




United States Interagency Council on Homelessness

Deploy Housing First Systemwide

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<p>Highlight and then record 3-4 of the most important words and/or phrases from this section in this column, with a short explanation of why they seem important:</p> <p>→</p> <p>→</p> <p>→</p>	 <p>A photograph showing a family of four (a man, a woman, and two children) moving into a new home. They are standing in a hallway with wooden floors and white walls. There are cardboard boxes and a ladder in the background, suggesting a recent move.</p> <p>A Housing First system orientation recognizes that people experiencing homelessness—like all people—need the safety and stability of a home in order to best address challenges and pursue opportunities.</p> <p>The Housing First approach connects people back to a home as quickly as possible, while making readily available the services that people may need to be stable and secure.</p> <p>Core Components</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Street outreach providers, emergency shelters, and other parts of the crisis response system are working closely with housing providers to connect people to permanent housing as quickly as possible.• The community has a data-driven coordinated assessment system for matching people experiencing	<p>What are some other approaches to ‘dealing’ with homelessness, homeless encampments and tent cities that this ‘deploy housing first systemwide’ approach does NOT recommend or endorse?</p> <p>→</p>

	<p>homelessness to the most appropriate housing and services based on their needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The community has a unified and streamlined process for applying for rapid re-housing, supportive housing, and/or other housing interventions. • Community leaders work collaboratively to ensure that a range of affordable and supportive housing options and models are available to meet local needs. • Policies and regulations related to supportive housing, social and health services, benefit and entitlement programs, and other essential services do not create needless barriers to housing. • Communities work to ensure that people are not evicted back into homelessness whenever possible. 	
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<p>Highlight and then record 3-4 of the most important words from this section in this column, with a short explanation of why they seem important:</p> <p>→</p> <p>→</p> <p>→</p>	<p>According to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, in 2017, the number of people experiencing homelessness in unsheltered locations increased for a second straight year by 9% between 2016 and 2017. This issue is partly caused by a lack of affordable housing and is exacerbated by the criminalization of behaviors associated with homelessness. This problem is also costly for the country in supporting these individuals. Multiple studies have demonstrated success in reducing the homeless population as well as its harmful financial and societal effects by providing these individuals with a combination of housing without preconditions and supportive care. These studies include the 2014 Housing first implementation of the Department of Veterans Affairs National Center on Homelessness Among Veterans and a study performed through Brown University.</p> <p><u>"The 2017 annual homeless assessment report to congress part 1: Point-in-time estimates of homelessness" (PDF).</u></p>	<p>What does it mean to criminalize behaviors associated with homelessness?</p> <p>→</p>