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Nevada Youth Homelessness Summit on Nov. 14 Gathers Statewide Leaders to Inspire Nevada Solutions

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9th annual event at the Historic Fifth Street School in Downtown Las Vegas will tackle changing realities and exacerbated challenges that have contributed to rising youth homelessness rates in Nevada.

WHAT: Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth (NPHY) and Las Vegas Sands, with support from the UNLV Greenspun College of Urban Affairs and Las Vegas Review-Journal, will host the 9th annual Nevada Youth Homelessness Summit.

EVENT INFO: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Friday, November 14, 2025, Historic Fifth Street School, 401 S. Fourth Street

NEWS PRIORITY:

- Inspiring Nevada Solutions: The Movement to End Youth Homelessness must double down on solutions for Nevada as rising incidence rates, changing policies and challenges with affordable housing put more youth at risk.

VISUAL/COVERAGE OPPORTUNITIES:

9:15 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.: Morning Sessions will include:

- An update on progress made in the Movement to End Youth Homelessness
- Performances by youth experiencing homelessness
- Insights into the Youth Experiencing Homelessness Statewide Study

- Overviews on coordinated programs that are removing barriers for youth facing homelessness

12 p.m.: Youth StorySLAM featuring storytelling by young leaders with lived experience of homelessness who have been mentored by expert storyteller Dayvid Figler and UNLV Greenspun College of Urban Affairs faculty

1:35 p.m. - 5 p.m.: Afternoon sessions will include:

- Federal update on what's changing in youth homelessness policy
- Panel discussion on Nevada funding opportunities and solutions
- The Movement Microproject Competition
- The Movement Action Center

INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES:

- Arash Ghafoori, CEO, NPHY, who can speak about the Summit and discuss progress and next steps in Nevada's Movement to End Youth Homelessness
- Ron Reese, SVP of global communications and corporate affairs at co-presenter Las Vegas Sands, who can speak about the need for private sector involvement in the Movement to End Youth Homelessness
- Las Vegas Mayor Pro Tem Brian Knudsen, who can speak about the city's focus on youth homelessness
- Young leaders with lived experience of youth homelessness who can discuss their experiences and ideas
- Nicholas Barr, Ph.D., assistant professor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Social Work, who can discuss mentorship of the youth storytelling showcase and why creative expression is important for vulnerable youth
- Darla Bardine, executive director of National Network for Youth, who can discuss the changing federal landscape

BACKGROUND: According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, youth homelessness in Clark County increased 34% from 2023 to 2024. Statewide, the number of young people experiencing homelessness increased by 27% from 2023 to 2024.

More information: <https://nphy.org/themovement/summit25/attendee/>

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