



CYC Housing

Recommendations 14-

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The below recommendations were developed by CYC members at the Summer Leadership and Policy Conference in 2014. These recommendations have been presented to the Child Welfare Council's Supporting Successful Youth Transitions work group on March 4th. The recommendations were a starting point to facilitate discussion on the points CYC members raised.

[Housing/Homelessness Relationship w/ ILP Courses Summer Conference](#)

Themes: ILP, Availability, Appropriateness,

- counties should provide transitional housing options that remain in their original region for at least 50% of transition-age youth in that area
- uniform ILP curriculum for youth living in transitional housing
- safety of the transitional housing neighborhoods
- expand THP and THP+ in select counties (or statewide?)
- THP+FC should not be only optional for counties
- interactive, engaging ILP skills workshops; have workers take you to meet landlords, show you how to grocery shop/cook, etc.
- make preparation for independence classes mandatory by age 16



On March 21, 2015 the Bay Area CYC Chapters met for their quarterly regional meeting. The members discussed housing issues in their region of the state. Below is a list of topics Bay area CYC members deemed most prevalent. Top FOUR:

Problem: Not Enough Transitional Housing

Effects: Homelessness, theft and crime, personal health and wellness, hard to find a job, negatively effects education

Needs to be statewide THP consistency
Hard to get contracts with landlords/apartment complexes
Misunderstanding of foster youth (negative stereotypes)
Blaming foster youth for being in their situation
Program barriers with apartment leases
Landlords don't want to be involved – may be fear of courts, too much work to sign a separate lease with each person who lives in the apartment, or hassle of dealing with the provider

Problem: Not Enough Affordable Housing

Effects: Homelessness, chronic homelessness, trauma, no security, out of financial help, bad in school, not enough shelter beds, constant commuting, PTSD, settling with SSI and Section 8

Long waiting lists
Expensive to build
Not enough resources
Location, location, location
Not enough education on housing resources
High cost of living

Problem: Not Enough Jobs or Youth Shelters

Effects: Negative outcomes (jail, no college, violence, more abuse, drug addiction), no self respect, hanging with older people, kids become hard, fall into parents habits, limited employment

No funding for shelters

ILP skills groups end at 21

Difficult to work enough to support self and go to school

No sense of urgency to change

Poor foundation growing up

Too many temporary jobs or limited employment

Transportation

Youth want freedom

Problem: Confusion on What's Available

Effects: Underutilized services, Lots of questions like "what's AB12, how much is my stipend?" people don't know about AB 12 pros/cons, homelessness, people who could utilize services aren't, lack of a program map

Un-informed social workers

Service providers who don't communicate well (foster parents, social workers, lawyers, etc)

Not enough \$\$

Too many different groups doing the same thing, not working together

Lack of education around self-sufficiency

Not enough structured implementation

Overall list of housing problems (bold are the top 4)

Not enough housing
Transience, homelessness
Not enough AB 12 housing (7 votes)
Not enough jobs, teen shelters
Not enough transitional support
Variance among programs
Not enough community awareness
Not enough affordable housing
Rent increases
Not enough education about tenant rights
Rental assistance program education
More education about resources that exist
More education and advice around financial literacy
More education around leases/credit/rental agreements
No clarity on services/no type of program map
No help/no subsidies
Not much outreach for parents and adults to be AB 12 licensed providers
Not having housing in college (6 votes)
 Not all campuses doing a good job with year round housing
 Not enough support for housing for community college students
Need a co-signer
Unprepared
Not enough transitional housing
Mental disorder
Homeless, runaway youth
Lack of self esteem
Pregnant and parenting
Use of drugs
Reuniting with family
More choices and options
Lack of connections