

Statewide Housing Plan 2019-2023: Breaking New Ground

PRIORITY: HOMELESSNESS

Build a coordinated and concerted statewide effort to prevent and end homelessness, with a focus on ending unsheltered homelessness of Oregon's children and veterans.

2019–2023 GOAL

OHCS will drive toward impactful homelessness interventions by increasing the percentage of people who are able to retain permanent housing for at least six months after receiving homeless services to at least 85 percent. We will also collaborate with partners to end veterans' homelessness in Oregon and build a system in which every child has a safe and stable place to call home.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

- » Harness convening power to focus and coordinate partners' and providers efforts toward addressing homelessness.
- » Build capacity for OHCS and partners to implement proven models to prevent and end homelessness.
- » Enhance the state's and homeless service providers' data and research capability to understand and address homeless needs across Oregon, in order to establish outcomes for homeless service investments and continually evaluate effectiveness of the work.
- » Engage state agencies, federal and local funders to align and maximize available resources to end homelessness.
- » Coordinate funding, policy and action with veteran organizations, housing developers, service providers and other partners to implement effective strategies and promising practices to end veterans' homelessness statewide.
- » Lead partners on a concerted effort to prevent and end child homelessness with a holistic approach that supports both parents and children by aligning efforts with Homeless Student Liaisons, educators, child welfare and domestic violence service providers, other state agencies and family support programs.
- » Expand services to help Oregonians at risk of becoming homeless retain and access housing, including risk mitigation funds, landlord outreach and education, tenant education, and legal assistance for tenants.
- » Maximize opportunities to integrate asset-building and antipoverty programs and resources to support housing stabilization and economic security for individuals and families experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
- » Leverage OHCS' affordable housing development resources and programs to address homelessness by incentivizing new affordable rental housing to accept and prioritize formerly homeless individuals and families.