



CHILD WELFARE ROUNDTABLE

California Coalition for Youth | Larkin Street Youth Services
Lewis Advocacy | May 2024



VISION

To end youth homelessness by making it rare, brief, and one-time

WE BELIEVE

All young people deserve the chance to reach their full potential and contribute their best to the world

WHO WE SERVE

Young people (ages 12-24) who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness in San Francisco, a disproportionate percentage of whom are LGBTQ, Black, and LatinX

MISSION

To create a continuum of services that inspires youth to move beyond the street. We will nurture potential, promote dignity, and support bold steps by all

OUR OUTCOMES

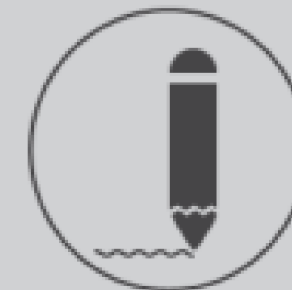
For every young person we serve, we strive towards outcomes in four areas:



Safe and stable housing is the foundation on which they can build a brighter future



Physical and emotional wellness supports their resilience and equips them for long-term success



One year of education post-high school opens up new opportunities and puts them on a career pathway



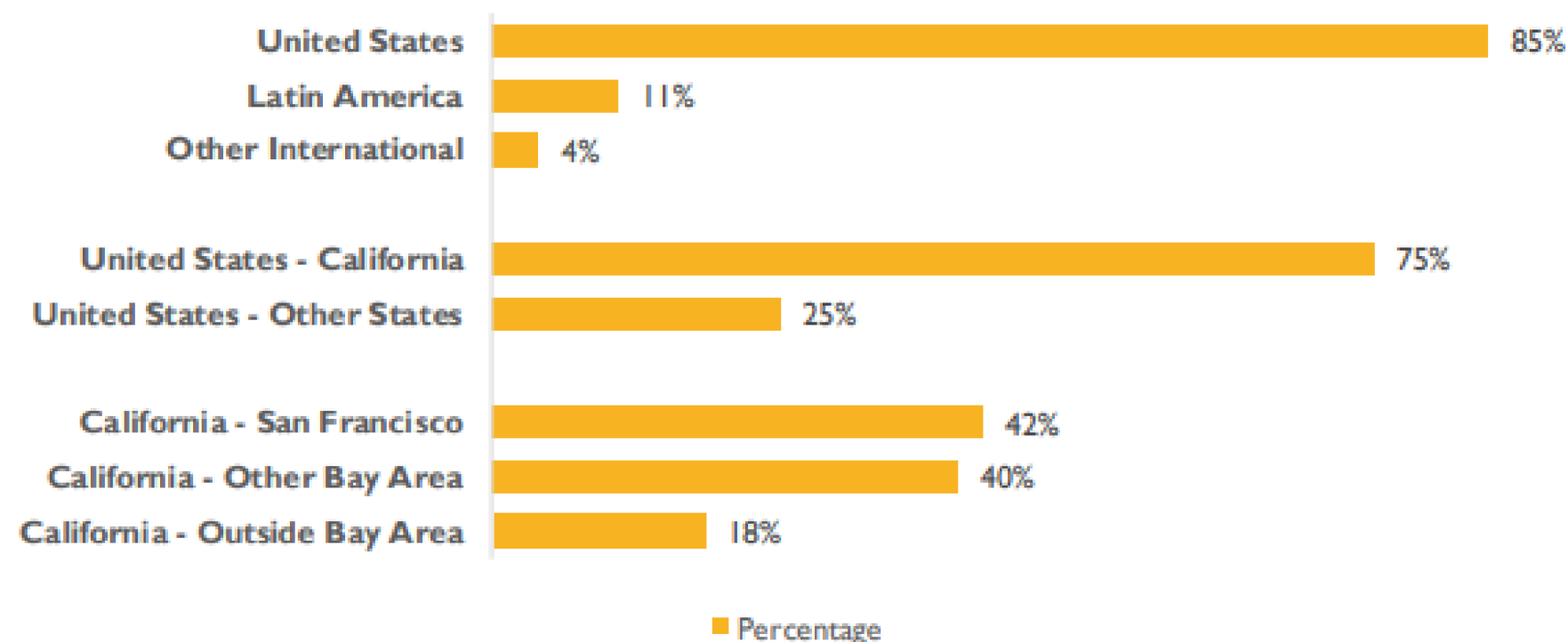
Self-sustaining employment is the key to long-term economic self-sufficiency and permanently breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty

1,735 (+235) YOUTH WALKED THROUGH OUR DOORS LAST YEAR

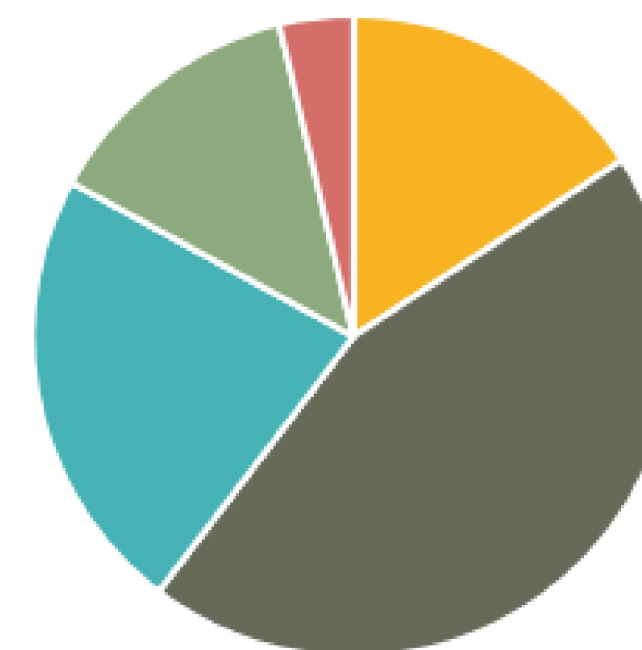


YOUTH SERVICES

Larkin Street provides services for a client population of diverse backgrounds and origins



In our last fiscal year we served a client population of 86% Youth of Color



Other POC Black youth Latinx youth White youth Ethnicity unknown

These young people face a number of obstacles to finding stable, independent housing

Lack of affordable housing	67%
Unemployment	52%
Income or financial issues	35%

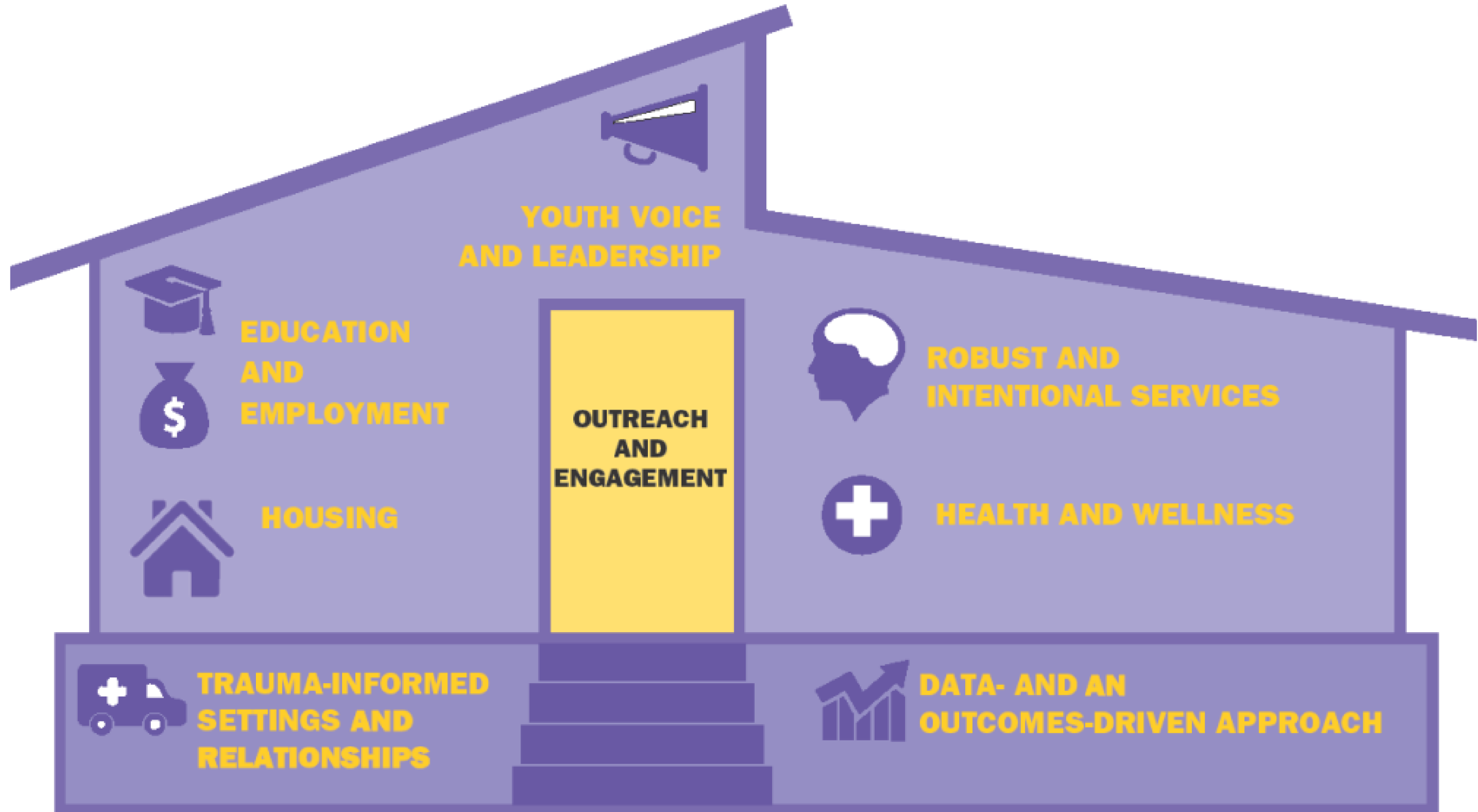
Many identify as LGBTQ (30-40%), and trans (3-5%) and gender non-conforming youth (7%)



LARKIN STREET'S CONTINUUM



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TAY (Transitional Age Youth) Navigation & Youth Access Points: provide referrals to emergency, transitional & permanent housing for youth 18-25 years old. Coordinated Entry housing search within Larkin Street programs and beyond.

Supportive Housing:

- Casa Adelante: a supportive housing program that provides 29 units of affordable apartments for transitional age youth and parenting youth.
- Edward II, Ellis Street Apartments, and Routz: long-term supportive housing with on-site case management; with a focus on young people with mental illness at Routz.

Transitional Housing:

- Castro Youth Housing Initiative (CYHI): A two-year scattered-site housing program for young people who identify as LGBTQ including our housing program for transgender youth.
- Assisted Care: Congregate site housing with onsite specialty services for young people who are HIV positive and HIV vulnerable.
- LEASE: Scattered-site housing for former foster youth.
- Geary House and 1020 Haight: Two-year dorm-style transitional housing programs.
- Turning Point* (formerly run by Fred Finch Youth & Family Services): Located in Berkeley, California, Turning Point is a temporary, transitional housing program designed to assist young people experiencing homelessness ages 18-25 to obtain and maintain independent permanent housing.
- Mission Inn: Supportive housing community for Transition Age Youth (TAY, ages 18-24) experiencing homelessness located in the Mission.
- Casa Esperanza: Supportive housing community for Transition Age Youth (TAY, ages 18-24) experiencing homelessness located in the Mission. For Spanish- or indigenous- language speakers, using or seeking legal services to adjust immigration status, systematically and historically marginalized TAY that have been disparately impacted by homelessness.



SB 1079 (Menjivar)

- Creates a dedicated funding source, the 2024 Youth Housing Bond Fund, to combat youth homelessness.
- Allows both public agencies and community-based organizations with specific youth expertise to apply for the youth bond funds.
- Supports housing for youth experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness and current and former foster youth.
- Co-Sponsored by the **Alliance for Children's Rights & California Coalition for Youth**