

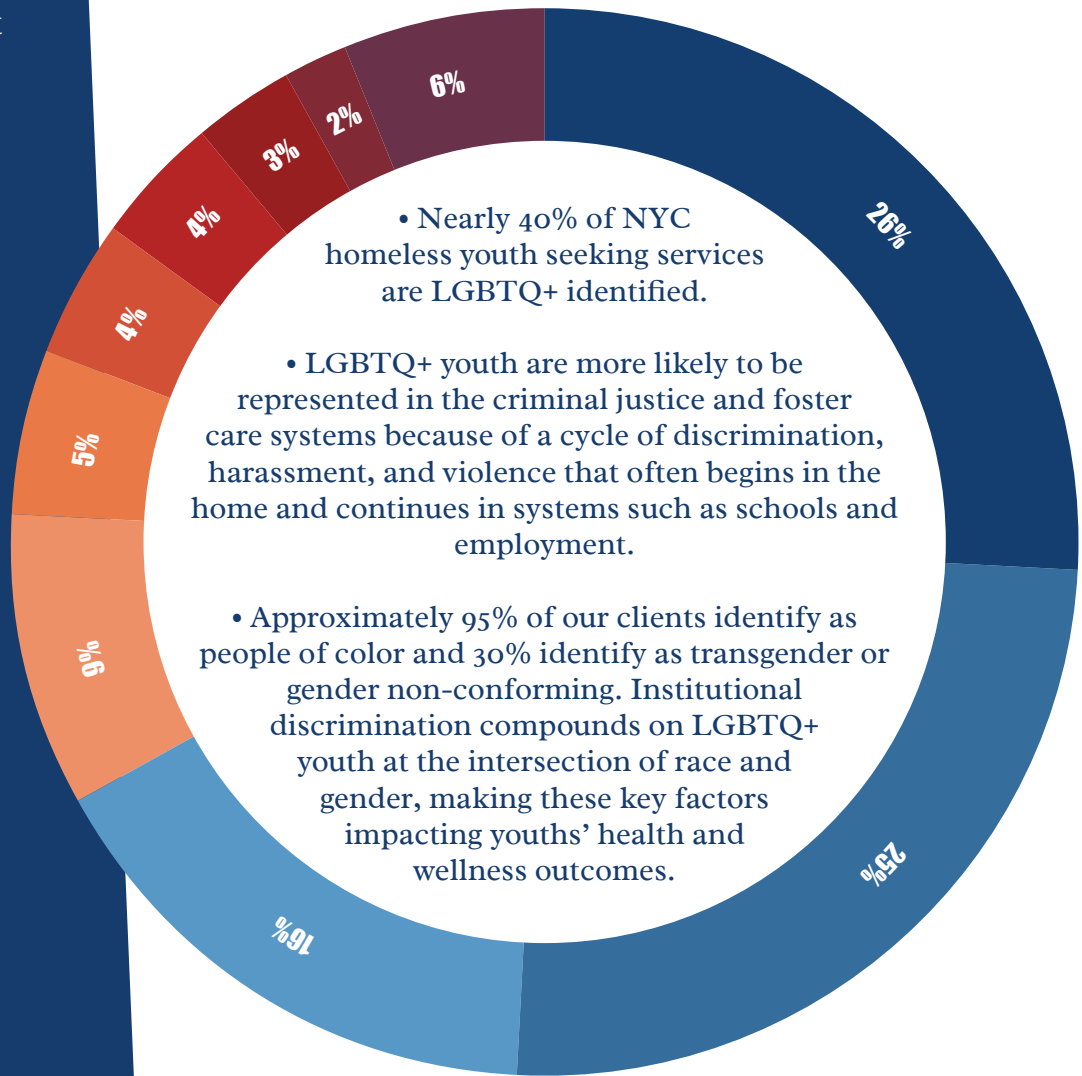
Free to
Be Youth
Project

Our mission is to interrupt cycles of poverty and criminalization that prevent homeless and street-involved young people from living fulfilling lives free from discrimination, abuse, and oppression. Up to 40% of homeless youth identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or questioning (LGBTQ+), so FYP specializes in working with these young people. Through an expert blend of legal services, advocacy, case management, and community education, we work to ensure that homeless and street involved youth have access to food, shelter, income, healthcare, legal immigration status, and education.

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**THE PRIMARY ISSUES
WE ENCOUNTER ARE:**

- Name Changes and Document Replacement (26%)
- Immigration (25%)
- Criminal Law and Warrant Checks (16%)
- Medicaid, SSI, Public Assistance, and Other Benefits (9%)
- Foster Care and Other Family Law (5%)
- Housing and Shelter Advocacy (4%)
- Transit Tickets (4%)
- Case Management (3%)
- Prisoner Rights (2%)
- Other (6%)



- Nearly 40% of NYC homeless youth seeking services are LGBTQ+ identified.
- LGBTQ+ youth are more likely to be represented in the criminal justice and foster care systems because of a cycle of discrimination, harassment, and violence that often begins in the home and continues in systems such as schools and employment.
- Approximately 95% of our clients identify as people of color and 30% identify as transgender or gender non-conforming. Institutional discrimination compounds on LGBTQ+ youth at the intersection of race and gender, making these key factors impacting youths' health and wellness outcomes.

30 YEARS
of serving homeless youth in NYC

THE AVERAGE COST OF CLOSING A CASE IS ABOUT \$1,000

Some cases may be as quick as a phone call, others can take years of work to resolve.