



**Massachusetts Youth Count 2018:  
A Dialogue and Conference for Partners**  
February 15, 2018  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
College of the Holy Cross, Worcester  
Sponsored by the Massachusetts Commission on Unaccompanied  
Homeless Youth

***Preliminary Agenda***

**10:00 a.m.: Registration and breakfast**

**10:30 a.m.: Overview of the Day and Welcoming Remarks** – Kelly Turley, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless; Linn Torto, Massachusetts Interagency Council on Housing and Homelessness; and State Representative Jim O'Day

**10:45 a.m.: 2017 Youth Count Findings and Feedback from Youth Count Partners to Improve the 2018 Youth Count** – Laurie Ross, Consultant to the Commission on Unaccompanied Homeless Youth and Clark University Associate Professor of Community Development and Planning

**11:35 a.m.: Break**

**11:45 a.m.: Authentically Engaging Youth and Young Adults in the Youth Count Process as Youth Ambassadors, Advisors, and Participants** – Maxwell Nashashuk and Dustin Parady, Boston Youth Advisory Board

**12:15 p.m.: Partnering with Massachusetts Colleges and Universities to Better Understand Homelessness and Hunger on Campus and Insights into the 2017 Hope Lab Survey**– Joanne Jaber Gauvin, Worcester State University

**12:30 p.m.: Lunch**

**1:00 p.m.: Panel Discussion: Learning from Our Neighbors** – Facilitator: Tina Giarla, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless and Panelists: Karen Byron, Lynn Continuum of Care/North Shore Continuum of Care; Gini Mazman, The Haven Project; and Margaret Leipsitz, Bridge Over Troubled Waters

**1:45 p.m.: Regional/Continuum of Care Small Group Discussions to Brainstorm Ideas for the 2018 Youth Count at the Local/Regional Level**

**2:00 p.m.: Small Group Discussions: Improving Outreach for the 2018 Youth Count**

- **Getting Creative with Marketing and Social Media**  
Facilitator: Dave Dorvilier, Youth Harbors/Justice Resource Institute
- **Outreach to LGBT Youth and Young Adults**  
Facilitator: Corey Prachniak-Rincón, Massachusetts Commission on LGBTQ Youth
- **Outreach to Rural and Suburban Youth and Young Adults**  
Facilitator: Lisa Goldsmith, DIAL/SELF Youth and Community Services
- **Outreach to Immigrant Youth and Young Adults**  
Facilitator: Caitlin Golden, Massachusetts Housing & Shelter Alliance

**2:25 p.m.: Report Back from Small Group Discussions and Large Group Discussion**

**2:50 p.m.: Closing Remarks:** Kelly Turley, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless

**Thank you for joining us today!**

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