Gender Identity
- 56% Males
- 41% Female
- 3% Trans/Other

Race/Ethnicity
- 61% Black
- 10% White
- 16% Mixed
- 7% Hispanic
- 6% Other

Education:
- 72% have diploma or GED

Employment
- 24% Currently working
- 76% Not working

Sexual Orientation
- Straight 73%
- Bisexual 15%
- Gay/Lesbian 8%
- Questioning 3%

Homeless History
- 60% Kicked out by family, relative, foster parent
- 12% Aged out of foster care or juvenile justice
- 16% Ran away
- 15% Couldn’t pay rent

Social Media Use:
- Facebook 73%
- Instagram 48%
- Snapchat 37%

52% use social media 1 or more times a day

Houston Homeless Youth Risk & Resilience Survey

202 young people

Average Age: 21 years old

In past year,
- 30% had worked full-time,
- 81% are originally from Houston Area,
- 72% have diploma or GED,
- 24% are currently working,
- 52% use social media 1 or more times a day.
Mental Health

- 25% have some type of gang affiliation
- 56% have been arrested since age 18
- 25% have been sexually assaulted
- 40% have been physically assaulted
- 57% have witnessed an assault
- 19% attempted suicide in past year
- 20% report they currently need mental health treatment
- 21% have schizophrenia
- 23% have ODD/CD
- 27% have PTSD
- 44% have Major Depression
- 49% have Bipolar Disorder
- 51% have ADHD
- 31% had suicidal thoughts in the last year
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- 37% have been in juvenile justice
- 43% have been in foster care system
- 18% have been in both

Since Homeless

- 26% have been sexually assaulted
- 40% have been physically assaulted
- 57% have witnessed an assault

Community partners

- Covenant House Texas
- YARC
- University of Houston

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