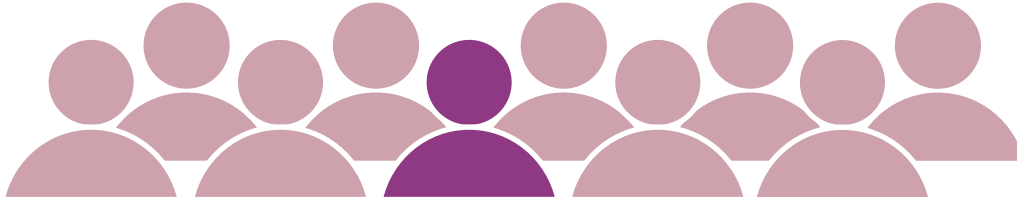


LAUNCHING YOUTH INTO STABILITY

HB2983

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ONE IN 10 YOUTH AGES 18-25 EXPERIENCE A FORM OF HOMELESSNESS OVER A 12-MONTH PERIOD.

- ▶ One in 30 youth ages 13-17 experience a form of homelessness over a 12-month period.
- ▶ In Illinois youth who have interacted with systems including the Department of Children and Family Services, Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Corrections or youth who have been hospitalized for mental health issues are disproportionately overrepresented in the population of people experiencing homelessness.

SOLUTION

Bring youth, advocates and departments who interact with these youth together with the coordinated effort to reduce homelessness and create stability for this vulnerable population.

HB2983 will create a Youth Homelessness Prevention subgroup within the Governor's Cabinet on Children and Youth including:

- + Youth who have experienced homelessness;
- + Governor's office;
- + Department of Children and Family Services;
- + Department of Healthcare and Family Services;
- + Department of Human Services;
- + Department of Juvenile Justice;
- + Department of Corrections;
- + Department of Public Health;
- + Guardianship and Advocacy Commission;
- + Representatives from agencies serving homeless youth;
- + Homeless advocacy organization representatives; and
- + Juvenile justice advocacy organization representative.

The group will be tasked with:

- ▶ reviewing discharge planning, service plans, and procedures for youth leaving systems of care
- ▶ collecting data on the housing stability of youth for one year after leaving
- ▶ creating a plan to improve discharge policies and procedures to ensure housing stability for youth leaving state systems
- ▶ creating recommendations for community plans for sustainable housing, education and employment plans for this population.

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