

Transitional Age Youth(TAY) Services

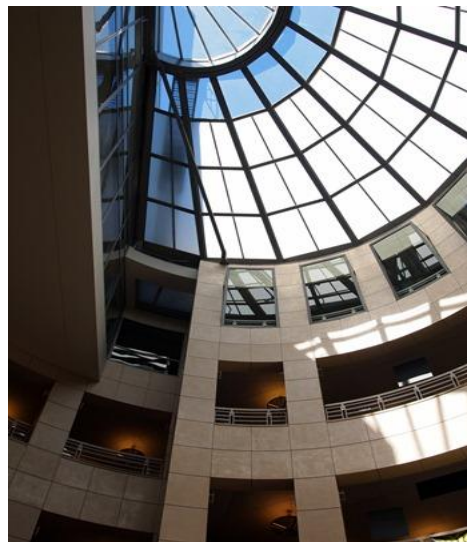
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Transitional Age Youth are young adults between the ages of 18 to 25 who are transitioning out of the foster care or criminal justice system and/or marginalized in some way.

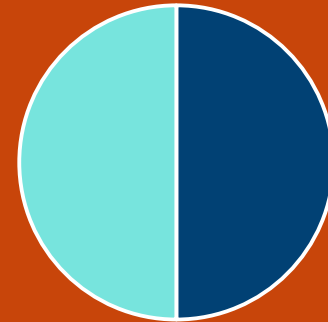
TAY?

Who are they?

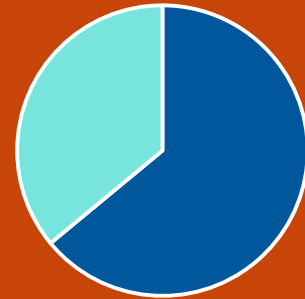
Some Quick Facts:

- **40% - 50%** of the chronically houseless in California became houseless under the age of **25**
- An average of **170** youth transition out of the foster care system each year. **25%** of them are projected to be houseless.

Houseless Youth Population in San Francisco



■ LGBTQIA
■ Non-LGBTQIA



■ Person of Color
■ White

The TAY Task Force

Charge: To engage in outreach and programming for Transitional Age Youth (TAY) ages 18-25) in San Francisco, with an emphasis on reaching TAY individuals experiencing any of the following: involvement in Homelessness, living with a disability or special needs, lack of educational opportunities, un/underemployment, lack of healthcare, accelerated health & well-being needs, identification on the LGBTQIA spectrum.

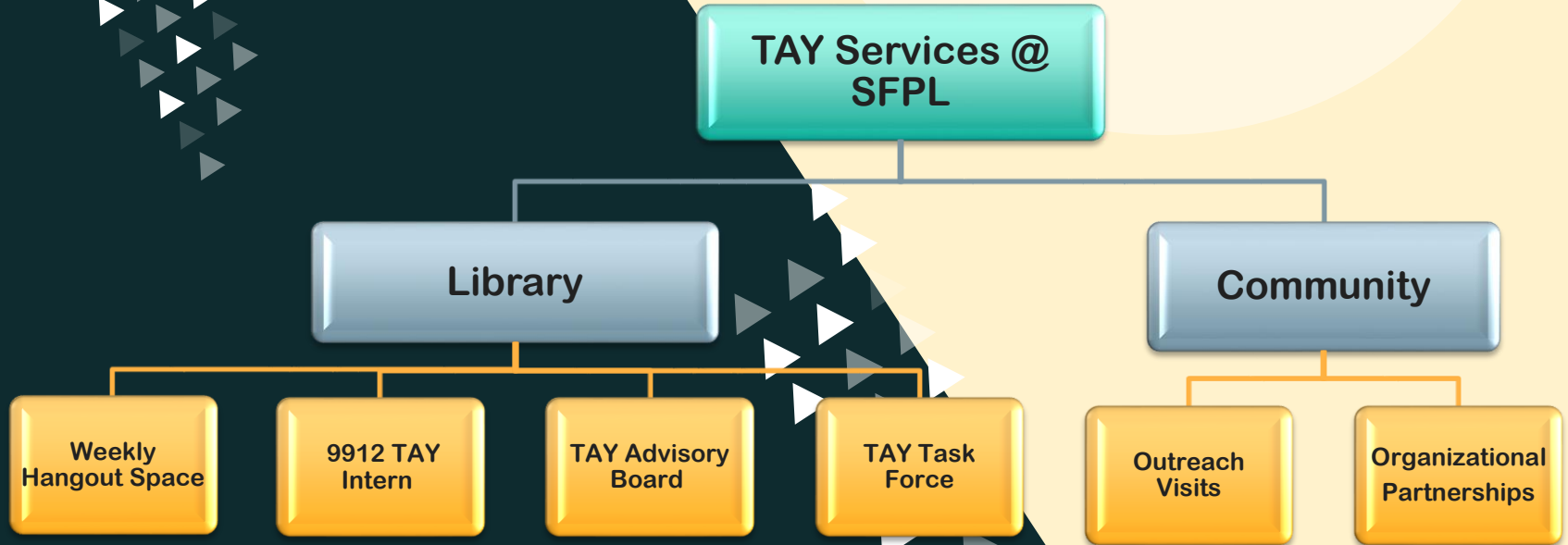
Members:

- Tom Fortin
- Jeanie Austin
- Suzanne Beattie
- Alice Chan
- Jesse Chang
- Felicia Gotthelf
- Paula Heaney
- Darice Murray-McKay
- Nicholas Ott
- Shawna Sherman
- Anne Vannucchi

Highlights:

- Developed the charge and guidelines for the creation of a TAY Advisory Board
- In the process of transforming the Fulton Meeting Room into a TAY-friendly program space
- Convened a TAY focus group to inform the Library's efforts to TAY
- Identified potential opportunities for the TAY Team

TAY Services Overview



Creating Resilience Exhibit Celebration



The Public Library Program of the San Francisco Public Library presents
Creating Resilience
Art by transitional age youth
of San Francisco
FEATURING PARTICIPANTS FROM THE ART
PROGRAM AT LORAIN STREET YOUTH SERVICES
EXHIBIT CELEBRATION
Aug. 8, 2019, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Horner LGBTQIA Center
Main Library, 3rd Floor

MEET THE ARTISTS
October 17, 18th, 19th, 20th, 2019
Main Library Auditorium

San Francisco Public Library
San Francisco, CA



The TAY Team



Paula Heaney
TAY Services Librarian

When I was little, my parents would bring us kids to the library and set us free for hours. The library was the first place where I could make my own decisions, which felt incredibly empowering. I wanted to be a librarian ever after, to work in a place that allows people to shape their own destinies.



Gabriella Ruiz
TAY Services Intern

As a young person who utilized my neighborhood library, I understand how important it is to have access to free books, internet, classes, and more. Therefore, I am deeply honored to be in a position that strives to serve Transitional Age Youth (TAY).



Alice Chan
3rd Floor Manager

Started my library path 21 years ago as a Page. It was meant to be a part-time job until I noticed teen patrons were treated very differently from other patrons. At that moment, I knew I wanted to become a teen librarian.