



YOUTH SERVICES

# Key Facts

## Larkin Street Youth Services provides a continuum of support for young people experiencing homelessness in San Francisco

- Larkin Street Youth Services was founded in 1984 as a neighborhood effort to help San Francisco’s most vulnerable youth — those who are homeless or have runaway, ages 12–24.
- **Larkin Street has served over 75,000 youth since we opened.**
- Our programs address immediate needs for housing, food and safety, while also encouraging young people to participate in services that offer the skills/training needed to keep them off the streets for good.



### How We Help

- Supportive and emergency housing for over 80,000 bed nights per year as well as street outreach and basic needs like meals, showers and laundry.
- GED prep, college readiness and Learning Centers for careers in technology, healthcare and more.
- Job-readiness training, internships and career-track placements.
- Comprehensive physical and emotional wellness services alongside intensive case management.

### The State of Youth Homelessness

- San Francisco has the highest percentage of unsheltered youth among major cities in the U.S.<sup>1</sup>
- **Over 1,500 youth are without a safe place to sleep on any given night in San Francisco.**<sup>2</sup>
- Many young people accessing Larkin Street’s services have been physically, sexually or emotionally abused; cannot return home due to family conflict; and/or suffer from poor health, mental health issues and substance use issues.

### Our Results: Fiscal Year 2015-2016

- Larkin Street engaged over 2,500 youth experiencing homelessness.
- At program sites in San Francisco, 435 youth received short-term emergency shelter, while 299 young people accessed long-term housing.
- 63 youth found jobs through Larkin Street Academy at an avg hourly wage of \$13.95.
- Larkin Street helped 154 formerly homeless youth enroll in post-secondary education at institutions including San Francisco State University, City College of San Francisco, San Jose State University, California College of the Arts, Laney College, UCLA and the University of San Francisco.
- **Three out of four youth who complete Larkin Street’s programs exit street life.**
- Our efficient model enables more than 80% of funds raised to go to our programs.
- A 2009 analysis completed for Larkin Street by Bain & Co. determined that society yields \$8 in social benefits or saved costs for every \$1 invested in homeless youth.



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<sup>1</sup> United States. (2016). *The annual homeless assessment report to Congress*. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development.

<sup>2</sup> Applied Survey Research. (2015). *2015 San Francisco Homeless Unique Youth Count & Survey*. San Jose, CA: Applied Survey Research.