



Homeless Response Systems Mapping

Highlighting paths to safe, permanent housing

What's at Stake

In 2024, over 771,480 people in the United States experienced homelessness on a single night. Unfortunately, related service networks do not have enough resources to help all people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Some health issues are more common among people experiencing homelessness. They include the following:

- Mental and substance use disorders, which are found still more often in LGBTQ+ and Black youth experiencing homelessness
- Trauma, adverse childhood experiences, and victimization



Our Solution

The **Homeless Response Systems Mapping** is a targeted mapping event focusing on identifying and developing community-based responses to homelessness by planning around critical intersections. Working together allows state and local governments, local non-profits, and community organizations to reach essential goals, including the following:

- Stabilizing housing for those at risk of homelessness
- Connecting individuals and families experiencing homelessness with services



Our Model

The **Homeless Response Systems Mapping** model is designed to help people think about how individuals experience homelessness and move to recovery. The model allows communities to see how individuals interact with homeless services and highlights paths to safe, permanent housing.

The **Homeless Response Systems Mapping** model highlights four points of intersection. They are prevention/diversion, pathways in, conditions of homelessness, and pathways out. In addition, a variety of wraparound services intersect with each point.



Participants

The participants involved in this systems mapping are the following:

- Behavioral and physical health services
- Education professionals
- Employment services professionals
- Homelessness services professionals and housing providers
- Peers and family advocates
- Legal services professionals
- Social services professionals
- Representatives from populations of interest, as determined by the community





Get Started With the SMTC

The Systems Mapping and Training Center, operated by [Policy Research](#), uses a public health model to create data-driven systems change. The Systems Mapping and Training Center provides cross-systems mapping and training services on different topics related to behavioral health, the criminal legal system, Veterans, homelessness, and more.

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