



22,000 youth are homeless in Minnesota every year.

*“I have no one who watches over me every day.”
A suburban homeless young person.*

Discussion Guide

Homeless Youth: Finding Home

Homeless Youth: Finding Home shares some stories of homeless youth, how they are managing their situations, and what they hope to achieve. Below are some questions for you to use as you help prompt reaction, elicit questions and guide discussion.

Before viewing the DVD:

1. What do you know about youth homelessness?
2. What are some of the stereotypes of youth homelessness?
3. How does youth homelessness affect you or your family?

After viewing the DVD:

1. How do you feel after watching the film?
 2. What in the film surprised you? Why?
 3. What did you learn about youth homelessness?
 4. How did the film change your ideas or attitudes about homeless youth?
Why?
 5. How did you connect with the stories in the video?
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6. Are there any similarities between you and any of the youth in the video?
Are there any differences between you and any of the youth in the video?
7. What were some of the reasons why youth became homeless? What other reasons might contribute to youth homelessness, not mentioned in the video?
8. What did we learn about how the youth in the documentary were able to cope? What kept them going? What gave them inspiration & hope?
9. What types of services are available to homeless youth? What are some of the challenges of assuring homeless youth receive the supports they need?
10. What can you do to help homeless youth – through volunteerism, giving or advocacy?