

# THE NEW DEAL TO END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

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The New Deal to End Homelessness is a federal policy proposal that offers a roadmap to transform how young people, particularly Black, Brown, Indigenous, and LGBTQ young people, are supported in our society. The most comprehensive proposal of its kind for youth and young adult homelessness, the New Deal aligns the nation's leading funders, advocacy organizations, and service providers around a transformative vision grounded in equity and defined by young people.

## A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH

Ending youth and young adult homelessness will require transformation and re-orientation toward justice in the nation's major systems serving young people—systems currently rooted in structural racism. To do this, the New Deal is being crafted around five pillars:

- Housing Justice
- Child Welfare Justice
- Legal Systems Justice
- Economic Justice
- Immigration Justice

Proposals within each pillar will offer a roadmap toward system transformation, balancing a long-term commitment to equitable transformation with urgent, actionable reforms that move us closer to that end state.

## A COLLECTIVE VISION

The New Deal framework was developed by A Way Home America's (AWHA) network of policy co-conspirators, leading with input from young people from across the country. As each pillar of the New Deal is drafted, we invite you to join us for town hall discussions to unpack and refine the work.

## AWHA POLICY CO-CONSPIRATORS:

- Campion Foundation
- Funders Together To End Homelessness
- Larkin Street
- Melville Charitable Trust
- National Alliance To End Homelessness
- National Innovation Service
- National Youth Forum On Homelessness
- Point Source Youth
- Raikes Foundation
- True Colors United
- Youth Collaboratory

## REFORM TRANSFORMATIVE EDGE TRANSFORMATION



### A ROADMAP TOWARD TRANSFORMATION

The New Deal is a national roadmap that radically reimagines the systems outlined in the five pillars. It builds on hard fought efforts already underway and reorients them around justice for youth and young adults. Each pillar will outline three types of efforts, which can occur simultaneously in many cases:

- **Reform:** Immediate opportunities to reduce harm, improve access, and produce positive outcomes even while working within a system that is rooted in structural racism and bias against young people.
- **Transformative Edge of Reform:** Pushing the edge of what's possible under our current system by challenging power, listening to young adults, and removing barriers for transformation.
- **Transformation:** Reorienting our systems toward justice by redistributing the resources and power young people need to thrive

### GET INVOLVED

A draft of the New Deal's Housing Justice Pillar will be released in December 2020. Subsequent pillars will be released in 2021 after consultation and collaboration with young people. Once released, we invite members of the movement to provide feedback in a series of town hall discussions.

To stay up-to-date on the New Deal's progress and town hall dates, please visit: [awayhomeamerica.info/newdeal](https://awayhomeamerica.info/newdeal)