



Fact sheet: Homeless lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youth in Detroit, Mich.

1) How many homeless youth in the city/state?

- a) **Detroit:** The estimated number of homeless youth not receiving shelter services on any given day ranges from 1,600 to 2,000 youth according to extrapolations from the City of Detroit Department of Senior Citizens and Homelessness Coordination.
- b) **Michigan:** There is no publicly available statewide estimate of the number of homeless youth.
 - i) More than 26,000 people were estimated to be homeless in January 2005 according to the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

2) How many are LGBT?

- a) Between 320 and 800 homeless youth not receiving shelter services in Detroit are LGBT.
- b) This calculation is based on research that demonstrates that 20 to 40 percent of all homeless youth identify LGBT.

3) What are their public agencies city or state that deal with them?

- a) State Department of Human Services, Children & Family Services

4) What has the city/state done to address needs of homeless LGBT youth?

- a) In general, Gov. Jennifer Granholm and U.S. Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow are very supportive of the center's work.

5) Contact information for a Detroit service provider with focus and expertise on LGBT youth:

Ruth Ellis Center:
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Grace McClelland of the Ruth Ellis Center in Detroit contributes a chapter to the study *Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth: An epidemic of homelessness*, which focuses on street outreach and drop-in center processes.

6) Contact information for public agencies or key person's office:

Media Contact: Roberta Sklar, Task Force Director of Communications, 646.358.1465

a) **Michigan Department of Human Services:**

Director: Marianne Udow
Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 30037
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The state's runaway and homeless youth program, run through DHS:

"Provides services to runaway and homeless youth and, when appropriate, their families. Services are provided through contracts with private agencies. The confidential statewide runaway toll-free telephone number is 1.800.292.4517, open 24 hours a day/7 days a week."

b) **Wayne County DHS (covers Detroit): CFS District 25 Zone 10
Children & Family Services**

District Manager: Georgia Cambell
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c) **Washtenaw County DHS (covers Ann Arbor)**

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