



ENSURING A CONSISTENT HOUSING-FOCUSED APPROACH

Community Examples

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HENNEPIN COUNTY, MN

Hennepin County's Streets to Housing program helps people living outside, in vehicles, or in encampments move directly into safe shelter or permanent housing. Since launching in August 2021, the program has housed 480 people directly from unsheltered homelessness, achieving a 95% housing retention rate. In 2023 alone, it served 839 residents, with more than half moving into shelter or housing—contributing to a nearly 27% decline in unsheltered homelessness across the county.

Built with guidance from people who have experienced homelessness, Streets to Housing emphasizes long-term stability over short-term survival. Through trauma-informed outreach, interim housing options, and consistent engagement, it has become a compassionate and effective model for addressing unsheltered homelessness.

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DALLAS, TX

The All Neighbors Coalition has developed a coordinated street outreach approach designed to maximize resources and ensure consistent coverage across Dallas and Collin Counties. Instead of relying on a single organization, this model brings together multiple partners who share responsibility for outreach across the community. Through a comprehensive coverage plan, outreach teams work intentionally to engage individuals living unsheltered, focusing not only on building trust and meeting immediate needs, but also on creating clear pathways into housing.

By aligning staffing, funding, and expertise, this coordinated model reduces duplication of efforts and ensures that individuals are met with the right support wherever they are. The approach facilitates connection to housing while recognizing the importance of collaboration, communication, and shared knowledge across providers. This unified system allows the community to respond more strategically, ensuring that every person experiencing unsheltered homelessness has the opportunity to connect to services and long-term stability.