

Homeless Youth Discovery / Solutions
May 7th Discussion with Mark Andrews 801-647-8115

Goal - Eliminate youth homelessness through prevention, education, effective rehabilitation, and reintegration, and empowerment.

1. General population of homeless youth
2. LGBTQ
3. Human trafficking
4. Polygamy / lost boys / St. George

Possible Solutions:

Governor's Statewide education/awareness campaign - Broad outreach

- Partner with LDS Church and other major organizations, Police, political subdivisions, news organizations (example - Standard Examiner)
- Identifying current available services
- ask for general donations to 501c3's. Rather than the government collecting the money Individuals can decide where the money goes, organizations will have to prove themselves. Will prevent possible government favoritism or committee manipulation.
- Education - can't kick your underage children out of the house skills to deal with. What you do when your child.... Great confusion among the most educated on this topic about the legal status of a runaway. Need to clarify - not a criminal offense.
- Offer education on creating sustainable funding streams through effective grant writing, creative fundraising, etc.

State Managed Web Presence -

- Include awareness campaign info.
- Create state centralized resource Database - tie in with Sen. Thatcher's 211
- www.uw.org/211/ - United Way's resource page
- <http://www.uw.org/211/find-help/resources-by-county/> (nothing listed for homeless youth)
- Possible options are: I'm a parent, I'm a neighbor that knows, I know of a child who...I'm a runaway I don't know where to go. Needs to be friendly.
- Mobile Apps - Homeless kids keep their smart phones.

HB132 - provides an avenue for private organizations and individuals to create safe havens for reunification, safe placement, empowerment, prevention of trafficking.

Youth Homelessness Governors Summit bringing all partners together strategize, make aware, bring in out of state successful programs like Covenant House and others to run workshops on grant writing, etc

Possible legislative actions -

- DCFS - outreach - better funding for new private facility oversight or whoever will be in charge of oversight
- Medical - Youth shelters kids - once established in the shelter crises or long-term, regardless of time of the year to be immediately added to states health insurance, dental, and mental. Last

until at least 19 or even 25. takes time for the young adults to get independent but at 19 start contributing.

- Possible tax incentives for private sector participation, for time and materials? For instance a doctor that offers services, is his billable time deductible - at what rate?

- Can we regulated the amount of profit for 501c3's on a state level keeping organizations from seeing these children as a money venture? Anyway to do this?

- Fund - private/public partnership with My Orange duffel Bag - Georgia - at risk youth - public private partnership of a 6 week mentoring program costing about \$2000 a child - amazingly successful stats - Sam Bracken -