



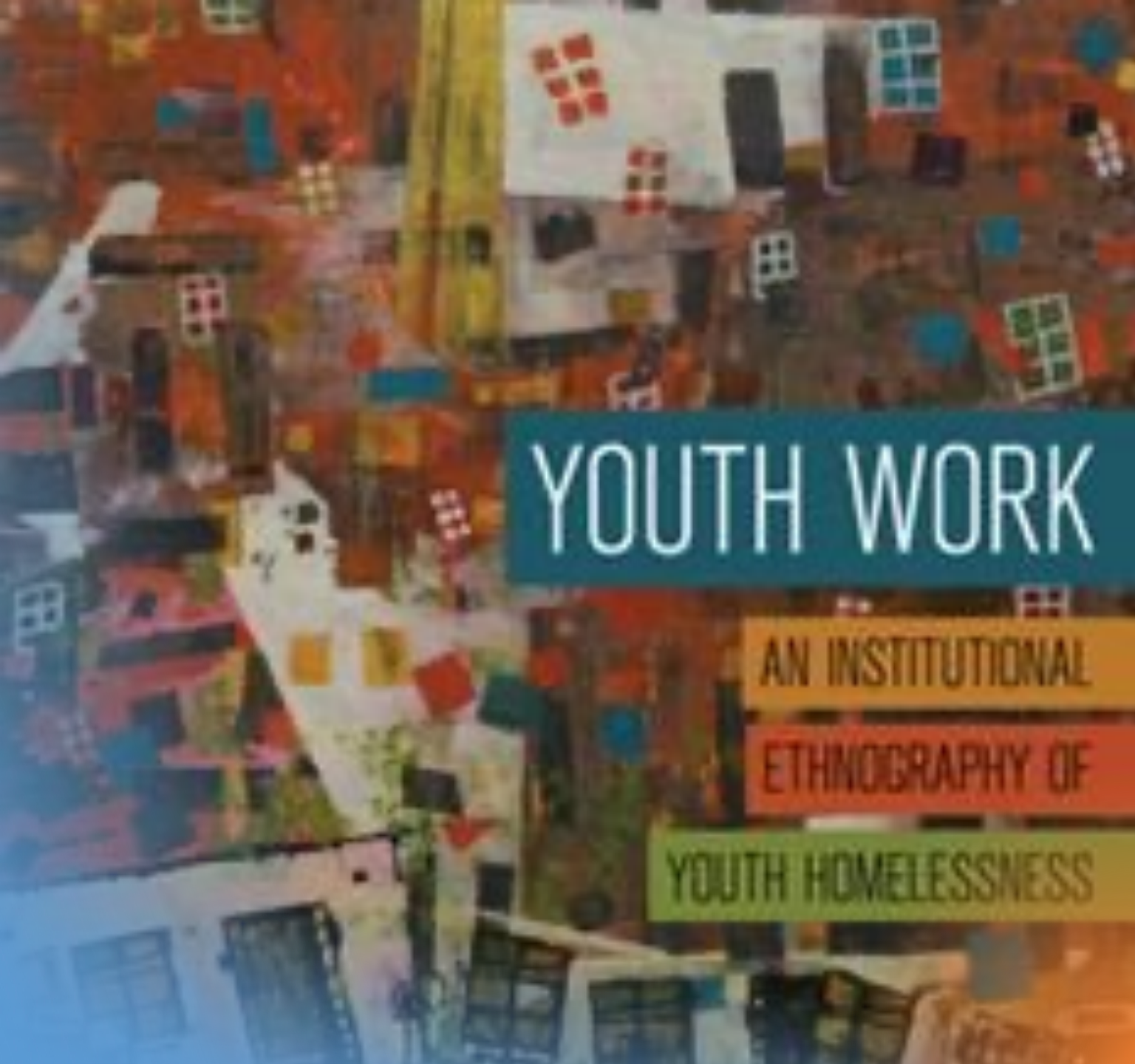
Research at the Intersections of Child Welfare and Homelessness

Transitions from Child Protection:
International Lessons to Prevent
Youth Homelessness in Canada
Symposium

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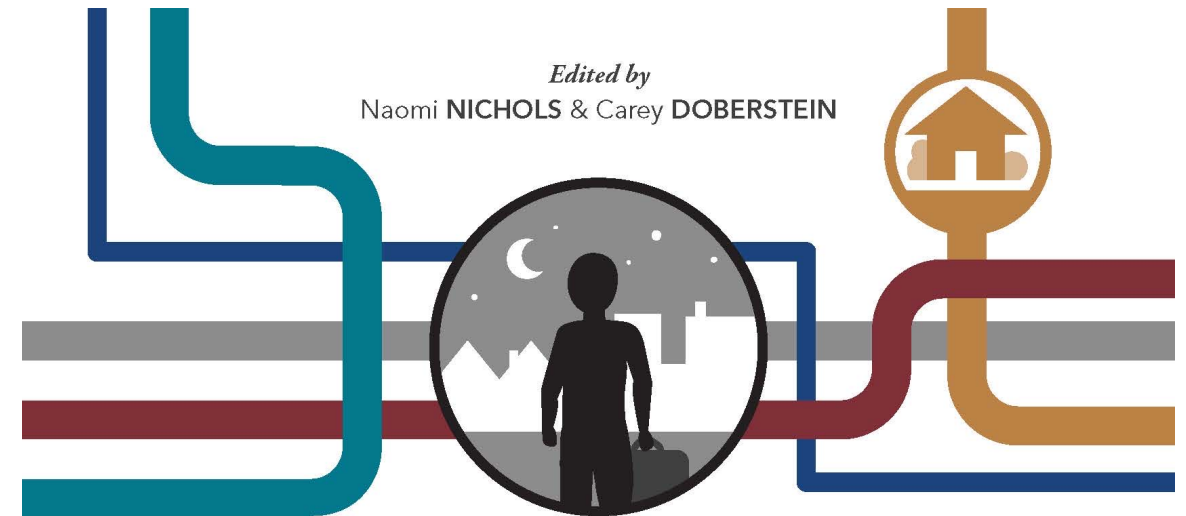


Doctoral Dissertation & Book (2014)

- CBR project with a youth shelter; focused on human service delivery for youth who are homeless in Ontario
- Child-welfare-involved youth placed in homeless shelters
- Programming, research & advocacy with local child welfare agency

Post-doctoral Research & Book (2016)

- The coordination of services (including child welfare) for street-involved youth in one Ontario municipality
- Preventing youth homelessness – the need for a coordinated cross-sectoral approach in the province of Ontario



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EXPLORING EFFECTIVE SYSTEMS RESPONSES TO HOMELESSNESS



Policy Brief & Proposal for Action (2017)

- Over-representation of youth reporting child-welfare involvement among those experiencing homelessness
- Call for coordinated multi-systemic, rights-based approach to prevention



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NEW RESOURCE:
**CHILD WELFARE AND YOUTH
HOMELESSNESS IN CANADA**



RESEARCH BRIEF: How the youth protection system can help prevent homelessness

Many homeless youth in Canada have one thing in common: they all come into contact with a provincial youth protection system on their path to homelessness. These institutions are mandated to step in when children and adolescents need protection, providing vital services such as housing until they turn 18. But how do young people's experiences with these systems support or undermine their housing stability, both while in care and after they age out?

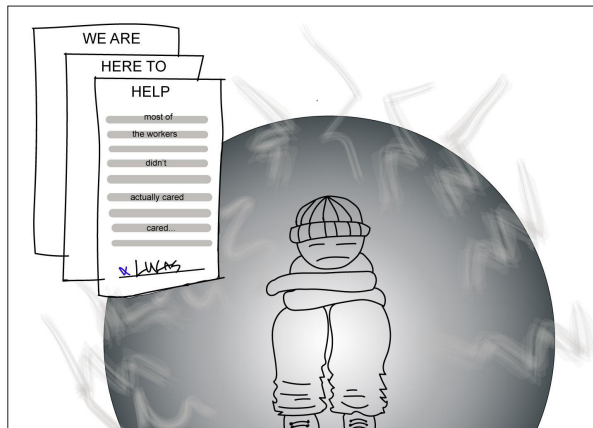
In 2019, the Youth Action Research Revolution (YARR) interviewed 37 young people who had experienced homelessness in Montreal to learn more about what led to their struggles with housing precarity. Many of those young people shared how they found themselves homeless after losing eligibility for Quebec's youth protection system at

age 18. Some also described being denied youth protection services at earlier points in their lives, when needing to escape unsafe situations at home.

Hearing these young people's stories makes it clear that youth protection systems have a critical role to play in preventing youth homelessness.

We interviewed 37 youth with experience of homelessness.

Of those, 14 identified child protection as an institution that directly or indirectly shaped their experiences of homelessness.



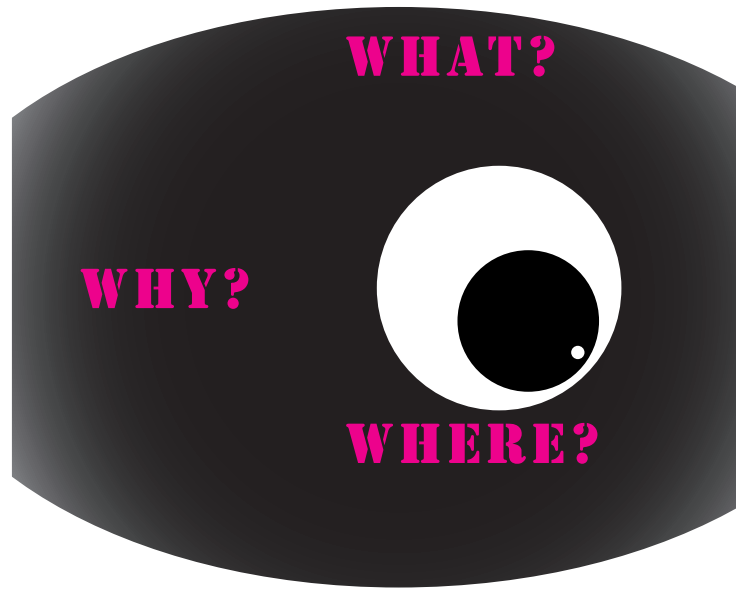
The Youth Action Research Revolution (YARR) worked together for two years in Montreal, Quebec. Comprised mainly of youth who had experienced housing precarity and homelessness, the group documented the experiences of young people with Quebec's public institutions – from schools to hospitals to prisons – to show how those institutions are contributing to the housing crisis facing the province. In doing so, YARR also showed how these institutions can do better. YARR calls on everyone who serves in a public institution to understand that their work is integral to the realization of young people's right to housing.



Youth Action Research Revolution Project (2017-20)

- YPAR project: What can public systems do differently to prevent youth homelessness?
- Identified institutional points of possibility and failure in the Quebec Youth Protection System

DATA JUSTICE



DATA JUSTICE FOR YOUTH
ZINE 1

Two inter-related projects:
child protection and youth
homelessness (2020-2025)

- Do data infrastructure and mandated data-driven processes in child welfare and homelessness support youth homelessness prevention?
- What are the social justice implications of modernization in these sectors?

Thank you!

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