective policy responses to the issue of youth homelessness.
- This study will help us improve estimates of the number of unaccompanied in DC and obtain data describing:
 - basic demographics of the population
 - frequent causal factors leading to youth homelessness
 - services and supports youth utilize and the gaps in services for this population

Access to this information will create the basis for a data driven approach to the design and implementation of effective policy interventions that will mitigate the issue of youth homelessness in the District.

How You Can Help

Just as with any community initiative, the success of the youth count depends on participation from as many people as possible. We are looking for the following:

Host Sites

- Provide a safe space for youth to gather and complete the survey
- Assign a point person to distribute and collect completed surveys
- Be able and willing to provide assistance (counseling session) in case of emergency
- Maintain regular contact with DCAYA regarding survey efforts
- Notify DCAYA of any closures, events, etc. that may conflict with survey efforts

For more information or to sign up, contact:

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