



WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS PLAN

AS OF JANUARY 2022

THE NEXT THREE YEARS

In the next three years, our singular goal is:

To lead the community to build a system that is capable of housing people experiencing homelessness, so that it's rare, brief, and non-reoccurring.

OUR TARGETS

We will achieve meaningful progress measured by:

- Number of actively homeless
- Recidivism rate (6 months, 1 year, 2 years)
- Length of time to be housed
- Exits to permanent housing
- Number of programs reporting into HMIS database
- Number of affordable units (10% AMI, 30% AMI)
- Number of permanent supportive units

REGIONAL PRIORITIES

The need for bold action has never been greater. We are coming together as a region in the following 6 areas of focus:

1 Centralized, Shared Client Data

All data for individuals experiencing homelessness is shared across organizations to improve program outcomes.

How? All entities utilize the HMIS database.

2 Unified, Regional Outreach

Consistently work as a coordinated, regional team to ensure that all individuals are reached, and data shared.

How? All entities who do outreach share information and coordinate activities.

3 Housing Clients Faster

Enable coordination of all partners to connect people experiencing homelessness who are on the by-name list to available housing and available resources to help housing individuals faster.

How? Bringing key partners together bi-weekly.

4 Sheltering the Unsheltered

Using a housing first approach, ensure that our regional can provide emergency shelter and temporary housing to those in need.

How? Providing training on housing first and implementing housing first policy across all programs.

5 Accessible Care for All

Expand staffing so that everyone who needs access has access to a case manager.

How? Secure funding to achieve one case manager to 10 high needs individuals or one to 30 for more self resolving individuals.

6 Regional Approach to Affordable Housing

In partnership with all jurisdictions, enable a regional direction to expand and fund sustainable, affordable housing options.

How? Partner with jurisdictions to remove barriers and incentivize affordable housing through policy and better leverage of existing resources.

Definition of Housing First: Housing First does NOT mean housing only. Housing First is an approach to connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness to housing without preconditions and barriers to entry, such as sobriety, treatment, or service participation requirements. The model depends upon robust wraparound services to maximize housing stability and prevent returns to homelessness.

To learn more and monitor our progress, go to <https://www.washoecounty.gov/homelessness/>