



## Homeless and unhoused: Challenges facing LGBTQ youth and women

Dupont Circle Citizens Association (DCCA) Zoom Webinar

Thursday, March. 25, 2021

7:30 P.M. To 8:30 P.M.

The 7:30 p.m. March 25, 2021, webinar on homelessness and the challenges facing LGBTQ youth and women is the last of six 1-hour Zoom webinars organized by the Dupont Circle Citizens Association (DCCA) to educate residents of the Dupont and broader communities about topics concerning single people who are experiencing homelessness in the Dupont neighborhood. The intent of these webinars is to help residents think differently about the issues so that they are better equipped to help/lobby/volunteer or otherwise engage to support progress toward ending chronic homelessness. Recorded versions of the webinars will be shared online for subsequent viewing via YouTube or other platforms.

Panelists at the 1-hour webinar on the challenges facing LGBTQ youth and women on March 25th will share facts about the current state of LGBTQ youth and women's homelessness in DC. They will present the prevention and intervention strategies that are currently available and what is needed from government and the community if chronic homelessness is to be eliminated. We will learn what it takes at the individual and at the systemic level to make a difference in the lives of LGBTQ youth and women living on the streets and in shelters today.

We will hear from the following people:

**[Jorge Membreño](#) (Director of Clinical Services, [SMYAL](#)).**

SMYAL (Supporting and Mentoring Youth Advocates and Leaders) supports and empowers lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth in the Washington, DC, metropolitan region. Jorge has served as a social worker and clinical supervisor in school and mental health agency settings, working with youth on issues of homelessness, substance abuse prevention/intervention, mental health disorders, and stress and anxiety management. His LGBTQ counseling covers gender, sexuality, and transitioning.

**[Schroeder Stribling](#) (CEO, [N Street Village](#)) and [Deidre Turkvan](#) (Village Resident and 2021 Gala Honoree, [N Street Village](#)).**

N Street Village is the largest provider of homeless services for women in DC. Offering a full continuum of care, the Village helps women make meaningful gains in their housing, income, employment, mental health, physical health, and addiction recovery. Schroeder is a social worker by background and has been at N Street Village since 2003 when she initially came as the Director of Programs. Deirdre joined the Village Holistic Housing Program in 2019 after a series of family tragedies and a period in rehab. Last November she moved into Diane's House, part of the Village's Permanent Supportive Housing program, and volunteers her time to assist other women access the resources that they need.

The panel will be moderated by Nick Manning, a 20 year resident of the neighborhood.