

LGBT youth often have great difficulty finding shelters that accept and respect them. Very few programs are designed to support LGBT youth and they often face discrimination or abuse. Families are separated and to find shelter Transgender youth are often forced to live as a gender with which they do not identify.

- 40% of homeless youth are LGBT. Our communities youth are massively overrepresented among the total homeless youth population.**
- Nationally 43% of homeless LGBT Youth were forced out of their homes when they came out to their families. 32% faced physical, emotional, or sexual abuse while at home.**
- 48% of the youth we serve at Lost-n-Found report their homelessness is caused by family rejection of their sexuality.
- Locally 30% of the youth we serve come to Lost-n-Found from other shelters. 26% are living on the streets. 8% are living out of their cars.
- 62% of LGBT homeless youth attempt suicide, a rate over twice as high as heterosexual homeless youth.***
- 59% of LGBT homeless youth have been sexually victimized compared to 33% of heterosexual homeless youth.***

* Estimate calculated from results of 2013 tri-jurisdictional homeless census.

**from a 2012 Williams Institute survey of agencies serving homeless LGBT youth (williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/research/safe-schools-and-youth/serving-our-youth-july-2012/)

***from a 2009 fact sheet on LGBT homelessness published by the National Coalition for the Homeless (www.nationalhomeless.org/factsheets/lgbtq.html)



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I'm Tired
I'm Hungry
I'm Scared
I'm Homeless
I'm Queer



Every night an estimated 750 lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth are homeless in the Atlanta metro area.*

If you or anyone you know is homeless or in need of assistance please contact our hotline at (678) 856-7825.



Kicked out by homophobic parents, forced to flee abuse and neglect, aging out of foster care, and escaping families torn apart by poverty. Atlanta's homeless LGBT youth sleep in the city's parks, abandoned buildings, and public facilities.

Lost-n-Found Youth is the only organization actively taking North Georgia's LGBT homeless youth directly off the streets and we need your help.

We invite you to read this brochure or visit our website to learn more about our us, the youth we serve, and the dangers they face on a daily basis here in Atlanta.

Lost-n-Found Youth is run entirely by volunteers and our funding comes directly from our community. We need your support to ensure homeless LGBT youth have roofs over their heads, clothes on their backs, food in their bodies, and the opportunity to live successful, independent lives.



What We Do

Lost-n-Found Youth is an Atlanta-based nonprofit corporation whose mission is to take homeless lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youths aged 25 and younger off the street and transition them into more permanent housing.

- Answer our homeless LGBT youth hot line 24/7/365
- Operate a six-bedroom house in Atlanta for homeless LGBT youth
- Youth are connected with agencies who provide medical attention, HIV, and other STD testing
- Help obtain lost or stolen birth certificates, driver's licenses or state ID cards
- Provide job search training, connect youth to GED classes, and support those returning to school

How Can You Help?

- Donate Goods and Services; We are currently in need of many items and professional services for our youth, home, and outreach programs. Please visit www.Lost-n-Found.org to view our current needs, and contact us to arrange for drop-off or pick-up of items
- Volunteer; We conduct regular volunteer orientation classes. Please visit www.Lost-n-Found.org for more information on how to volunteer
- Provide Financial Support; A tax deductible donation of any amount can be made by visiting our web site or by mailing a check payable to Lost-n-Found Youth.