

Extending care to 21 reduces youth homelessness: the evidence



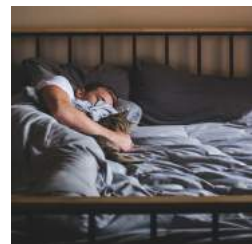
CalYouth (California, 2018)

Each additional year in extended foster care decreased the odds of young people being homeless or couch-surfing between the ages of 17 and 21 by about 28%; decreased their chances of an additional instance of homelessness by 32%, and decreased the total number of days youth were homeless by about 15 days.



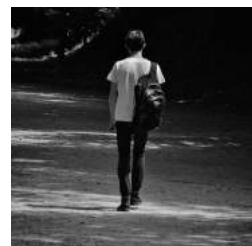
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Between the ages of 18 and 21, young people in extended care were less likely (16% compared to 45%) to experience homelessness at least once. The reduction in the rate of homelessness persisted (22% to 38%) when youth were 21 to 23.



Midwest Study (USA, 2015)

Extending care to age 21 is associated with delayed homelessness.



The National Youth in Transition Database study

Extended foster care was associated with a decreased likelihood of homelessness by 19 years.



Deloitte Access Economics (NSW, 2018)

Homelessness halved from 39% to 19.5% for young people who stay in care until the age of 21 relative to those who leave care at 18 years of age.



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