

Recommended Reading:

- **Kicked Out**– January 1, 2010; by Sassafras Lowrey (Editor), Jennifer Clare Burke (Editor), Judy Shepard (Foreword)

In the U.S., 40% of homeless youth identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer(LGBTQ). *Kicked Out* brings together the voices of current and former homeless LGBTQ youth and tells the forgotten stories of some of our nation's most vulnerable citizens. Diverse contributors share stories of survival and abuse with poignant accounts of the sanctuary of community and the power of creating chosen families. *Kicked Out* highlights the nuanced perspectives of national organizations such as The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force and The National Alliance Against Homelessness and regional agencies, including Sylvia's Place, The Circus Project and Family Builders. This anthology, introduced by Judy Shepard, gives voice to the voiceless and challenges the stereotypical face of homelessness.

- **Almost Home: Helping Kids Move from Homelessness to Hope** – August 24, 2012; by Kevin Ryan (Author), Tina Kelley (Author)

Inside the lives of homeless teens—moving stories of pain and hope from Covenant House *Almost Home* tells the stories of six remarkable young people from across the United States and Canada as they confront life alone on the streets. Each eventually finds his or her way to Covenant House, the largest charity serving homeless and runaway youth in North America. From the son of a crack addict who fights his own descent into drug addiction to a teen mother reaching for a new life, their stories veer between devastating and inspiring as they each struggle to find a place called home. Includes a foreword by Newark Mayor Cory Booker. Shares the personal stories of six homeless youths grappling with issues such as drug addiction, family violence, prostitution, rejection based on sexual orientation, teen parenthood, and aging out of foster care into a future with limited skills and no support system. Gives voice to the estimated 1.6 million young people in the United States and Canada who run away or are kicked out of their homes each year.

- **Multi-systemic Therapy and Neighborhood Partnerships: Reducing Adolescent Violence and Substance Abuse.** Cynthia Cupit Swenson (Author), Scott W. Henggeler (Author), Ida S. Taylor (Author), Oliver W. Addison (Author), Patricia Chamberlain (Foreword)

Based on the proven technology of Multi-systemic Therapy (MST), this unique book provides an exemplary approach to empowering communities to reduce youth violence and substance abuse and promote school success. Effective strategies for working with at-risk youth are embedded in a comprehensive framework that enlists the talents and resources of clinicians, human service professionals, neighborhood residents, community organizations, and outside stakeholders. Using an extended case example to illustrate all aspects of implementing MST on a neighborhood-wide scale, the volume covers empirical and clinical foundations, program planning, and strategies for building collaboration with key community players.

- **(c) 2012 National Juvenile Defender Center : Models for Change**

An effort to create successful and replicable models of juvenile justice reform through targeted investments in key states, with core support from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. *Models for Change* seeks to accelerate the progress toward a more efficient, fair, and developmentally sound juvenile justice system that holds young people accountable for their actions, provides for their rehabilitation, protects them from harm, increases their life chances, and manages the risk they pose to themselves and the public. The initiative is underway in Illinois, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, and Washington, and through the action networks focusing on key issues in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, and Wisconsin.

- **(c) 2009 AFCC Guidelines for Court-Involved Therapy**

For the purposes of these guidelines, court-involved therapists are mental health professionals who provide therapeutic services to family members involved in child custody or juvenile dependency Court processes. Family and juvenile Court cases involving therapeutic services introduce unique factors and dynamics that require consideration in the treatment process. Both the treatment process and information provided to the therapist are likely to be influenced by the family's involvement in a legal process. While appropriate treatment can offer considerable benefit to children and families, inappropriate treatment may escalate family conflict and

cause significant damage. The Guidelines for Court-Involved Therapy are the product of the Court-Involved Therapist Task Force, appointed by AFCC President Robin Deutsch in 2009. Task force members were: Hon. Linda S. Fidnick, Co-Chair; Matthew Sullivan, Ph.D., Co-Chair; Lyn R. Greenberg, Ph.D., Reporter; Paul Berman, Ph.D.; Christopher Barrows, J.D.; Hon. R. John Harper; Hon. Anita Josey-Herring; Mindy Mitnick, M.Ed., M.A.; and Hon. Gail Perlman.

- **MacArthur Foundation Research. Network on Adolescent Development and Juvenile Justice. Temple University, Department of Psychology, Philadelphia, PA 19122. www.adj.org**

The Research Network on Adolescent Development and Juvenile Justice is an interdisciplinary, multi-institutional program focused on building a foundation of sound science and legal scholarship to support reform of the juvenile justice system. The network conducts research, disseminates the resulting knowledge to professionals and the public, and works to improve decision-making and to prepare the way for the next generation of juvenile justice reform.

Additional Resources:

Resources for LGBT Youth in the Juvenile Justice System <http://equityproject.org/resources.html>

National Alliance to End Homelessness - www.endhomelessness.org

National Network for Youth - www.nn4youth.org

Lambda Legal - www.lambdalegal.org

National Center for Lesbian Rights - www.nclrights.org

From: ***THE NATIONAL RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICES FOR SERVING LGBT HOMELESS YOUTH.***

Organizations Supporting the Dissemination of the National Recommended Best Practices for Serving LGBT Homeless Youth:

Ali Forney Center, New York, NY
The Attic Youth Center, Philadelphia, PA
Avenues for Homeless Youth/GLBT Host Home Program, Minneapolis, MN
Children's Service Society of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI
The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Youth Support Project of Health Care of Southeastern Massachusetts, Inc., Brockton, MA
Green Chimneys Children's Services, NYC Programs, New York, NY
Larkin Street Youth Center, San Francisco, CA
Latin American Youth Center, Washington, DC
Metropolitan Community Churches, Global Justice Ministries, New York, NY
Metropolitan Community Churches, Homeless Youth Services, New York, NY
Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, Milwaukee, WI
National Black Justice Coalition, Washington, DC
San Diego Youth Services, San Diego, CA
Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League, Washington, DC
Sylvia Rivera Law Project, New York, NY
Teen Living Programs, Chicago, IL
Transgender Health Empowerment, Inc., Washington, DC
Utah Pride Center, Salt Lake City, UT
Walden Family Services, Inc., San Diego, CA
YouthCare, Seattle, WA