We’re Not Doing Enough to Help the Homeless

Youth Services System Inc. is seeking input from the local community to help identify the root causes of the number of homeless youth in the area. The goal of bringing some of them back on the right track, the organization’s business manager, April Rodriguez, said, is to work with the people for whom their actions have dire consequences and help them make a better life for themselves.

They launched an extensive survey effort last fall and are now challenging us all to consider the quality of the work being done as homelessness faces a new wave.

Keeping people off the streets, even after they have left is the goal of the Youth Services System Inc. (YSS), which recently launched a survey event in 2021. The effort was led by April Rodriguez, an AmeriCorps VISTA with YSS, asked a few nonprofits who are working with the population for their input on the issues YSS wants to answer, which I am sharing in this space, for the purpose of challenging us all to consider the quality of the work being done as homelessness faces a new wave.

This is an opportunity for us to show that we are committed to ending homelessness and that we are making meaningful progress in working to get our neighbors into permanent housing.

The goal for many of these people experiencing homelessness is to find a place to call home, but the learning curve is very steep. The process of having served as commissioner of the Ohio Valley Regional Development Co., of Wheeling, I wonder how many others have taken part of the litany that hadWindustries. There are mechanisms in place to help people, but the systems that have failed individuals, we must allow people to begin to see someone who has failed, that is not a failure, but is someone who is seeking treatment, they are located or moved — nothing. Increasing rents, lack of stable housing, lack of health care, the lack of a life line, a lack of vocational training and education, a lack of job opportunities.

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