



Key Resources for Mayors on Ending Homelessness

As a mayor, you are on the front line of efforts to prevent and end homelessness. You possess the unique ability to lead your community toward effective and lasting solutions. **Through your leadership**, you can encourage greater collaboration, bring new resources to the table, and ensure action is informed by evidence. These resources can help support and drive your efforts.

For links to these and other resources, visit www.usich.gov/mayors.

- Criteria and benchmarks for ending [Veteran homelessness](#), [family homelessness](#), [youth homelessness](#), and [chronic homelessness](#) provide a roadmap for action. These [case studies](#) provide examples from communities on how they achieved the Veteran goal.
- [Using Homelessness and Housing Needs Data to Tailor and Drive Local Solutions](#) provides an overview of some key data sources, describes what they measure, and highlights how communities can use that range of information to strengthen their efforts to address homelessness, housing instability, and other housing needs. We also published analyses of the [2016 AHAR report](#), the [2017 PIT count](#) results, and [new research on housing affordability](#).
- [Emerging Strategies for Addressing Racial Inequities in Our Efforts to End Homelessness](#) explores the ways we have deepened our conversations in the field about concrete strategies to address racial inequities in our efforts to prevent and end homelessness. We also wrote about [using GIS mapping to help address disparities in homelessness assistance](#).
- [Caution is Needed When Considering “Sanctioned Encampments” or “Safe Zones”](#) provides guidance to communities that are considering how best to address unsheltered homelessness. [Ending Homelessness for People Living in Encampments](#) and these [case studies](#) explore communities’ efforts to link people living in encampments with permanent housing opportunities matched with the right level of services.
- [Key Considerations for Implementing Emergency Shelter within an Effective Crisis Response System](#) discusses how shelter can divert people from the homelessness service system when possible, foster low-barrier access to emergency services, and serve as a platform for housing access.
- [Questions to Consider Regarding Inclusionary Zoning Policy](#) helps cities and states explore inclusionary zoning as one tool to expand the supply of affordable housing.

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is needed,
now more than ever.

- [Enhancing Coordinated Entry through Partnerships with Mainstream Resources and Programs](#) is a companion guide for communities to reference while implementing the new U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development [requirements around coordinated entry](#).
- [Engaging Legal Services in Community Efforts to Prevent and End Homelessness](#) describes ways that engaging and partnering with legal services providers can contribute to communities' efforts to prevent and end homelessness.
- [Strategies to Address the Intersection of the Opioid Crisis and Homelessness](#) identifies strategies that communities, providers, and policymakers can use to address the intersection of homelessness and the opioid crisis, and highlights resources developed by federal and national partners to support such efforts, including [case studies about successfully connecting people affected by opioid use to housing](#).
- [Advancing an End to Youth Homelessness: Federal and National Initiatives](#) highlights some of the significant efforts underway to end youth homelessness, both among federal agencies and between the government and locally-driven efforts. [Federal Programs that Can Help Communities End Youth Homelessness](#) provides a comprehensive list of targeted and non-targeted federal resources that can help communities implement the coordinated response they need.
- [Communicating Effectively About Ending Homelessness](#) and [People Experience Homelessness, They Aren't Defined By It](#) discuss ways to build greater consensus around the need and strategies to end homelessness.