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The author of this article, Casey Holtschneider, argues that in order to better serve the needs of homeless youths, research needs to be done on which types of services best meet their needs. In particular, she is interested in understanding the impact of transitional living programs (TLPs) on the lives of homeless young
people. Holtschneider found that TLPs were beneficial in many ways including: they provided a sense of family for those living in TLPS, helped them feel more understanding towards each other, and encouraged community and friendship building. I am interested in using this article because I am writing about the relationship between foster care and homelessness and I want to talk about ways to overcome the problem. This article provides strong support for TLPs as a strategy for helping move youths out of homelessness.


Spoken word poetry is distinctive because it is written to be performed out loud, in person, by the poet. The ten poets interviewed by these authors describe “a reciprocal relationship between the audience and the poet” created by that practice of performance. To build community, spoken word poets keep metaphor and diction relatively simple and accessible. Richness is instead built through fragmented stories that coalesce into emotional narratives about personal and community concerns. This understanding of poets’ intentions illuminates their recorded performances.

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