

Networking: Ending All Homelessness

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Overview

This session is for community leaders who are working in community toward the goal of making homelessness rare and brief across all populations. The time will be highly interactive in nature with several problem-solving spaces and visioning opportunities framed around the question: what does a system need to look like in a future world in which we are sustaining an end to all homelessness?

Additional Details

As community teams met the goals of reaching functional zero for the veteran and chronic populations, a small cohort of communities emerged to trailblaze the remaining path forward to achieving this for all populations. Over the last 5+ years, this group has been through the twists and turns of COVID-19, and there are now teams that have this goal within view in the coming year. We welcome all teams who are actively working to reach functional zero across populations to connect, learn, and be part of casting a vision for a future where homelessness is a thing of the past.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

Build relationships with like-minded leaders working towards similar goals.

Identify the foundations of a system necessary to sustain an end to all homelessness. Create plans for how you'll begin to put these pieces in place back home.

The critical importance of upstream partners and systems.
Resources shifting from homelessness response toward prevention and sustaining.

Considerations for Equity

It is essential that communities partner with people with lived experience in order to design equitable systems. Strong partnerships include individuals with lived experience at all

planning and implementation stages. Meaningful engagement results in system and programmatic impact that is relevant and responsive — withstanding time and change.

Remember, **it is important to ensure Core Team members are equitably compensated** (if they are not already in a paid position) to support their time on this project. Communities are responsible for ensuring this expense is covered.

