



A WAY HOME
AMERICA

Strategies for Partnering with Young People

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**I am not a young person.
But I used to be one.**

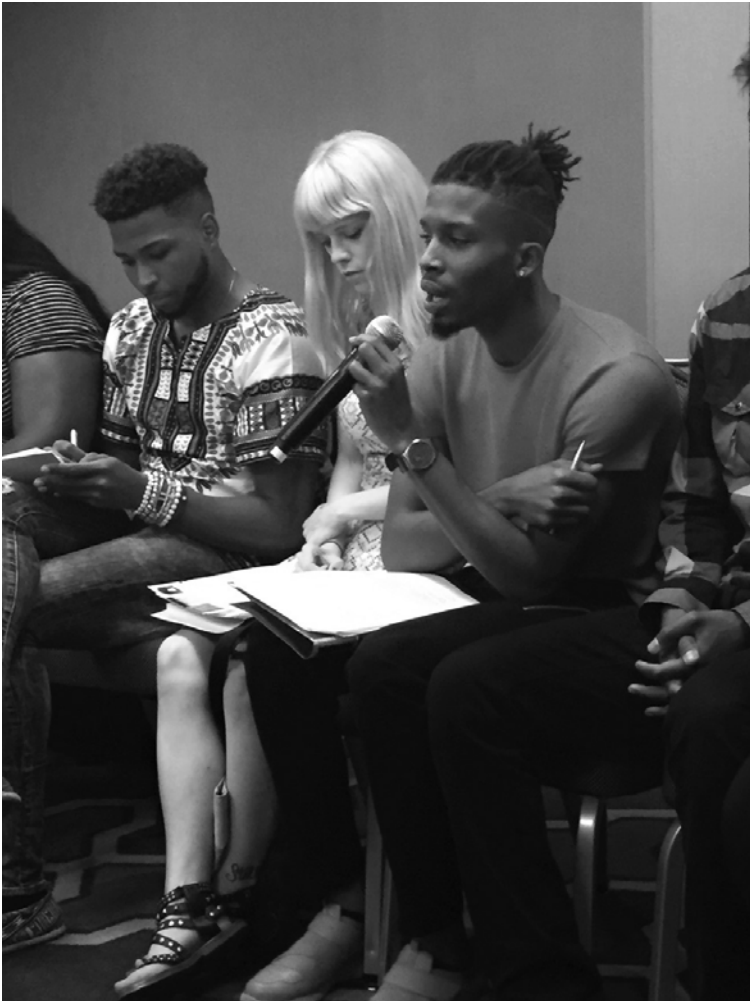


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Our Values



- **We partner with young people as equals in our movement.**
- **We promote racial justice and LGBTQ equity.**

We practice these values in all of what we do together.

AWHA Partnership with NYFH



- **Leadership on AWHA Steering Committee**
- **Input on 100-Day Challenge selection**
- **Edits to AWHA Transition Plan**
- **Context & tone setting for Practice Convening**
- **Input to USICH Criteria & Benchmarks**
- **Visits with federal partners**
- **Thought partnership**

Directly from NYFH



- **The only way to end youth homelessness is to put your ear to the ground and listen to those who have experienced it.**
- **Don't be individualized programs in one community - "I'm in all the programs but I'm getting 1/2 the stuff done!"**
- **This is collaboration - not "engagement" | Not lived "experience" -- lived knowledge.**
- **Input must lead to action -- involvement should lead to change / results -- asking and not acting is taking advantage of our trauma**

Other thoughts



- **You will need to adjust your process**
- **If you are asking for input, do not make the decision beforehand**
- **Not all of your meetings are the best way to obtain youth input [surprise!]**
- **Pizza is not payment**
- **Be willing to change your own mind and adjust course**
- **Don't give up.**



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