

## **Youth Homelessness In Minnesota**

### **Learn more about Youth Homelessness:**

Since 1991, Wilder Research has conducted a statewide survey every three years to better understand the causes, circumstances and effects of homelessness.

<http://www.wilder.org/Wilder-Research/Research-Areas/Homelessness/Pages/Homeless-Youth-In-Minnesota.aspx>

### **Homeless Youth: Finding Home Documentary**

Minnesota Twin Cities Public Television (tpt) created a documentary to explore the issues of youth homelessness and to share the personal stories of six young adults who experienced homelessness as teens. Their stories reveal lives of instability, abuse and neglect, as well as the challenges of "couch-hopping," and living on the streets. But they also show hope and strong determination to get their lives back on track.

<http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL1E3DABD77FEAB218&feature=plcp>

### **Michael Lee // Shelters // A Poem Observed // Button Poetry**

Youth Counselor Michael Lee aptly states via a very moving spoken word performance the great need for housing for youth experiencing homelessness...and the angst experienced as a youth counselor having to turn away young people when there simply isn't room at the shelter.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3pyzIA0Rv7s&feature=related>

### **Youth Moving Forward**

Working together to ensure stability, opportunity and connection! Through determining the shortfalls that cause youth homelessness in Minnesota, informing legislators and community members, and encouraging legislation, Youth Moving Forward acts as a voice for the homeless youth of Minnesota. <http://www.youthmovingforward.org>

### **YouthLink**

From homeless to hopeful. YouthLink responds to the basic needs of homeless youth and offers a responsive community of excellence where they can choose to take positive steps in their lives toward empowerment and self-sufficiency. Youth find here the opportunity to work toward the end of homelessness and the services and support they need on this journey.

Change your Perception. Change a Life video <http://vimeo.com/77658089>