

Anchor Community Initiative- Youth Survey Spring/Summer 2021

Hello!

However you found this survey, we're glad you're here! This survey is from the Anchor Community Initiative in Spokane County:

The Anchor Community Initiative (ACI) in Spokane is a county wide effort to end youth and young adult (12-24) homelessness.

The Youth Advisory Board (YAB) in Spokane is a group of young people with lived experience with housing instability. YAB and the ACI work together to figure out what gets in the way of young people living their best lives, especially when it comes to housing.

We know that services and programs for young people are important, and can sometimes not be spaces or places that young people feel comfortable. We're hoping to learn more from you about your experiences and your recommendations for programs that work with youth under 18: how can we make these resources work FOR you.

Your feedback and expertise will be brought back to the Youth Advisory Board and to the Anchor Community Initiative to guide improvements in our system and advocacy in Spokane.

All responses and feedback provided from this survey are anonymous.

If you'd like to be compensated for your participation, please leave an email address (at the end) and Cecily Ferguson, Spokane Anchor Community Initiative Coordinator, will send a \$15.00 gift card to that email address.

If you have any questions, comments, or want to connect one-on-one to talk more, please reach out to Cecily Ferguson at cecilyf@unitedwayspokane.org.

Thank you!

Spokane Anchor Community Initiative

Identities

1. Race and Ethnicity: I identify as (choose all that apply):

Check all that apply.

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- White
- Non-Hispanic / Non-Latinx
- Hispanic / Latinx
- I don't feel comfortable answering
- I don't know
- Multiracial

Other: _____

2. Gender Identity: I identify as (choose all that apply):

Check all that apply.

- Female/Woman
- Male/Man
- Transgender
- Non-binary / Genderqueer / Gender Fluid
- Two Spirit
- Something Else
- Prefer not to say

Other: _____

3. Sexual Orientation: I identify as (choose all that apply):

Check all that apply.

- Lesbian
 Gay
 Bisexual
 Queer
 Asexual
 Straight
 Prefer not to say

Other: _____**Experiences**

4. Did you experience housing instability and/or houselessness between the ages of 12-18 years old?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
 No
 Not sure
 Prefer not to say
 Other: _____

5. If you experienced housing instability and/or houselessness between the ages of 12-18, did you ever access a service or program for support?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
 No
 Not sure
 Prefer not to say
 Other: _____

6. If you did access services, which services did you connect to?

Check all that apply.

- Youth Shelter (Crosswalk as an example)
 Crisis Residential Center (CRC)
 Foster Care or Group Home
 School Supports (McKinney Vento Liaison for example)
 Drop In Centers / Community Centers
 Mental Health / Behavioral Health

Other: _____

7. How long do you remember accessing these services?

Mark only one oval.

- 1-6 Days
- 1-2 weeks
- 2-4 weeks
- 1-2 months
- More than 2 months
- Honestly, I can't remember...
- Prefer not to say
- Other: _____

Feedback

8. What worked for you when you accessed services? What was helpful?

9. What didn't work for you when you accessed services? What do you wish was different?

10. If you DIDN'T access supports, what would have been helpful at that time? What do you wish people knew about what you were going through?

11. If you TRIED to access services and chose not to, can you tell us more about what was missing or what wasn't working for you? What kept you away?

Reflection

12. If you experienced housing instability and/or houselessness when you were 12-18 years old, what did you want support with? What would have been helpful during that time?

13. What do you think keeps youth from not wanting to engage in programs? What gets in the way?

14. What else do you want the Spokane community to know about youth and housing?

15. Comments/Notes:

Close and Follow Up

16. If you'd like to receive an electronic gift card for participating in this survey, please leave your email address below. Cecily Ferguson, Anchor Community Initiative Coordinator, will send a \$15.00 e-gift card to your email address. If you don't feel comfortable leaving your email, please leave the email address for a trusted provider to receive your e-gift card on your behalf.

17. If you'd like to connect 1:1 to talk more or if you want to learn about how to get involved in the Youth Advisory Board, please contact Cecily Ferguson at cecilyf@unitedwayspokane.org

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