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HUD Launches LGBTQI+ Youth Homelessness Initiative

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced the launch of a new LGBTQI+ Youth Homelessness Initiative, which will partner with local communities, service providers, and affected young people to address barriers to housing and shelter access for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex (LGBTQI+) youth.

According to the announcement, nearly 40 percent of all youth experiencing homelessness identify as LGBTQI+, and these disparities are especially pronounced for transgender youth and other Black and brown LGBTQI+ youth. With the new initiative, HUD will encourage communities to develop solutions to address the needs of LGBTQI+ youth experiencing homelessness and housing instability and will provide technical assistance and regular training for shelter and service providers. This work will be informed by listening sessions the Department will hold with LGBTQI+ youth across the country.

In the coming months, HUD will release a toolkit focused on best practices for supporting LGBTQI+ youth and new frequently asked questions that provide clarity about complying with the [Equal Access Rule](#) and the [Fair Housing Act](#). In addition, HUD will launch a regular training series for communities and providers committed to improving their care for LGBTQI+ youth. Further information on how the current administration is supporting the LGBTQI+ community can be found [here](#).

HUD Posts Materials for PHA Occupancy Webinars

On the [HUD Exchange webpage](#), HUD has posted the materials for the following sessions in its [PHA Occupancy Webinar Series](#):

- [Physical Needs Assessment](#)
- [Best Practices for Achieving Optimal Occupancy](#)
- [Maximizing Occupancy: Best Practices for Achieving Optimal Occupancy](#)

The series helps PHAs gain a thorough understanding of a wide spectrum of topics related to occupancy as well as the knowledge on how to develop and implement solutions. Click on each link to access the materials for each session, including recordings, slides, transcripts, and handouts.



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