

ORGANIZATION PROFILE



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Location: Kajiado North, Kenya

***Focus Area: LGBTQ+ Youth Homelessness,
Shelter Inclusivity, and Advocacy***

Organization Background

About Us

Spectrum Of Care For Homelessness (SOCFH) is a nonprofit network established in the year 2022 dedicated to advocating for and providing support to LGBTQ+ youth experiencing homelessness. SOCFH is committed to ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals, particularly youth with lived experiences of homelessness, have access to safe, inclusive shelters and essential resources. Through a collaborative network of LGBTQ+ inclusive shelters, activists, and organizations, SOCFH works to create a stronger and more supportive environment for marginalized youth across Kenya.

Mission

Our mission is to transform the landscape of homeless services by creating a connected network of LGBTQ+ inclusive shelters and resources, while advocating for policies and practices that ensure the safety and dignity of LGBTQ+ youth experiencing homelessness.

Our Approach

SOCFH operates as a collective network that brings together LGBTQ+ inclusive shelters, youth with lived experiences of homelessness, and activists advocating for systemic change. By working together, we ensure that LGBTQ+ youth have the resources, support, and community they need to thrive. Our approach includes:

Creating Safe and Inclusive Shelters

We work with shelter providers to ensure they are LGBTQ+ inclusive, ensuring that homeless LGBTQ+ youth can access safe spaces without fear of discrimination.

Resource Access

We facilitate access to a range of essential resources, including housing, mental health support, legal assistance, and educational opportunities.

Youth-Led Advocacy

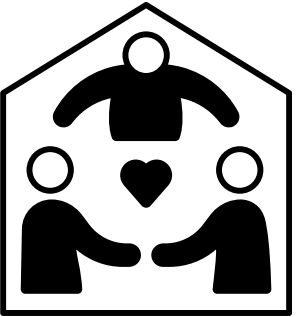
We empower youth with lived experiences of homelessness to engage in advocacy, ensuring that their voices are heard in policy development and program implementation.

Training and Capacity Building

We provide training and resources to shelters, organizations, and activists to strengthen their capacity to support LGBTQ+ youth in homelessness.

Our Key Programs and Services

SOCFH offers a range of programs and services that are designed to meet the specific needs of LGBTQ+ youth experiencing homelessness:



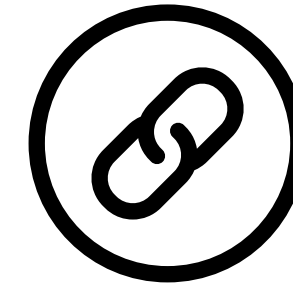
LGBTQ+ Inclusive Shelters Network

A network of shelters committed to providing safe and supportive environments for LGBTQ+ youth, ensuring that all shelters meet inclusivity standards and are equipped to handle the unique challenges LGBTQ+ individuals face.



Youth Leadership and Advocacy

Empowering youth with lived experience of homelessness to take an active role in advocating for better policies and services that affect their lives.



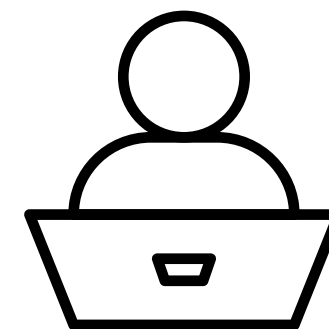
Resource Linkages

Facilitating connections to mental health services, healthcare, educational resources, and legal assistance, ensuring that LGBTQ+ youth have access to comprehensive support.



Crisis Response and Emergency Support

Coordinating with network members to provide immediate housing solutions and safety measures for LGBTQ+ youth in crisis.



Training for Service Providers

Offering specialized training for shelter staff, caseworkers, and activists on best practices for supporting LGBTQ+ youth in homelessness.

Our Network Members

SOCFH's network includes a diverse range of partners working together to address LGBTQ+ youth homelessness and provide supportive services. These members include:

1. Kenneth and Jacob's House: Providing safe shelter and supportive services for LGBTQ+ youth and offering family reconciliation programs.
2. Nadharia Kenya: Supporting LGBTQ+ youth with outreach services, resource connections, and health programs.
3. Resilient Hearts Africa: Empowering LGBTQ+ youth and asylum seekers with mental health resources and economic opportunities.
4. Refugee Independent Support Organization (RISO): Offering housing support, vocational training, and resources to LGBTQ+ refugees and asylum seekers.
5. Marginalized Refugee Empowerment Programme Africa: Providing temporary accommodation and social services to homeless LGBTQ+ youth.
6. Transmen Initiative Kenya: Focusing on supporting transgender youth experiencing homelessness with shelter, advocacy, and resources.



CONTACT US

To learn more about our network, access services, or get involved, visit www.socfh.org or reach out to us at info@socfh.org. Together, we can ensure every LGBTQ+ youth has a safe place to call home and the resources they need to thrive.

