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***A Night at the State Library* presents:
Homeless Youth: Challenges and Solutions
A talk by Shahera Hyatt, Dir, California Homeless Youth Project
Wednesday, May 18, 6 - 7 PM**

Sacramento – In California, some 300,000 students experienced homelessness during the 2013-2014 school year. That's more than the entire student population of Vermont, Alaska, and Washington, D.C. combined. Why do youth become homeless and what can we do about it individually and as a society?

The public is invited to a discussion on youth homelessness led by Shahera Hyatt, director of the California Homeless Youth Project. Hyatt will talk about conditions that lead young people to become homeless, the problems facing homeless youth, the criminalization of homelessness, and an emerging solution: host homes. The event takes place on May 18, from 6-7 PM at the California State Library, 914 Capitol Mall, Sacramento.

The California Homeless Youth Project is a research and policy initiative of the [California Research Bureau](#) at the [California State Library](#). The project brings youth to the policy table and informs policymakers, opinion leaders, and other stakeholders about the needs of unaccompanied homeless youth.

About the Speaker: Shahera Hyatt has authored the nation's first state action plan on ending youth homelessness and policy briefs on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth and sexually exploited homeless youth. She also serves as the local coordinator for the Sacramento Homeless Youth Task Force.

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