

WORKSHEET TO FRAME YOUR PLAN
(based on the Ten Essentials with best practices)

EMERGENCY PREVENTION

What are some prevention elements that could work for your community's plan?

- Eviction prevention funds?
 - Rent, mortgage, and utility assistance?
 - Landlord/lender intervention strategies?
 - Case management for those at risk of homelessness?
 - One prevention gateway/211?
 - Other strategies: _____
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Best Practices: *Hennepin County, MN: Homeless Prevention Programs*
Philadelphia, PA: Housing Support Center
Everett, WA: Project SAFE

SYSTEMS PREVENTION

- How do you want to address system prevention in your plan?
 - Through changes in discharge planning policies at institutions (jails, hospitals, foster care)
 - Through facilitating better access to/coordination with mainstream systems of care for homeless people or those at risk of homelessness.
 - Other strategies: _____
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Best practices: *Minnesota: Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program*
New Mexico: Adolescent Transition groups

OUTREACH

In what ways can you conduct effective outreach in your community's plan?

- Through outreach teams/case managers that engage homeless people on the streets or in other places they may be found (soup kitchen, etc)
 - Through education in the community about homeless resources
 - Through a low-demand housing option for chronically homeless, like a safe haven?
 - Other strategies: _____
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Best Practices: *New York, NY: Pathways to Housing*
Philadelphia, PA: Project H.O.M.E.

SHORTEN HOMELESSNESS

How do you plan to shorten the time people spend homeless when prevention efforts are ineffective?

- Through some form of rapid re-housing
 - Housing First with home-based intensive case management
 - Rental/deposit assistance to move directly into permanent housing
 - Performance based contracting for service providers
 - Through coordination among service providers
 - Through a centralized intake system (Housing Assistance Center)
 - Other strategies: _____
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Best Practice: *Chicago, IL: Getting Housed, Staying Housed*
Columbus, OH: Community Shelter Board

RAPID RE-HOUSING

How will your plan facilitate rapid re-housing of people that become homeless?

- Housing placement services/staff
 - Landlord mediation/intervention
 - Access to subsidies, such as vouchers/move-in funds, for households with extremely low incomes
 - Coordination with service providers to ensure that a homeless person’s service needs are met once he or she is in permanent housing
 - Periodic follow-up work to prevent a housing crisis
 - Services to address credit problems, criminal and eviction histories
 - Other strategies: _____
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Best Practices: *Los Angeles, CA: Beyond Shelter*
Philadelphia, PA: Housing Support Center
Boston, MA: Homestart
Hennepin County, MN: Rapid Exit Program

SERVICES

Once a homeless person is re-housed, how will your plan address their service needs to prevent a recurrence of homelessness?

- Through service-enriched housing (onsite or offsite case managers)
- Through better coordination of/access to mainstream services

- Other strategies: _____

Best Practices: *Philadelphia, PA: Project HOME(chronic)*
Minnesota: Lutheran Social Services(families)

PERMANENT HOUSING

How will your community meet your needs for permanent housing? _____
How many units do you need total to house everyone? _____

Using existing units and/or constructing new units

- Project based vouchers
- Tenant based vouchers
- Institutional placement (group homes, etc)
- Affordable units
- Supportive units for specific populations
- Other strategies: _____

Best Practice: *Philadelphia, PA: Project HOME*
Seattle, WA: Seattle Housing Levy/ incentives (www.seattle.gov/housing)
Montgomery County, MD: Inclusionary Zoning
(http://www.huduser.org/rbc/search/rbcdetails.asp?DocId=756)

INCOME

How will your plan address income needs of homeless people so they can maintain housing once placed?

- Through mainstream employment training and placement services
- Through improving access to benefits (social security, etc)
- Other strategies: _____

Best Practice: *Boston, MA: IMPACT Employment Services*
Maryland: SSI Outreach Project

Other strategies that will end homelessness in your community: _____

IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN

How will your community pay for the changes proposed in your plan?

- Re-allocation of existing funds
- New funds
- HUD/other federal programs _____
- State and local programs _____
- Private philanthropy _____
- Housing Trust Fund
- Other strategies: _____

How will your community monitor progress on the plan?

- Implementation timelines
- Assignments of responsibility/lead entity
- Regular review of plan (living document)
- Regular reporting to community
- Do you have plans to use HMIS? If not, how will you track your plan's outcomes as you implement it?