



Making Legislative Victories Matter:
**Implementing State Legislation on
Youth Homelessness**

**Tuesday, October 26
1:00 – 2:00PM Eastern**

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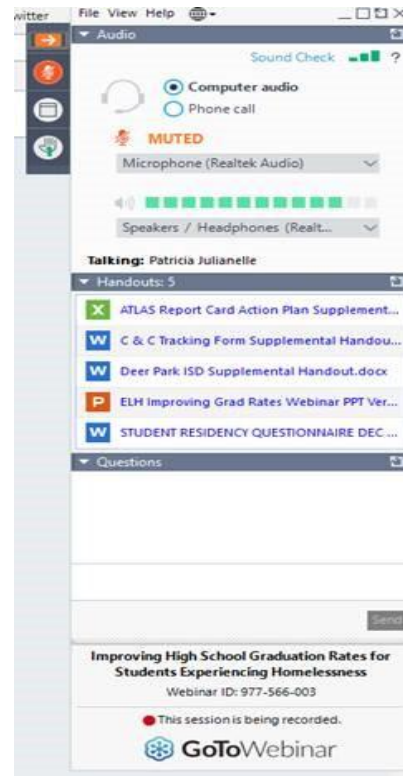
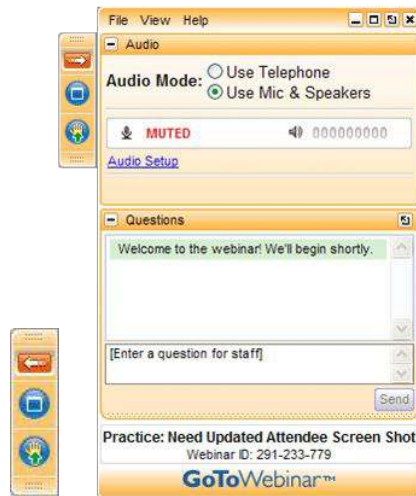
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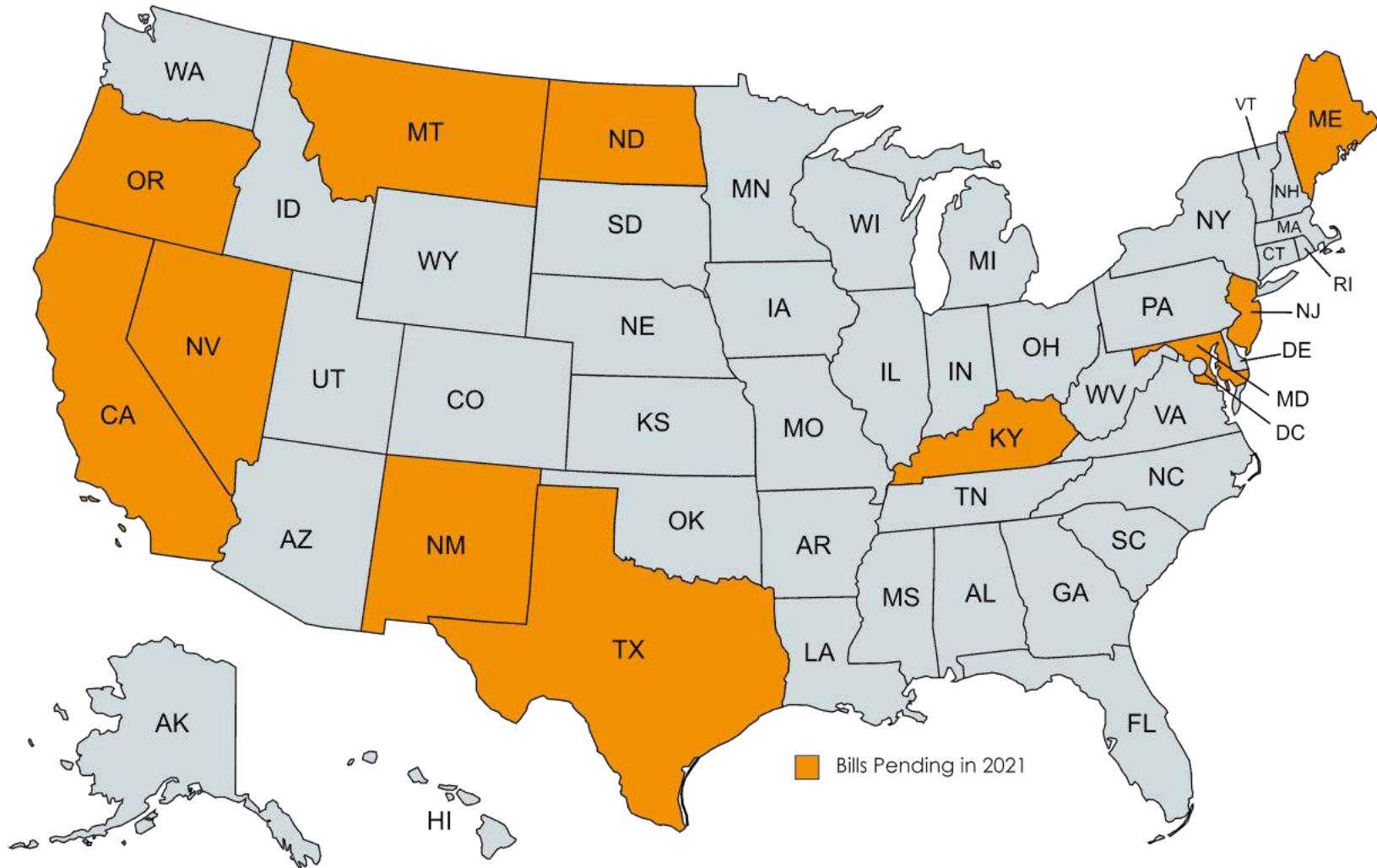


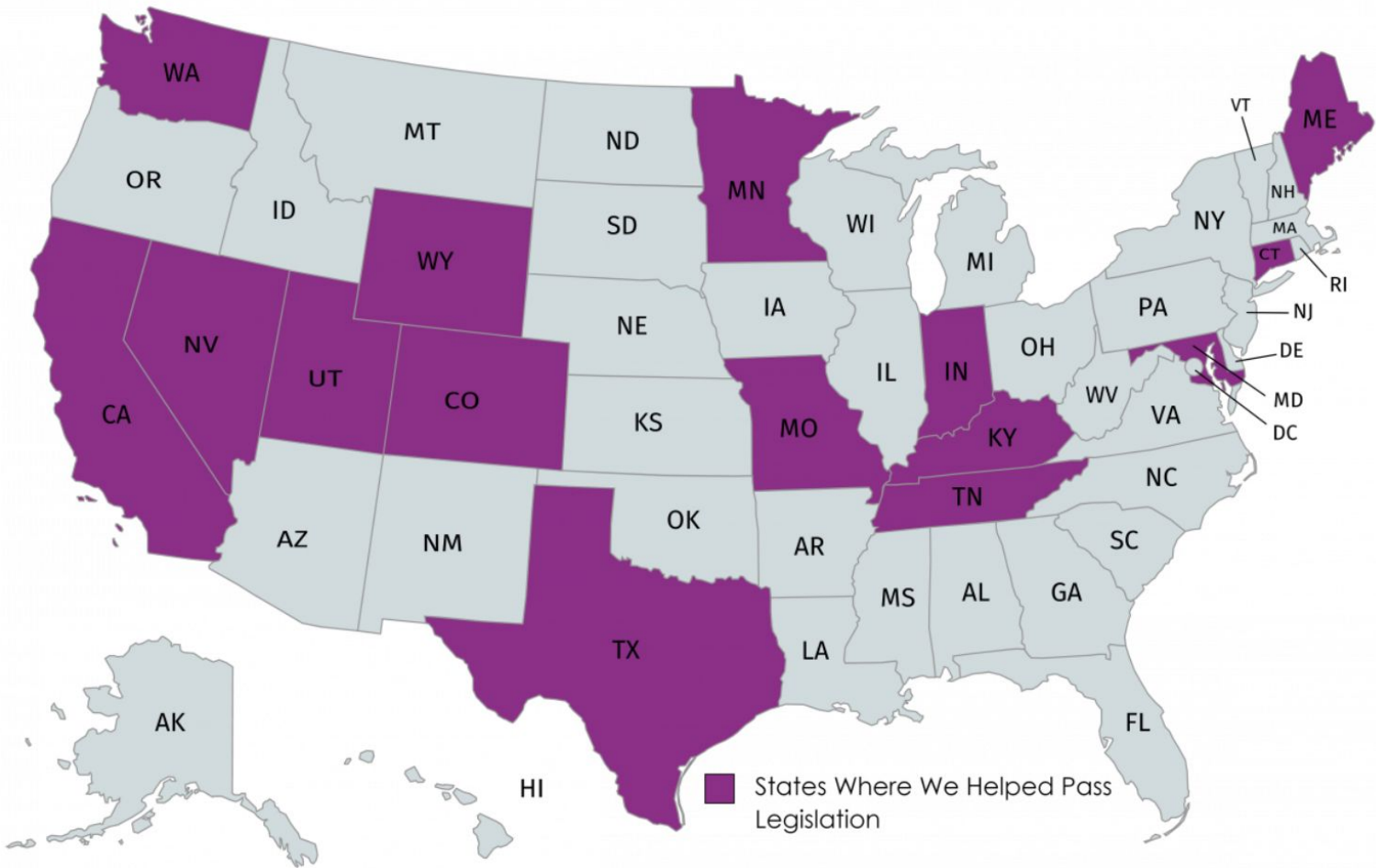
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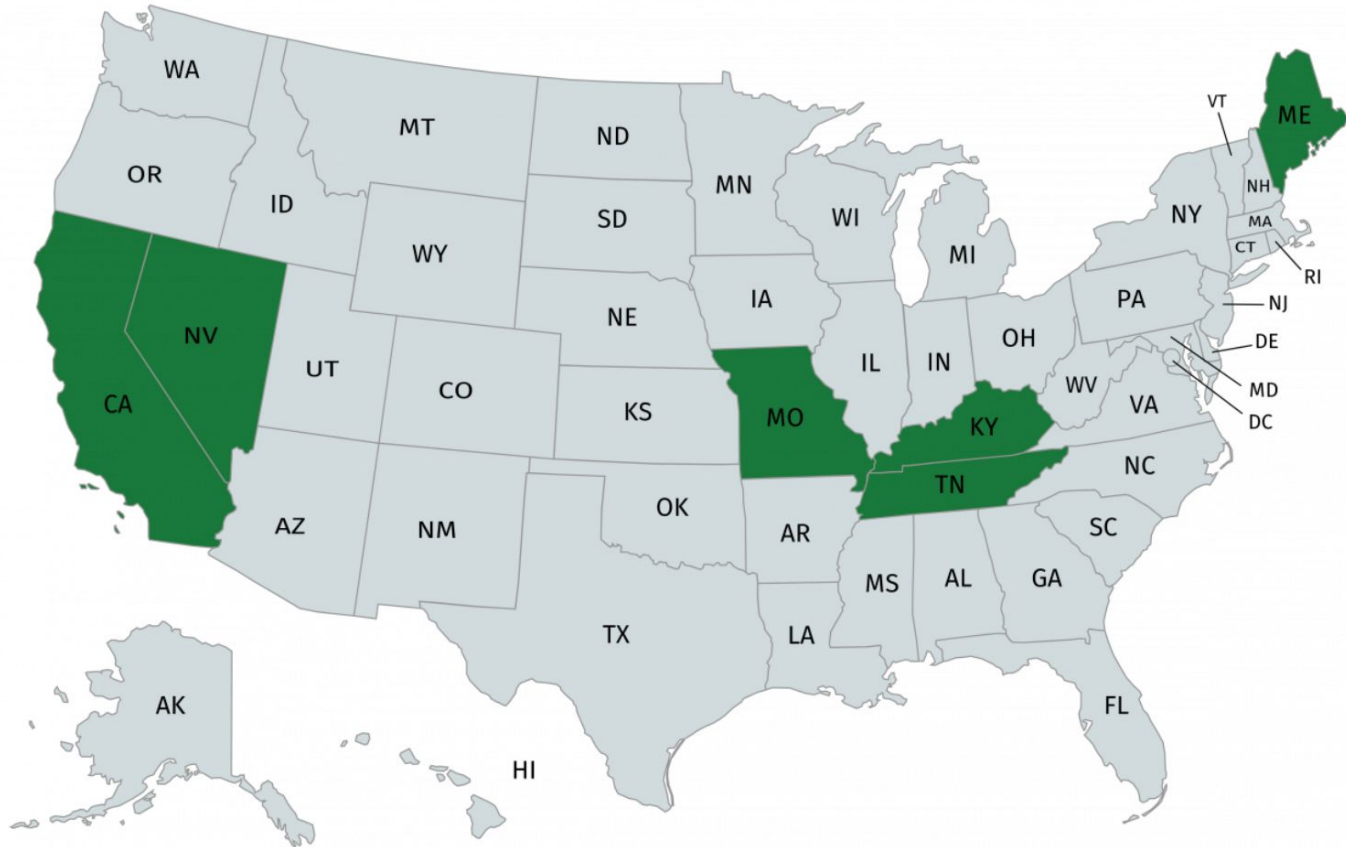


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States Where We Are Assisting with Policy Implementation



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Pronouns: They/Them/Their

The California Homeless Youth Project (CHYP) is a research and policy initiative committed to bringing youth to the policy table and to informing policymakers, opinion leaders, and other stakeholders about the needs of unaccompanied youth and young adults experiencing homelessness in our state.

CHYP is an initiative of the California Research Bureau at the California State Library. The California Research Bureau provides nonpartisan research services to the Governor and his staff, to both houses of the Legislature, and to other elected State officials. CHYP is funded by private grants, which currently include The California Wellness Foundation and The Walter S. Johnson Foundation.

POLL

More Than A Roof: California State Action Plan to End Youth Homelessness

In Spring 2021, with the support of the Walter S. Johnson Foundation, CHYP conducted an accountability analysis to research and review the implementation and maturation of the 2013 *More Than a Roof* publication that was produced as a state action plan to end youth homelessness in California.

The original State Action Plan contained 10 subject areas that represent consistent trends within youth homelessness literature.

1. Prevention and Early Intervention
 2. Education
 3. Employment
 4. Supportive Services
 5. Housing Strategies
 6. Health
 7. Juvenile Justice & Law Enforcement
 8. Rural Areas
 9. Governance
 10. Research & Data
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Accountability Analysis - Findings

Legislation

- 80 bills became law

Youth and Stakeholder Interviews

- Funding
- Infrastructure
- Youth (In)Visibility
- LGBTQ+ Affirming/Safe
- Mental Health
- Intersectionality

Recommendations

- Accessible Services
(Education/Employment/Financial/
Food/Housing)
- Affirming/Trained Staffing/Service
Providers
- Funding/Technical Assistance



Evaluate your capacity

- a. Time
- b. Professional limitations
- c. Orientation towards advocacy
- d. Energy level

Assess what you know about the youth in your community

- a. How many
- b. Demographics
- c. Needs
- d. Empowered?

What can I do?

Assess what you know about the resources in your community

- a. Services
- b. Agencies
- c. Housing
- d. Rights

Engage Accordingly

- a. Question
- b. Research
- c. Act
- d. Advocate
- e. Empower

**What are you
hopeful for?**

Resources

[Guide to Law Online](#) - Provides information and resources on legal processes in each state

[State Legislature Map with Links](#) - US Map that takes you to a state's legislation page

[Open States- State Legislative Tracking](#) - Database to track bills by state

[Congressional Research Service](#) - National briefs by category

[Homeless Youth Handbook](#)- Guide to rights for youth experiencing homelessness

[Ombudsman Offices](#)- Listing of nation wide states ombudsman contact information

[State Index on Youth Homelessness](#) - Report Card on status of youth homelessness support by state

[SchoolHouse Connection Higher Education Page](#)

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[Building Teams for Change Community of Practice FB Group](#)

[State Laws Supporting College Students Experiencing Homelessness](#)



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