



# OUT in the Cold

It is estimated that 20-40 percent of all homeless teens are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered. **OUT in the Cold** is a powerful new documentary that gives a voice to the nameless and faceless teenagers forgotten on the streets of America.



*"My son was taken away from me . . . I can't imagine how anyone would willingly throw their own child away."* - Judy Shepard, The Matthew Shepard Foundation.



*"Most people don't care, they just figure it's one more kid who 'fell through the crack.' 1.3 million kids fall through that crack . . . are we going to fix it?"*  
- Rick Koca, Founder and CEO of Stand Up for Kids

Join us as we journey into the lives of young people who are forced from their homes and into the hopelessness of the streets, where the innocence of youth can be quickly transformed into the ugliness of drugs, prostitution, and survival. Rejected by parents, friends, teachers, and school administrators, we share their disappointments, fears, desires, and dreams for the future.

Producers Eric Criswell (Executive Director, CIRE Foundation) and Martin Bedogne (Co-Producer and Director of the award winning documentary *Journey to a Hate Free Millennium*) take you on a journey into the lives of runaway gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered youth. We'll find out who they are, where they come from, and how the kid next door ended up living on the street.

You will discover where the problems start, and what we can do to help prevent any of our children from falling through the cracks.

**Produced and Directed by Eric Criswell, Martin Bedogne and the CIRE Foundation with generous funding provided by The Matthew Shepard Foundation.**

**To order *OUT in the Cold* or to bring an educational outreach program that utilizes the film to your community, please contact us via The Matthew Shepard Foundation at [www.matthewshepard.org](http://www.matthewshepard.org)**

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