

Responding to Houselessness in Our Community

Challenging Discrimination through Community Conversations: Addressing Discrimination

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Learning from those with lived experience

Policy makers and community leaders need to include people experiencing houselessness in decisions about their welfare in policy, services, and other areas.



There are many factors that can contribute to one becoming houseless

Financial insecurity, mental health issues, addictions, and intergenerational trauma are just some factors that can contribute to one becoming houseless.



What is affordable housing?

Affordable housing must be no more than 30% of an individual's or household's income before taxes. It includes but is not limited to government-sponsored housing. 2



A promising approach

In recent years, the Housing First approach has come to the forefront. Housing is a basic need, so providing that followed by other supports is among current best practices. 1



How can community members be allies?

- Listen
- Build relationships
- Learn about houselessness
- Be inclusive



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