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HOMELESS YOUTH CENSUS 2015

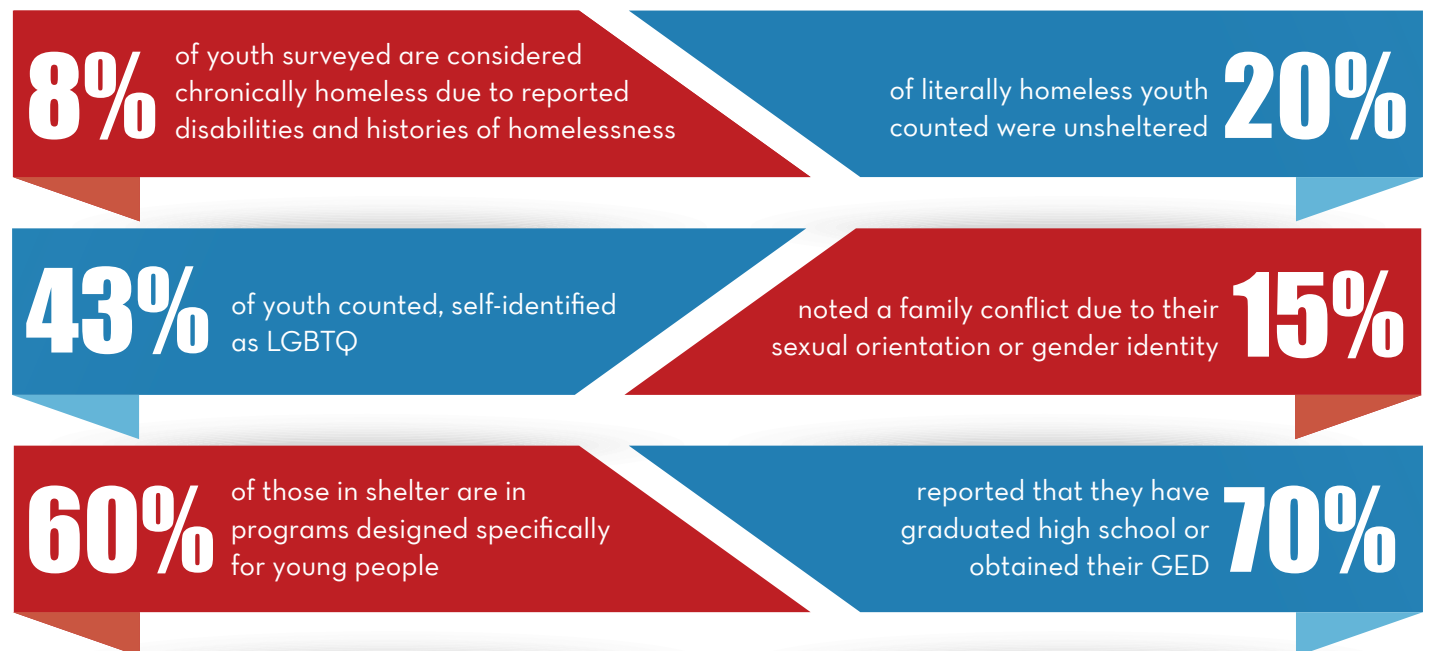
Far too many women, men and children are sleeping in shelters and on the streets in our nation's capital. To address this crisis, the District implemented Homeward DC, a comprehensive strategy to end homelessness in the District for all populations by 2020. As part of this strategy, the District invests more than \$5 million every year to implement and bring to scale solutions to end youth homelessness. This year's investment provided the necessary resources to support additional shelter and transitional housing beds, drop-in centers, street outreach, and a youth census.

The first Homeless Youth Census (HYC), a comprehensive census of youth who are experiencing homelessness, was completed in the District to capture not only the numbers of young people experiencing homelessness, but also those who are precariously housed (ages 24 and under) and their characteristics. The HYC was conducted over a nine day period at the end of August, 2015.

Benefits of HYC

- Provides understanding of the number of youth experiencing homelessness in the District
- Informs the various and complex needs of youth experiencing homelessness and help bring solutions to scale
- Educates key stakeholders of where resources should be allocated

Key Findings/Data



Next Steps

As a result of the information provided from the HYC, the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) will create a plan to expand youth programs that will include outreach services, emergency and extended term housing opportunities and prevention. Additionally, the ICH will create a youth action plan that further illustrates the ICH plan to combat youth homelessness.