



Fact sheet: Homeless lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youth in Denver, CO.

1) How many homeless youth in the city/state?

- a) **Denver:** There were 853 homeless youth (ages 15 to 25) in the metropolitan Denver area in 2004 according to the Metropolitan Denver Homeless Initiative, Inc. (Source http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/shhp/PDFs/2004_PIT_Final_Report.pdf)
- b) **Colorado:** There are an estimated 1,500 homeless youth in the state of Colorado at any given time according to the web site of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. (Source: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprevention/download/pdf/Office%20of%20Homeless%20Youth%20Report.pdf>)

2) How many are LGBT?

- a) **Denver:** We estimate that between 170 and 340 homeless youth in Denver identify as LGBT
- b) **Colorado:** We estimate that between 300 and 600 homeless youth statewide are LGBT
- c) These calculations are based on research that demonstrates that 20-40 percent of all homeless youth identify LGBT.

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

- a) The Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) houses the Office of Homeless Youth Services within the Division of Supportive Housing and Homeless Programs. CDHS also houses the Office of Children, Youth and Family Services, which in turn houses the Division of Child Welfare.

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

- a) The city of Denver has implemented a 10 year plan to end homelessness called "Denver's Road Home." However, there is no specific LGBT youth focused effort.
- b) Jamie Vanleeuwen is the project manager of this plan and is personally committed to serving the LGBT homeless population (see Jamie's contact info on the next page).

5) Contact information for a Denver service provider with expertise on LGBT youth:

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Susan Boyle of Urban Peak in Denver contributed a chapter to the study *Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth: An epidemic of homelessness*, which focuses on specific

challenges facing transgender homeless youth and the agencies seeking to serve them. Susan is no longer with the agency.

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

a) Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS)

1575 Sherman St., Denver, CO 80203
Tel: 303.866.5700
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b) Office of Children, Youth and Family Services

Office Director: Steve Bates
1575 Sherman Street
Denver, Colorado 80203
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c) Division of Child Welfare

Director: Ted Trujillo
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d) DHS serving Denver County (covering Denver, the city)

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