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Best Practices & Behavioral Health Interventions for Youth who are Homeless or at Risk of Being Homeless

May 11, 2026

2:00 – 3:30PM ET

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Description: Join us for a dynamic panel discussion exploring strategies to prevent and address youth homelessness. Facilitated by Carrie Gould-Kabler, this conversation brings together national research expertise and frontline leadership to bridge data, policy, and practice. Dr. Elizabeth Greeno will ground the discussion in national trends and evidence on youth homelessness and access and use of behavioral health interventions. Desiree Jefferson and Sean Gaither will share real-world insights from their work co-creating trauma-informed, youth-centered housing and prevention programs in Alaska and Maryland's rural Eastern Shore, including sharing the experiences of the youth who they work with. Together, panelists will highlight lessons learned, innovative approaches, and practical strategies to strengthen housing stability and support successful transitions to adulthood.

By the end of this webinar, participants will be able to: 1. Describe current national data and trends related to youth homelessness, access and use of behavioral health interventions and understand the implications for policy and practice. 2. Identify key elements of trauma-informed, youth-centered program design that promote housing stability and positive transition outcomes. 3. Apply lessons from field-based innovations in Alaska and Maryland to inform local strategies for preventing homelessness and strengthening permanency support for young people.

Presenters:

- **Carrie Gould-Kabler, MSW,** Program Manager at Innovations Institute, University of Connecticut School of Social Work
- **Elizabeth Greeno, PhD, LCSW-C,** Associate Research Professor at Innovations Institute, University of Connecticut School of Social Work
- **Desiree Jefferson,** Director of Young Adult Programs at His Hope Ministries
- **Sean Gaither,** Director of Prevention Services, Covenant House of Alaska
- **Liz Matthews,** Senior Director of Housing, Covenant House of Alaska

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Live closed captioning and ASL interpreters will be available for this webinar.

*****Post materials will be emailed to you within a few days after the webinar. This will include the recording link, PowerPoint slides and a certificate of attendance as we do not offer CEU credits.**
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