

Stronger Together: A Roadmap to An Effective Homeless System

Coordinated Entry: Best Practices in Centering Equity and Ensuring Effectiveness

Thursday, April 18





National Alliance to
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Center For
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National Alliance To End Homelessness

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Working with a strong network of innovators, the National Alliance to End Homelessness identifies and evaluates hundreds of policy and program strategies and their impact on homelessness. The Alliance's Center for Capacity Building helps communities replicate and customize the best of those strategies. The Center focuses on strategies that are cost effective, data driven, and can be implemented at a scale that can significantly reduce homelessness.

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A pandemic, natural disasters, lack of funding, low wages that fuel staff turnover, and the disappearance of truly affordable housing continue to impact homeless response systems. In many communities, these realities have led to increased homelessness, especially unsheltered homelessness. Now homeless response systems must reexamine and restrengthen its efforts by coordinating and ensuring fidelity to best practices in the interventions offered.

For any homelessness system – no matter if newly formed, restructuring, or well-established – this onset of unprecedented challenges may have led to decreased use of best practices across a

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WHY STRONGER TOGETHER?

Creating An Effective Homeless Response System



GOAL OF AN EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT, AND EQUITABLE HOMELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM

DIVERT people from
imminent homelessness
whenever possible

HOUSE people as quickly
as possible



HOMELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM: ENDGAME

HOMELESSNESS IS
RARE,
BRIEF,
AND
ONE-TIME



People in a housing crisis have access to immediate help, including a safe place to go



People are not unsheltered



People do not spend long periods of time homeless



People exit homelessness quickly and do not quickly cycle back into homelessness

HOMELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM: ENDGAME

ESTABLISH SYSTEM PERFORMANCE MEASURES



Reduce in-flow into homelessness



Increase exits to permanent housing



Decrease average length of homelessness



Decrease returns to homelessness

SYSTEM INTERVENTIONS

Street Outreach

Targeted Homelessness Prevention

Diversion

Coordinated Entry

Emergency Shelter

Rapid Re-Housing

Transitional Housing

Permanent Supportive Housing

INCREASE SYSTEM FLOW

An efficient and coordinated process that moves people from homelessness to housing as quickly as possible



Consider How Current Resources Are Being Utilized and Working Together...

If you make investments without considering how it impacts the system and how it is coordinated...



If the interventions working together...



COORDINATED ENTRY

Best Practices in Centering Equity and Ensuring Effectiveness



The Promise of Coordinated Entry

Should make homeless services systems **easier, more equitable**, and make homelessness **(re)solvable** at the individual and community level.

- Eyes on your whole system
- Fosters collaboration and coordination
- Tool to advocate for more resources and systems change

Moving Coordinated Entry Toward Equity and Effectiveness

Meaningfully
Engage People
with Lived
Expertise

Start Small,
Think Big

Build on
Successes,
Learn from
Failures

Build a Bigger
Table

Build Out
Knowledge &
Capacity

Emphasize
Relationships

Keep the
Conversation
Going

Use Data
Strategically
(quantitative
and qualitative)

Thank You

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