HOMELESS SYSTEM SIMULATION

Assembly Instructions

Simulation Kit

Each simulation kit should include:

- one copy of each Simulation Board
- one set of Program Movement cards
- one set of System Event cards
- one Participant / Table Instructions sheet
- one Homeless System Outcomes Tracker
- one Data keeper Quick Guide

The Extra board does not have its own cards; when used, it follows the cards for the selected program type.

Simulation Boards

Each simulation receives one of the following simulation boards:

- Coordinated Entry
- Emergency Shelter
- Rapid Re-Housing
- Outreach
- Transitional Housing
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Extra

We recommend keeping the boards in this order, as this is the order they will be used when playing. Include one copy of the Homeless System Simulation Instructions sheet and the Homeless System Outcomes Tracker.

Simulation Event Cards

Each simulation receives one of each of the following simulation cards:

- System Event
- Coordinated Entry
- Emergency Shelter
- Rapid Re-Housing
- Outreach
- Transitional Housing
- Permanent Supportive Housing

When the simulation is distributed to Program Leads, the player in charge of the Simulation Scorecard will also receive the System Event cards to read. The Extra simulation board does not have corresponding cards.

Simulation Person Markers

Each simulation will use two different types of colored pieces as person markers. This simulation will need a total of 324 person markers. Approximately 20 percent (65) of the markers should be one color or shape, and the remaining (259) should be a contrasting color or a different shape (i.e., for one kit, this would mean 65 blue markers and 259 clear markers).

Elevated Support markers = 65 markers
Standard Support markers = 259 markers
Person markers = the general term for all beads, chips, tokens, or pieces

Each simulation should receive a small bag (a plastic bag will work) filled with simulation person markers for each of the five rounds, plus one bag labeled Simulation Start-up Markers. The Simulation Start-up Markers bag should contain exactly 25 Elevated Support markers and 49 Standard Support markers. Each of the remaining (5) round bags should contain approximately 50 person markers.

Market Housing and Unsheltered Homeless Bins

Finally, you'll need two plastic bins, one labeled "Market Housing" and another labeled "Unsheltered Homeless."