



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

Youth Homelessness Committee
Wednesday, November 10, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Meeting Online

YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Amber Benedict, Youth For Change
- Brittiney Norman, Torres Shelter
- Dena Kapsalis, PUSD
- Emily Bateman, 6th St. Center for Youth
- Marina Fox CSUC PATH Scholars
- Mallory Penzotti, Youth For Change
- Marin Hambley, Stonewall Center
- Elisa Rawlinson, Butte County
- Sarah Frohock, BC Behavioral Health

First Chairperson: Josh Indar, BCOE School Ties **Second Chairperson:** Emily Bateman, Y4C 6th Street

AGENDA

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| 1. Call to Order | Name |
| 2. Introductions & Program Updates | |
| All | |
| 3. Approval of Minutes - <i>ACTION</i> | All |
| 4. Presentation: Meghan Danehy, FURS Program | |
| 5. Presentation: Leah Slem, CSUC Basic Needs Program | |
| 6. November events | |
| a. Proclamations | |
| b. Writing for Donuts book release – NOV 19, 6-8 PM @ MONCA | |
| c. Green light campaign | |
| d. Green shirts to raise funds, awareness | |
| 7. Discussion: YAC Update | All |
| a. Community garden update | |
| b. Candlelight Vigil November 17 | |
| 8. Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 8; 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. | |
| Meet online | |
| 9. Adjourn | |



Are you a caregiver of a current or former foster youth?
Are you feeling frustrated? Would you like additional support?

FURS Support is Always Available

- 24/7 hotline support via phone, text, and chat.
- Local mobile response support with COVID-19 precautions in place.
- Personalized support and stabilization at the hotline and local level.
- Relevant aftercare support and follow-up.



Family Urgent Response System

The Family Urgent Response System (FURS) includes a statewide hotline as well as local mobile response teams to provide immediate trauma-informed support to current and former foster youth and their caregivers.

Local mobile response teams are comprised of compassionate, trained professionals who are available to provide face-to-face support during critical moments.

Both the statewide hotline and local mobile response teams are available 24/7/365.

FURS Provides Support When Needed Most

Call or Text:
1-833-939-FURS

Online:
CAL-FURS.ORG



24/7

SUPPORT

Are you a current or former foster youth? Having problems at home? Frustrated? Need someone to talk to? The 24/7 FURS hotline is here to help.

CALL OR TEXT: 1-833-939-FURS | 1-833-939-3877

Family Urgent Response System (FURS) is a free 24/7/365 hotline for current or former foster youth and your caregivers to call and get **immediate** help for any big or small issues you may be having.

- You will be connected to a trained counselor or peer who will listen to you.
- FURS is a **safe, judgement-free,** and **private** space to talk about your worries and vent.
- If you want more support, a team can come directly to where you are to help you work on the problem and to create a plan to help stabilize your situation and keep you safe.
- The team will follow-up by helping connect you and your caregiver to local services and support.



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PRESS RELEASE

Thursday, October 29, 2021

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Butte County Runaway & Homeless Youth Task Force (BCRHETF)

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Local Observance of National Homeless and Runaway Youth Month (NHRYM)

It is widely acknowledged that homelessness is a serious and vexing problem in Butte County. But while the public seems focused on the chronic or highly visible homeless, many seem unaware that on any given night, there are hundreds of children, teens and youth in our community who have no safe place to stay. Young people who find themselves homeless are uniquely vulnerable to the perils of life on the streets, and are often exposed to physical abuse, drug addiction, sexual trafficking and a host of mental health problems.

Nationwide, experts estimate there are as many as 4.2 million homeless youth and young adults, as families have overtaken single men as the fastest-growing segment of the homeless population. The most common reason for a young person to become homeless is familial strife, with 46% of youth surveyed saying they left home to escape physical abuse, and almost 1 in 5 reporting sexual abuse.

The Butte County Office of Education estimates there are between 1,500 – 2,000 homeless youth in Butte County Schools. The 6th St. Center for Youth in Chico serves some 275 homeless youth every year. While the HEART Program offers limited short-term stays in host homes for minors, Butte County has no youth shelter and few accessible resources for young people struggling with mental health, substance abuse and employment issues.

In order to bring awareness to this problem, the Butte County Homeless & Runaway Youth Task Force is helping to organize and publicize a series of local events in recognition of National Homeless and Runaway Youth Month. We hope your media organization can cover these important events to help our community better understand and deal with the problem of youth homelessness.

List of NHRYM Events:

- Nov. 1: Gridley City Council issues a proclamation recognizing youth homelessness
- Nov. 2: Oroville City Council issues a proclamation recognizing youth homelessness
- Nov. 9: Paradise Town Council issues a proclamation recognizing youth homelessness
- Nov.10: "Wear Green" Day for RHY Awareness
- Nov. 16: Chico City Council issues a proclamation recognizing youth homelessness as a problem in Chico
- Nov. 17: Candlelight Vigil, 5 pm at Chico Municipal Building, 421 Main Street
- Nov. 19: "Writing for Donuts 2" book launch party featuring youth writing and performance
- Nov. 23: 6th Street Thanksgiving Dinner

Further Resources

<http://www.6thstreetcenter.org/>

http://bcoe.org/divisions/student_programs_and_services/school_ties/homeless_education/

<http://www.nctsn.org/resources/public-awareness/national-homeless-youth-awareness-month>

<https://www.covenanthouse.org/homeless-teen-issues/statistics>

<http://www.nationalhomeless.org/factsheets/youth.html>

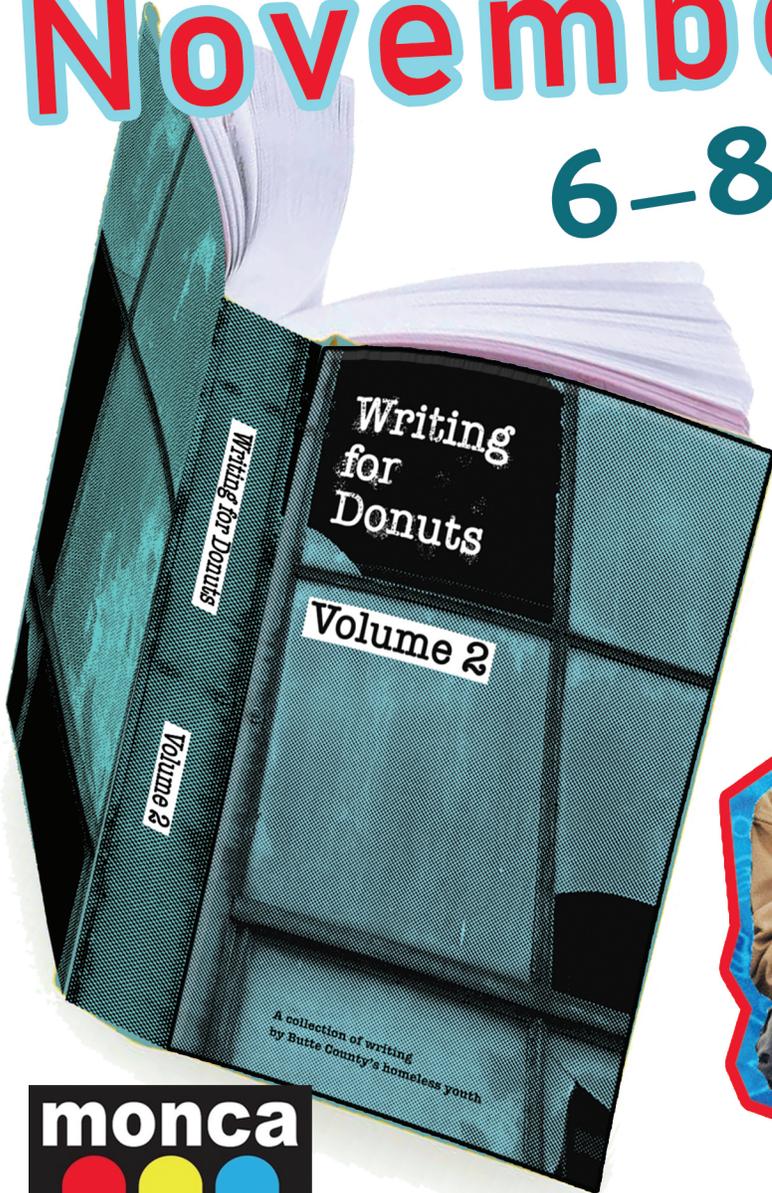
<https://www.1800runaway.org/>

Writing for Donuts

Vol. 2 Book Launch!

Friday November 19th

6-8 pm



Writing for Donuts 2 is a collection of stories, poems and musings by Butte County youth who've experienced homelessness in our community. This event will feature live performances from local youth and a set of original music by Chico artist Scout



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