

Outline

I. Introduction: Youth homelessness shouldn't be happening; rather, it should be prevented so that their generation are able to continue and improve our society while living a life without going through traumatizing and life changing struggles.

II. What constitutes youth homelessness?

A. Definition of youth homelessness

B. Statistics of youth homelessness

i. One in 45 children experience homelessness in America each year, which is estimated to be approximately 1.6 million children in America.

a.- America has lost 1.6 million children to homelessness, who if weren't homeless, would probably be some of America's finest youth and generation.

ii.- Aside from the 1.6 million children in America who are homeless, Michigan has been ranked the nation's fourth highest increase in youth homelessness.

III. Every single homeless youth out there has a reason which led them to their current circumstance.

A- Youth homelessness is ignited by many factors that have led children to living on the streets.

1- Their families are facing economic hardships

2- They are abused by their families, leading them to run away.

3- Their parents can no longer afford to take care of them, thus, asking them to leave

4 They are not provided the resources to go and help themselves.

5- Housing and basic human needs are no longer affordable.

B- Not all of the homeless youth out there are homeless because of financial issues, but many cases have been reported that these children have been disowned by their families.

C- Many teenagers are homeless because they have no one to turn to for help when dealing with disorders and problems that are keeping them from pursuing a better future.

IV. Homeless youth go through many psychological and emotional stages that have a significant impact on their lives.

A- Homeless youth no longer see the light in their lives, they lose complete hope in having a better future.

B- Nearly 40% of homeless youth suffer from emotional and behavior problems.

C- Many symptoms that have become a result of being a homeless child include anxiety, depression, extreme withdrawal, and poor concentration.

V. The U.S society and government has realized what is happening to our youth and have taken action.

A- There are many resources available that have been specifically made for people in need of their basic human rights.

1- There are Food assistances, such as, WIC , Food stamps also known as a bridge card, and etc

2- Also Housing assistance, such as, low income housing , section 8, shelter homes, covenant shelters, and etc.

B- Despite the fact that the U.S is trying their best to prevent this issue, it takes more than the U.S government.It takes a whole society and even an individual to make a difference.

1- We as a society need to help our generation get to these services , so that they are given help.

2- We must spread awareness to those who are victims and even those who are not .

VI.There are many ways to prevent youth homelessness.

A-If we as a whole community and society stand together and take action then we will make a difference in the lives of our children.

VVI.Islamic perspective: Islam plays a significant role in helping the need.

A- (107:1 - 3) This very ayah explains how if we want the reward of the hereafter than we should never drive away orphans away from us and we should feed the poor.

VIII.conclusion:I will state the purpose of this project.

A- Based on the fact that the next generation depends on today's youth, U.S society as a whole needs to ensure that they are provided basic rights, such as education, health, food, water, and housing, to secure the future of our generation and to change the broken paths into concrete futures.