

CHAPTER 4

Compound Harms

What the Literature Says about Survival Sex among Young Trans People in the United Kingdom and the United States

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SUMMARY

Survival sex is defined as the exchange of sex for food, shelter, drugs, money, or other items. Young trans people engaging in survival sex in the United States and the United Kingdom constitute a major research gap, and this literature review focuses on a selection of compound harms gleaned from an interdisciplinary literature review. It highlights, first, young trans people and homelessness; second, access to services for the homeless; third, young trans people's recruitment into the street economy and survival sex; and last, young trans people's public visibility to law enforcement.

KEY TERMS:

homelessness; public visibility; street economy; survival sex; young trans people

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