

## TWO-YEAR ACTION PLAN AT A GLANCE

The Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness has adopted a Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness. With key agency leaders, the Council's eleven commissioners have identified 12 strategies and associated actions that state government will pursue over the next two years. State leaders look forward to working with local government, community, philanthropic, and private sector partners to implement these actions and ensure that all Minnesotans have a place to call home.

Topic	Strategies and Actions	Responsible Agencies
HOUSING	<b>1. Increase investments in affordable housing and rental assistance.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preserve existing subsidized affordable housing, seek bonding for new housing creation, and develop funding plan.</li> <li>Incent private sector landlords to rent to more families and individuals who are at risk of or are experiencing homelessness.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minnesota Housing</li> </ul>
	<b>2. Create new supportive housing opportunities for the most vulnerable families experiencing homelessness.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based on data, determine number of units and locations of new family supportive housing needed and develop a funding plan.</li> <li>Identify services most beneficial for families and their children and link families in supportive housing to these resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minnesota Housing</li> <li>Department of Human Services</li> </ul>
EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME	<b>3. Evaluate current workforce training, employment and education programs.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decrease barriers to accessing existing workforce training and employment programs for people experiencing homelessness.</li> <li>Actively engage and enroll people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness into workforce development and training.</li> <li>Build employment opportunities around the existing and potential skills of Minnesotans experiencing homelessness.</li> <li>Provide high-quality workforce services to youth aging out of foster care.</li> <li>Support students experiencing homelessness to succeed in higher education.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department of Employment and Economic Development</li> <li>Department of Human Services</li> <li>Office of Higher Education</li> </ul>
	<b>4. Identify, assess and improve key mainstream programs by each state agency that could prevent and end homelessness for families and individuals.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review existing state and federal programs and services that each agency manages and identify opportunities to improve access for people experiencing homelessness.</li> <li>Reform income supplement programs for persons with disabilities to allow greater flexibility and increase housing options.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interagency Council Senior Leadership Team</li> <li>Department of Human Services</li> </ul>
EFFECTIVE USE OF SERVICES	<b>5. Maximize the use of health care funding and services to promote improved health outcomes through stable housing.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build capacity of current homeless and housing providers to bill health funding sources (e.g. Medicaid).</li> <li>Develop person-centered Housing Stability Services for persons who are homeless or at-risk and have a disability.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department of Human Services</li> <li>Department of Health</li> <li>State Council on Disability</li> </ul>
	<b>6. Work with corrections agencies and community providers to facilitate access to stable housing for offenders supervised in the community.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inventory potential housing resources, connect offenders living in the community to stable housing, and enhance existing exit planning processes.</li> <li>Target resources for ex-offenders who experience high barriers to accessing housing.</li> <li>Ensure culturally responsive and respectful discharge planning.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department of Corrections</li> <li>Minnesota Housing</li> <li>Department of Human Services</li> </ul>
	<b>7. End homelessness for Veterans on a Veteran-by-Veteran basis.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Form regional teams of Veterans services and housing/homeless providers to identify and reach out to individual Veterans experiencing homelessness—working to solve each unique Veteran's situation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department of Veterans Affairs</li> <li>State Councils on underserved populations</li> </ul>

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EDUCATION, CHILDREN AND YOUTH	<p><b>8. Improve the transitions of young people from foster care, juvenile corrections, or other systems.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan exits from youth systems starting at time of entry, but no later than by age 16.</li> <li>Identify youth served in foster care and juvenile corrections who are most likely to become homeless and connect them to needed resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department of Human Services</li> <li>Department of Corrections</li> </ul>
	<p><b>9. Identify homeless and highly mobile students and connect them and their families with services.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with local school districts to increase the impact of homeless school liaisons.</li> <li>Create an intentional link between schools, community mental health resource, and liaisons.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department of Education</li> <li>Department of Public Safety</li> <li>Department of Human Services</li> </ul>
TARGETING RESOURCES	<p><b>10. Prioritize funding for efforts most successful at improving housing stability for communities disproportionately impacted by homelessness.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with local communities to identify strategies that are most likely to end homelessness within communities of color.</li> <li>Change grant guidelines to include and support culturally-specific organizations that possess unique cultural advantages for success.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interagency Council Senior Leadership Team</li> <li>State Tribal liaisons</li> <li>State Councils on underserved populations</li> </ul>
	<p><b>11. Develop a statewide Coordinated Assessment process and tools.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fully implement Coordinated Assessment systems statewide to simplify access, quickly assess needs and strengths, develop person-centered solutions, create standards for service provision, and provide referrals with follow-up.</li> <li>Create a statewide policy for supportive housing that ensures targeting of resources to those most in need.</li> <li>Streamline the emergency assistance system.</li> <li>Improve cross-agency coordination of the homeless-targeted grant making process.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interagency Council Senior Leadership Team</li> <li>Minnesota Housing</li> <li>Department of Human Services</li> </ul>
	<p><b>12. Improve data quality and access.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create a better functioning Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).</li> <li>Improve point-in-time homeless counts.</li> <li>Make effective use of interagency data sharing.</li> <li>Develop high quality public reporting processes.</li> <li>Support research and evaluation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interagency Council on Homelessness Senior Leadership Team</li> </ul>