

Encampment to Housing Response

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Overview

This session is for leaders that have previously attended the Learning Session track on encampment response last year or are familiar with the encampment to housing model and framework. In this session, we're thrilled to have leaders from Clutch Consulting continue to teach and guide leaders in cities working to develop or strengthen responses to encampments and unsheltered homelessness.

Additional Details

The growing presence of encampments and unsheltered homelessness presents significant harm to those experiencing homelessness and is increasingly being viewed as a public health crisis. This issue also drives public perception of progress on the issue and creates political pressure for those in office to respond. This session will reinforce practical tools and processes to respond to encampment with a highly pragmatic and Housing First approach.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

Human-centered processes to rapidly move individuals from encampments to permanent housing.

Collaborating with government agencies to clear encampments and mitigate repopulation over time.

Progressively scaling approaches towards functionally reducing and eliminating unsheltered homelessness over time.

Considerations for Equity

The Encampment to Housing Response model focuses on equity through establishing a clear process for how encampment selection is prioritized, housing all regular stayers at a given site, and tracking housing offers and results across racial demographic groups to

understand and respond to inequities in real-time. Communities should think about barriers to accessing the housing resources they have earmarked for Encampment to Housing (i.e. citizenship status, client history, etc.) and create a plan to review disproportionality in demographic information for individuals housed/housing stability as part of their considerations for equity.

