Youth homelessness different in rural areas, says new study. Missed Opportunities: Youth Homelessness in America: National Estimates, published by Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago, reports that nationally, one in 10 young adults (age 18-25) and one in 30 adolescents (ages 13-17) experience some form of homelessness over the course of a year. Researchers found similar rates of homelessness among young adults and adolescents in rural, urban, and suburban counties. Homeless youth in rural counties were twice as likely to be staying with other people as were those in suburbs or cities. As a result, the report recommends that policymakers “tailor supports for rural youth experiencing homelessness to account for more limited service infrastructure over a larger terrain.”
Three webinars offered on financing Farm Labor Housing with USDA Section 514/516 funding. Preparing the Pre-application is set for January 24 at 2:00 pm (EST). Final Application Processing and Closing will be February 7, followed by Construction and Lease-up on February 24. Registration is free. The webinars will also be archived online for later viewing. The sessions are sponsored by Tierra del Sol Housing and the Community Resources and Housing Development Corporation, and hosted by HAC. For more information, contact Shonterria Charleston, HAC, 404-892-4824.

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