Understanding how people experience homelessness can help in identifying appropriate interventions.

Stages of homelessness[1]

1 Preventing entries to homelessness

2 Sheltering and supporting those experiencing homelessness

3 Improving exits to permanent housing

Income insecure	Unstably housed	Diversion efforts	Experiencing homelessness	Shifting to housing	Housed	Stably housed
Support: Income security	**Support:** Housing stability	**Support:** Diversion programs	**Support:** Stabilization and services	**Support:** Shifting to housing	**Support:** Affordable housing for those in homelessness	**Support:** Total supply of affordable housing
Intervention: • WIC/SNAP[2] • SSI/TANF[3] • Medicaid • Unemployment benefits • Employment and training programs • Food stamps	**Intervention:** • Rental assistance • Housing subsidies • Housing stock • Legal eviction protection • Support for domestic-violence survivors • Transition from incarceration/ foster care	**Intervention:** • Diversion programs • Family reunification • Temporary assistance	UNSHELTERED **Intervention:** • Street outreach • Day services (eg, showers, meals) • Navigation centers SHELTERED **Intervention:** • Emergency shelters • Day services (eg, showers, meals) • Transitional housing • Navigation centers • Tuff sheds	**Intervention:** • Housing navigators • Employment services • Coordinated entry programs	**Intervention:** • Landlord liaison programs • Permanent supportive housing (PSH), with specific services offered (eg, counseling, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), substance abuse) • Dedicated public housing for those experiencing homelessness • Dedicated housing vouchers • Rapid rehousing	**Intervention:** • Shift toward self-sustained housing (eg, public housing), housing vouchers, single room occupancy (SROs), modular housing • Increase housing stock (eg, zoning, tax credits, affordable housing development, resource and land sharing)

Cross-spectrum interventions

• Residential treatment/rehabilitation programs • Drug-addiction programs • Behavioral healthcare • Physical healthcare