

Fact sheet: Homeless lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youth in New York

1) How many homeless youth are there in the city of New York?

- a) Between 15,000 and 20,000 homeless youth in the city of New York according to local estimates. A city-funded count is pending in spring 2007.

2) How many are LGBT?

- a) Approximately 3,000 to 8,000 homeless youth in New York City are LGBT.
- b) This calculation is based on research that demonstrates that 20 to 40 percent of all homeless youth identify LGBT.

3) What are the public agencies that deal with homeless youth?

- a) New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) administers requests for proposals and distributes funds for homeless youth programming on behalf of the city and state.

4) What has the city done to address needs of homeless LGBT youth?

- a) The City of New York allocated \$1.2 million in FY 2006 for three service providers that specifically reach out to LGBT homeless youth: \$400,000 each to Sylvia's Place, Green Chimneys and Ali Forney Center (see contact info for these agencies below).
- b) A further \$2.6 million is allocated for FY 2007 (above the baselined \$5 million) and includes LGBT-specific funds and other programs.
 - a) Green Chimneys has received approximately \$425,000 of these funds and Ali Forney is getting somewhere between \$260,000 and \$400,000.
- c) The New York City Council also allocated \$50,000 to fund a count of homeless youth in spring 2007.

5) Contact information for New York service provider with expertise on LGBT youth:

- a) **Green Chimneys Children's Services**
Division Director, NYC Programs: Theresa Nolan
456 West 145th Street, Suite 1
New York, NY 10031
Tel: 212.491.5911, ext. 13
Fax: 212.368.8975

Theresa Nolan of Green Chimneys in New York City contributes a chapter to the study, *Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth: An epidemic of homelessness*, which focuses on the specific challenges of running a transitional living program for LGBT youth.

- b) **Sylvia's Place**
Program Manager: Kate Barnhart
446 W. 36th Street
New York, NY 10018
Tel: 718.300.0133

- c) **Ali Forney Center**
Executive Director: Carl Siciliano
224 W. 35th St., Suite 1102
New York, NY 10001
Tel: 212.222.3427

6) Contact information for public agencies or key person's office:

- a) **NYC Department of Youth and Community Development**
Bill Chong
156 William Street
New York, NY 10038
Tel: 1.800.246.4646