

# TRANSITION AGE YOUTH

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The population within the homeless population



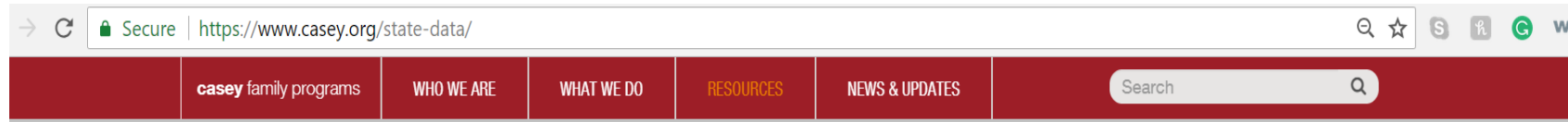
# What we will cover

- ❑ The Population
  - ❑ The Numbers
  - ❑ The Problems
  - ❑ The Solutions

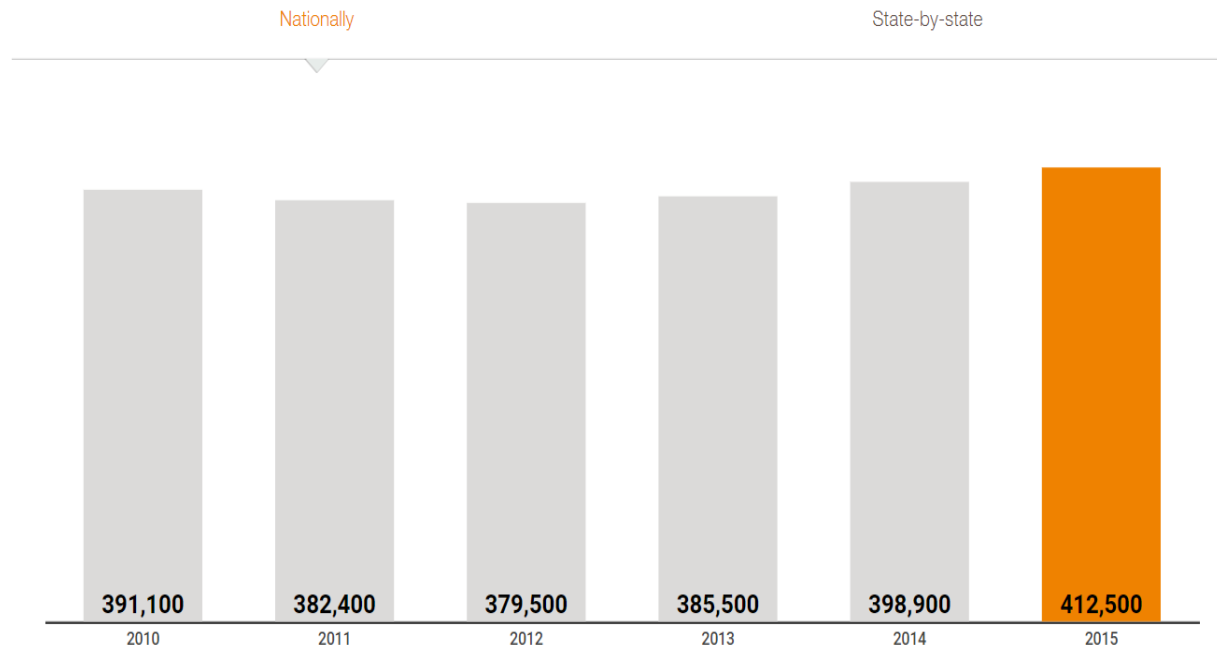


# The Population

# Population: National Growth trends



Children under the age of 18 living in foster care:  
(on September 30 of each year)



From 2010 to 2015 the numbers have been rising nationally.

# Population: State Growth trends



The current number is 55,983

# Population: Foster facts and stats



**28,000 children are currently in foster care in Los Angeles County.**

1,400 children in foster care are awaiting adoptive families.\*

**38% of all children in foster care in California reside in Los Angeles County.**

Nearly half of foster youth have learning disabilities or delays.

Only 58% of young people in foster care graduate from high school.

Only 3% graduate from college.

**Half of youth who have aged out of foster care end up homeless or incarcerated.**

75% of young women in foster care report at least one pregnancy by age 21, compared to only one third of those in the general population.

75% of students in foster care are performing below grade level.

# Population:

## Types of homelessness

- Living in temporary housing programs
- Couch surfing
- Living with partners in toxic relationships
- **Emergency shelters**
- **On the street**
- In cars
- Squatting
- **Chronically homeless**

## Types of housing available

- Transitional Housing (limited)
- Rapid rehousing vouchers (limited access)
- Section 8 vouchers (limited access)
- Low-income housing (limited access)
- Community support/relatives/churches/non-profit organizations (limited access)



The numbers



# Numbers: Homeless count results



Region Name	Total	Transition Age Youth	Unaccompanied Minors	Members of Young Families
City of Los Angeles	3,241	2,796	156	289

"Transition Age Youth (TAY)" includes young adults between the ages of 18 and 24.  
 "Unaccompanied Minors" includes minors under the age of 18 without a parent/guardian.  
 "Members of Young Families" includes members of families with a head of household being 24 years of age or younger.

## Youth Homelessness by Household Type

Individuals	Members of Young Families	Family Households	Members per Household
2,952	289	125	2.31

"Individuals" includes TAY and Unaccompanied Minors who are not part of a family household.  
 "Members of Young Families" include members in a family household that has at least one TAY and one child.  
 "Family Households" must contain at least one TAY and one child.

## Youth Homelessness by Gender



## Youth Homelessness by Race/Ethnicity



- There were a total of 3,241 homeless youth counted.
- 2,796 were transition age youth.

# Numbers: By household type



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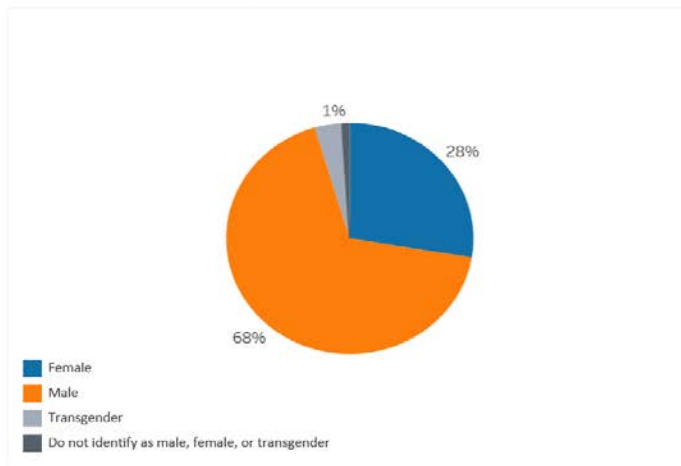
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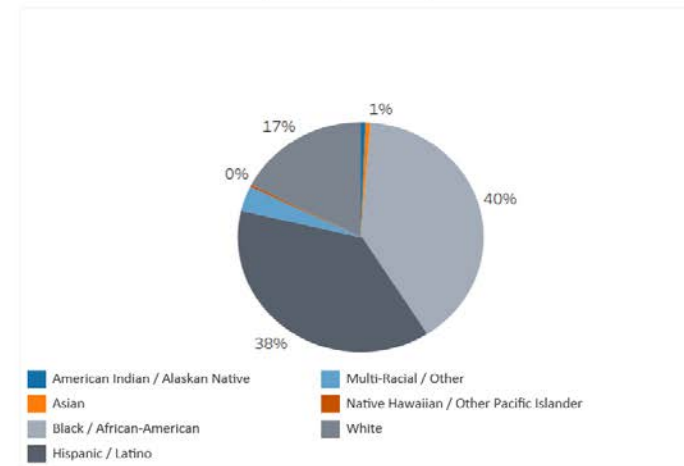
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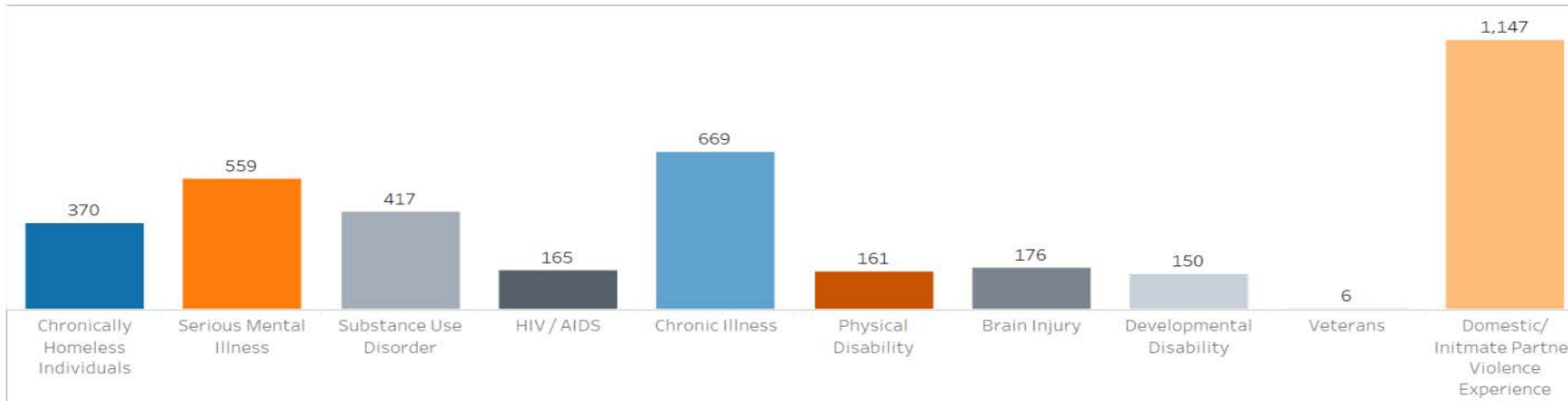
## Youth Homelessness by Subpopulation Characteristics

- 68% of homeless youth in LA identify as male, 24% female, 1% transgender.
- 40% are Black/African American, 38% Hispanic/Latino, and 17% white.

# Numbers: By Sub-population



Youth Homelessness by Subpopulation Characteristics



Only 370 meet the standard of chronically homeless, 559 are suffering from mental illness, 417 have a substance abuse disorder, and 1,147 have had a domestic/intimate partner violence experience.

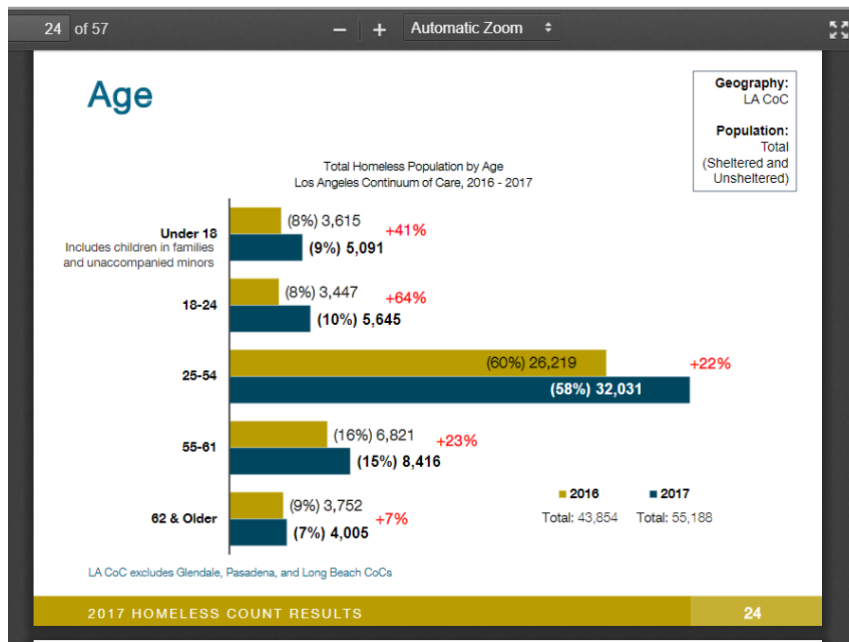
	Total	Transition Age Youth	Unaccompanied Minors	Members of Young Families
City Council District 1	503	467	8	28
City Council District 2	206	202	0	4
City Council District 3	138	112	11	15
City Council District 4	114	101	13	0
City Council District 5	83	78	0	5
City Council District 6	147	94	16	37
City Council District 7	63	63	0	0
City Council District 8	176	169	7	0
City Council District 9	225	218	7	0
City Council District 10	79	45	0	34
City Council District 11	188	171	4	13
City Council District 12	47	38	0	9
City Council District 13	735	600	31	104
City Council District 14	477	422	21	34
City Council District 15	60	16	38	6

# Numbers: Rise in homelessness amongst TAY

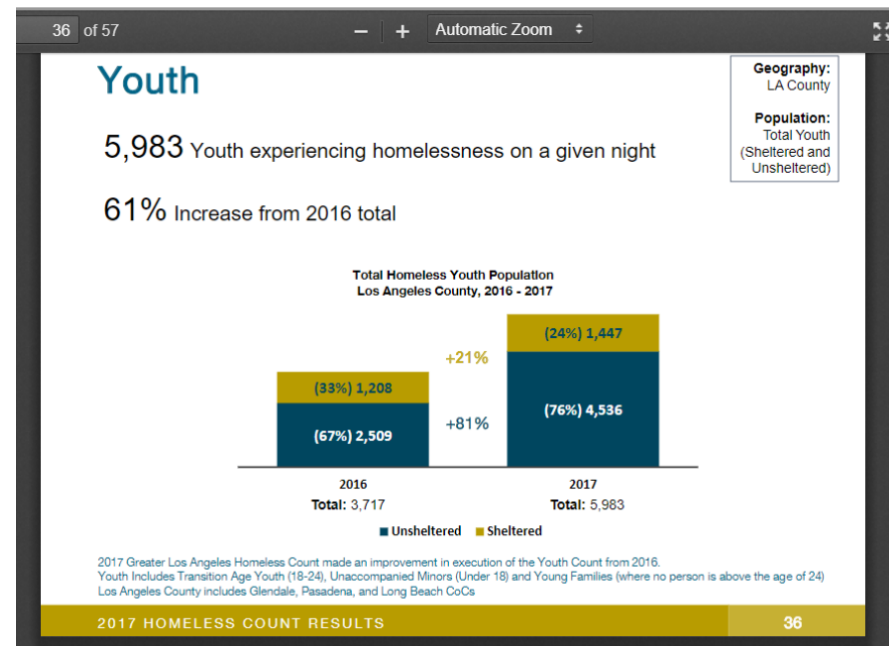
The most significant increases are within the TAY and 18 and under communities

Youth homelessness has increased by 61% between 2016 and 2017

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# The Problems

# Problems: The reality of the headlines



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## Los Angeles' homelessness crisis is a national disgrace



By THE TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD FEB 25, 2018 | 4:15 AM

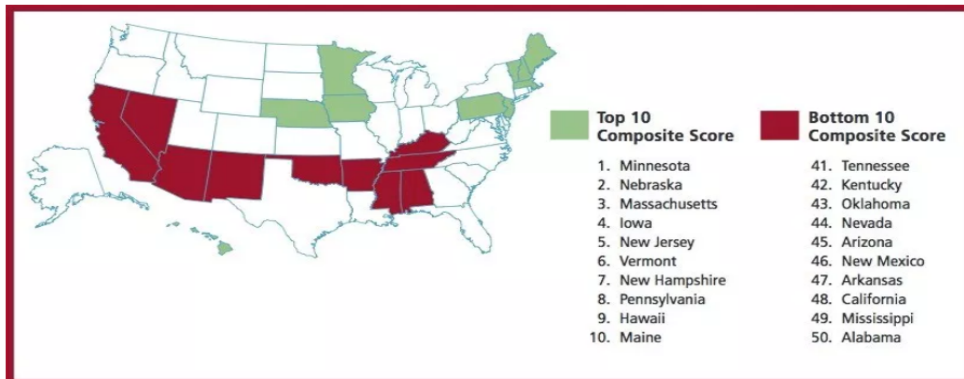


# Problems: Homelessness as a national trend



California ranks 48 out of 50 as one of the worst states in homelessness amongst children

Based on federal and other available data and broken down by state, the analysis shows that homelessness among children varies widely depending on geography. The report includes an index ranking based on four basic criteria: 1) the extent of child homelessness (adjusted for population); 2) general well-being of the children; 3) risk for family homelessness; and 4) state policies designed to combat the problem. Ranked from 1-50, the states with the best scores were Minnesota, Nebraska and Massachusetts. The worst states for homeless children were Alabama, Mississippi and California.



Nationally there are only 4,000 shelter beds for 500,000 unaccompanied youth

<http://homeless.org/campaigns/national-campaign-youth-shelter/>

## WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

## WHAT DO WE WANT?

## FACTS ABOUT YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

## WHO IS INVOLVED?

## HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE?

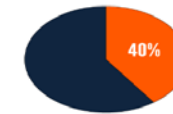
## PAST EVENTS

### YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

- There are only 4,000 youth shelter beds in the United States, yet as many as 500,000 unaccompanied youths experience homelessness each year.
- Many homeless young people have fled abusive situations, left the foster care system with no resources, or been rejected by their families because of sexual orientation or gender identity.

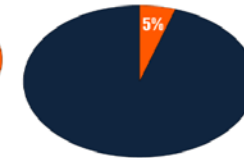
Currently there is only **ONE** bed available for every **125** young people living without a home.

HOMELESS YOUTH POPULATION



40% OF HOMELESS YOUTH IDENTIFY AS LGBT

TOTAL YOUTH POPULATION



LGBT youth are disproportionately over-represented in the homeless youth population, with as many as 40% of the nation's homeless youth being LGBT, while only 5% of the overall youth population is LGBT.

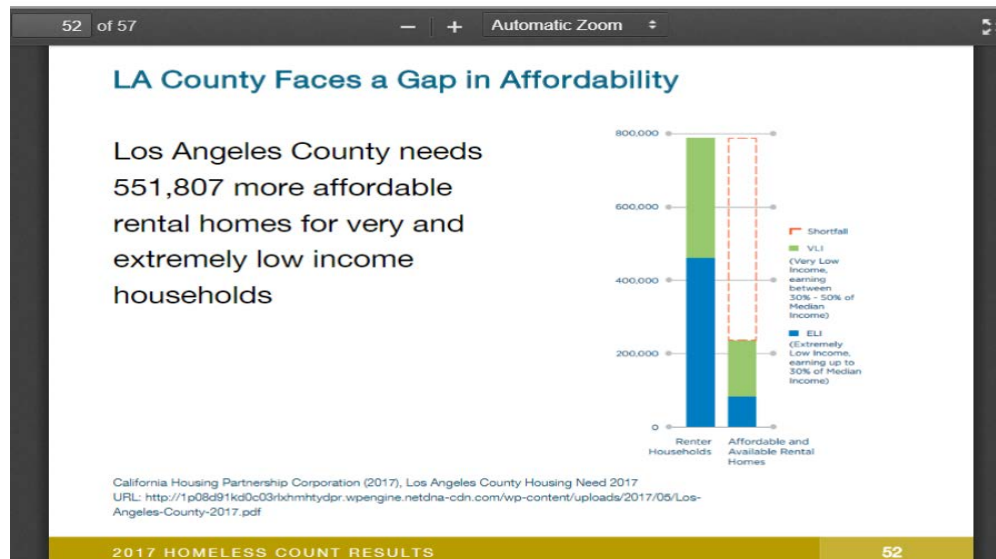
# Problems: Big picture for Los Angeles



There is a need for 551,807 more affordable rental homes

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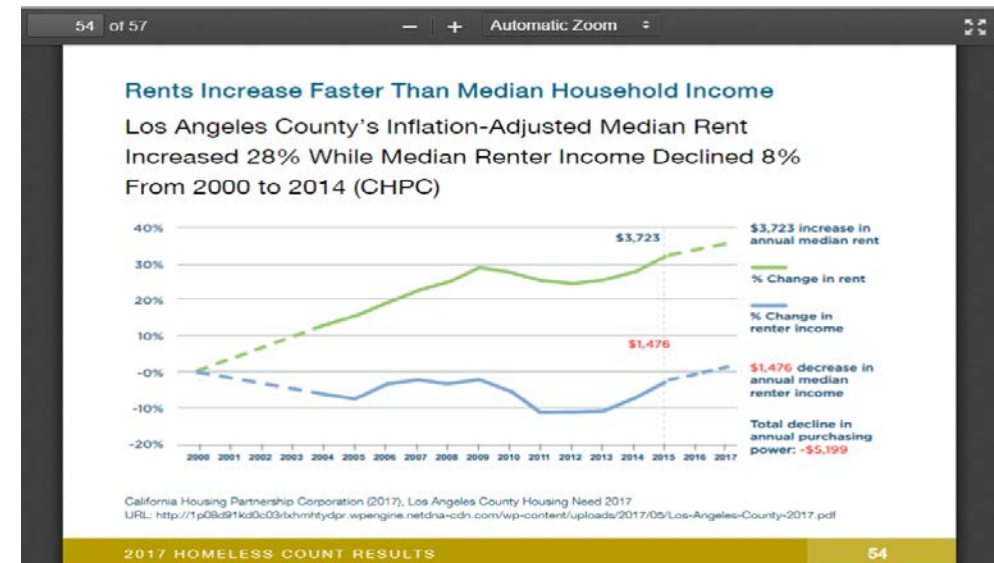
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Rent is increasing while the median household income is declining

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# Problems

- Many proposed solutions do not meet the needs of the population.
  - The voices of the population are often not at the table when solutions are being discussed.
  - There is not enough back end research into the people who are receiving these HHH and measure funds and whether or not there are meeting the needs of the populations they serve.
- Many of the options that are available are limited to chronically homeless but the numbers reflect only 370 transition age youth who are homeless meet the standard of chronically homeless.
  - The homeless count numbers do not adequately reflect the actual number of homeless transition age youth.
  - The numbers are continuing to rise.
  - New innovative solutions are being boxed out due to funds being dispersed to same players.



# Problems: The burden of the state



# The solutions

# Solutions: Government proposed solutions



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### Measure H and Proposition HHH

Measure H	Proposition HHH
<p>Sales tax generating \$355 million annually for services and programs to prevent and combat homelessness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rapid Re-housing</li><li>• Permanent Supportive Housing</li><li>• Enhancing Emergency Shelter System</li><li>• Homelessness Prevention for Families, Individuals, and Youth</li></ul>	<p>\$1.2 billion bond measure estimated to build 10,000 units of permanent supportive housing</p>

2017 HOMELESS COUNT RESULTS 56

# Solutions:

- Ensuring that stakeholders from the Foster youth and transition age community are at the table when solutions are being discussed/proposed.
- The creation of a special council to work between measure H and Prop HHH to ensure that a collaborative effort is being made to meet the needs of the Foster and TAY communities.
- TAY oversight committee to ensure that the funds are not being dispersed to individuals who have failed to meet their needs in the past.
- Priority on housing, low-income, and section 8 waiting lists for Foster and TAY communities – connected to employment and educational resources.
- Change the standard of chronically homeless as it pertains to the TAY population.
- Ensure that at least one representative on the HHH Oversight Commission is from the TAY or Foster Community.

# WE ARE NOT PROPOSING THAT WE HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS

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But it is time that we at least start to have a real conversation.

# Testimonials

- Yahnniie Bridges
- Carmen Noyola
- Jesse Agular
- Johna Rivers
- Myriah Smiley

