

FACTS SHEET: HOUSING

Discharge and emancipation from foster care is a big contributor to youth homelessness. Studies show that **12 to 36% of emancipated foster care youth will report being homeless at least once after discharge from care.**

30-40% of the families in emergency shelter in D.C. are headed by a parent age 18 to 24, most of whom have never had their own home or had the support necessary to maintain their own housing.

The median rent in DC for a one-bedroom apartment has risen by 50% beyond inflation over the past decade, from \$735 in 2000 to \$1,100 in 2010.

Housing Units for Homeless Families

Emergency Shelter	321
Transitional Housing	543
HUD HPRP Program	0
Permanent Supportive Housing	470

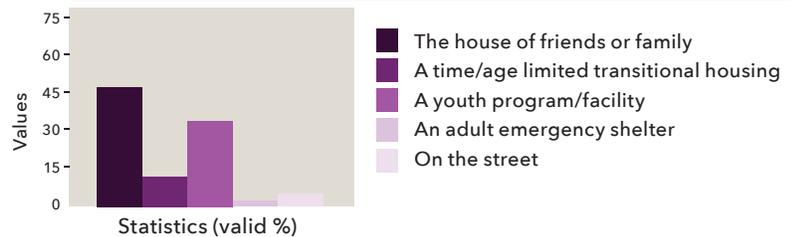
State Housing Trust Fund **YES**

State Planning Efforts

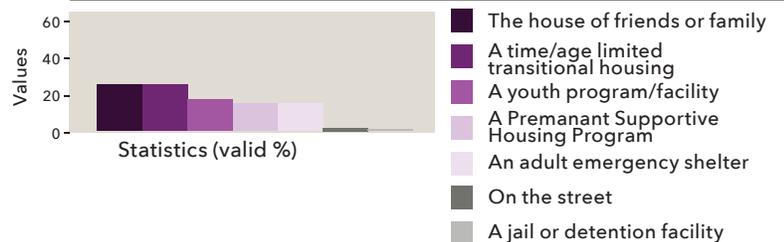
Is there an active state Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)?	YES
Is there a State 10-Year Plan that includes children and families?	NO

The 2010 District of Columbia Strategic Action Plan to End Homelessness mentions children and families experiencing homelessness.

Most Commonly Listed Places Youth Aged 17 and Younger Stayed the Night Prior to Participation



Most Commonly Listed Places Youth Aged 18 and Over Stayed the Night Prior to Participation



Deborah Shore, executive director of Sasha Bruce, in D.C., estimates that the **shelter turned away as many as 150 teens on freezing nights** between February and April in 2013.

Nearly 300 youth seeking emergency shelter were turned away in February 2013

DC's First Right Purchase program has preserved nearly 1,400 affordable homes for low- and moderate-income residents since 2002. It is DC's key anti-displacement tool. Yet **funds haven't been sufficient to meet the need of tenants seeking assistance** to purchase their building when it's put up for sale.

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