



TT10 HOW HOMELESS SERVICES COULD BE DISCUSSING THE CLIMATE CRISIS

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Resources.

- On site clinicians
- Wellness in the Beverly Room
 - Yoga and Meditation class tomorrow from 7:00-7:45 AM
 - Breathwork and Reflection tomorrow from 1:45-2:15
- Connect with Caitlin at the Advocacy Hub
- "I no longer believe that grief and resistance are mutually exclusive: I think the former is necessary to the latter, that honest sorrow is perhaps the only thing that makes a real fight even possible. To mourn without fighting is to tap out at the exact moment we need to step in, but to fight without mourning is to grapple with a ghost, to try to stop something you've never actually realized."
— Daniel Sherrell, Warmth: Coming of Age at the End of Our World

The Problem.

- Long term shifts in temperature and the weather
 - **Mainly** driven by human intervention since the 1800s
- Fossil fuel burning leads to the release of greenhouse gases
- Extreme heat and cold stretches, droughts, natural disasters such as flooding, hurricanes, and fires
- Impact is disproportionate
 - And this is not an individual issue

Air Pollution & Increasing Allergens

Asthma, allergies, cardiovascular and respiratory diseases

Extreme Heat

Heat-related illness and death, cardiovascular failure

Drought

Water supply impacts, dust storms, Valley Fever

Environmental Degradation

Forced migration, civil conflict, loss of jobs and income

Wildfires & Smoke

Injuries, fatalities, loss of homes, cardiovascular and respiratory diseases

Degraded Living Conditions & Social Inequities

Exacerbation of racial and health inequities and vulnerabilities, loss of employment

Changes In Vector Ecology

Lyme disease, West Nile Virus, hantavirus, malaria, encephalitis

Food System Impacts

Malnutrition, food insecurity, higher food prices, foodborne illness

Severe Weather & Floods

Injuries, fatalities, loss of homes, indoor fungi and mold

Water Quality Impacts

Harmful algal blooms, campylobacteriosis, cryptosporidiosis, leptospirosis

(Adapted from CDC; J. Patz)

Mental Health Impacts

Rising Temperatures

Increasing GHG Levels

Rising Sea Levels

More Extreme Weather

Stress, anxiety, depression, sense of loss, post-traumatic stress disorder, strains on social relationships

IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON HUMAN HEALTH

Indigenous people have been talking about this for decades.

(Some of) The Fixes.

- **Talk About It.**
- Putting a name to it.
 - “Climate change requires cultural change, not just technological fixes. Naming the single deadliest meteorological threat our species faces is one of the easiest changes we can make.”
- Environmental Voter Project.
- Change what you buy.

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