



Project HOPE New River Valley

LGBT Youth Are at Higher Risk of Homelessness

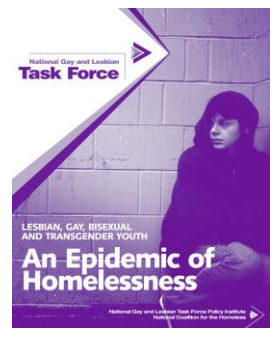
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Family conflict is the primary cause of homelessness for all youth, LGBT or straight. According to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute and the National Coalition for the Homeless, familial conflict over a youth's sexual orientation or gender identity is a significant factor that leads to homelessness or the need for out-of-home care. According to one study, 50 percent of gay teens experienced a negative reaction from their parents when they came out and 26 percent were kicked out of their homes. Another study found that more than one-third of youth who are homeless or in the care of

social services experienced a violent physical assault when they came out, which can lead to youth leaving a shelter or foster home because they actually feel safer on the streets. Read the full report at http://www.thetaskforce.org/downloads/reports/reports/HomelessYouth_ExecutiveSummary.pdf

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration offers information and resources to help practitioners throughout health and social service systems implement best practices in engaging and helping families and caregivers to support their



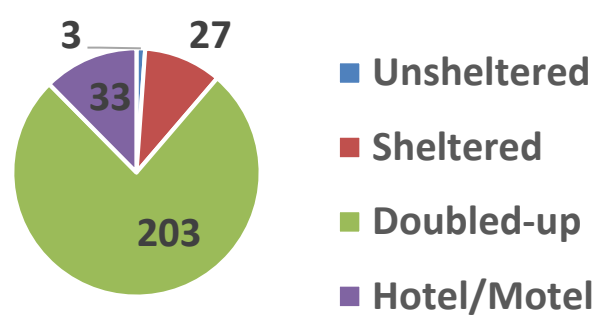
lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) children. A free resource guide, **A Practitioner's Resource Guide: Helping Families to Support Their LGBT Children**, can be downloaded at <http://store.samhsa.gov/shin/content/PEP14-LGBTKIDS/PEP14-LGBTKIDS.pdf>

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NRV School Districts Report 266 Homeless for the PIT Count

The Point-In-Time count was held this year on the night of January 25, 2017. The New River Valley Housing Partnership, with the assistance of agencies, schools and governments attempt to count all persons experiencing homelessness on that one night in the NRV. The chart indicates how many students have been counted by local school divisions from August 2016 through January 2017.






Brief: Determining Eligibility for Rights and Services Under the McKinney-Vento Act

This brief, part of NCHE's [Best Practices in Homeless Education](#) series, offers step-by-step guidance on determining homelessness among children and youth whose living arrangements vary from the examples given in the McKinney-Vento

definition of *homeless*.

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act defines "homeless children and youths" as "individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.". Determining the

extent to which the family or youth fits the definition must occur on a case-by-case basis.

 Download the summary at http://center.serve.org/nche/downloads/briefs/determining_eligibility.pdf

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Landlord-Tenant Rights Made Clear

Tenants rights and how to exert them can be difficult to understand. The Virginia Legal Aid Society, Inc. has published three documents which explain in plain language the rights and responsibilities of a tenant.

[Know Your Rights: A Guide for Tenants Renting in the State of Virginia PDF](#)

Under Virginia Law, tenants have certain rights when they move in, while they are renting, and before they can be evicted. The specific rights you have depend on whether or not your tenancy is covered by the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act (VRLTA). You are covered by the VRLTA if you live in an apartment building or in any type of multi-family

housing. Throughout this handout they will tell you what general rights you have as a tenant and specify if there are any differences depending on whether you are covered by the VRLTA

[Evictions \(including Lockouts and Utility Shutoffs\) PDF](#)

Every tenant has the legal right to live in rental housing unless and until the landlord follows the legal process for eviction. This document has information about your rights regarding eviction.

[Eviction by the Sheriff \(Writ of Possession\) PDF](#)

You do not have to move simply because a landlord says



so orally or in writing, or files a Summons for Unlawful Detainer in court. However, if your landlord gives you proper written notice, files a Summons for Unlawful Detainer, goes to a court hearing, gets an Order of Possession from the court, and gets a "Writ of Possession" from the court, you almost certainly will have to move.

Determining McKinney-Vento Eligibility: Changes under ESSA

Description: In this interactive webinar, presenters will review changes to the McKinney-Vento definition of homeless children and youth, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Presenters will cover: ESSA basics, including key implementation dates. The amended McKinney-Vento definition of homeless, including the removal of "awaiting foster care placement" and new guidance on substandard housing. New ESSA provisions on McKinney-Vento dispute resolution, including disputes related to eligibility

Presenters: NCHE Staff

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Length: 1 hour

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