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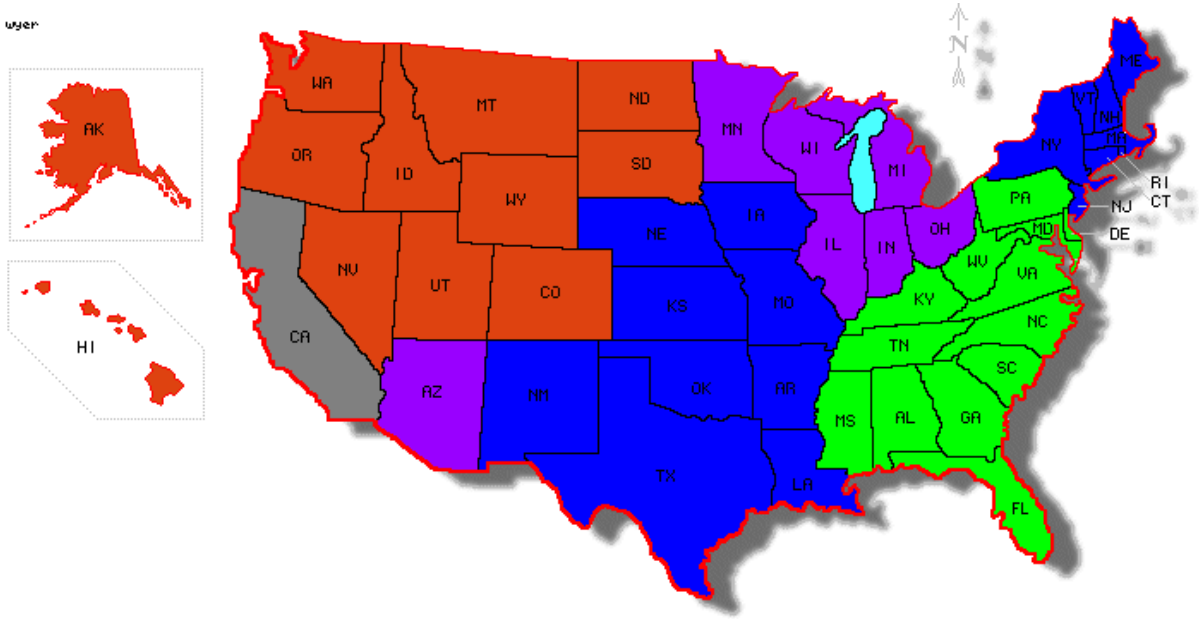
Coordinating the Federal Response

- The Council
- Council Policy Group
- Interagency Working Groups
- Performance measurement and accountability

Our Regional Expertise

National Initiatives Team
5 regionally based staff with expertise in state and local implementation



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Home, Together: Our Shared National Goals

- Ending homelessness among **Veterans**
- Ending chronic homelessness among **people with disabilities**
- Ending homelessness among **families with children**
- Ending homelessness among **unaccompanied youth**
- Ending homelessness among **all other individuals**

Areas of Increased Focus

- Increasing **affordable housing** opportunities
- Strengthening **prevention and diversion** practices
- Creating solutions for **unsheltered homelessness**
- Tailoring strategies for **rural communities**
- Helping people who exit homelessness to find **career success and economic mobility**
- Learning from the **expertise of people with lived experiences of homelessness**

Confronting and Addressing Inequities

- Developing our own and communities' skills and capacity to **apply a racial equity lens within our organizations and across our efforts** to prevent and end homelessness
- Analyzing **data regarding representation, access, and outcomes** and identifying disparities and inequities
- Moving conversations **forward without shortchanging need for internal work** within ourselves and our organizations
- Connecting to and **collaborating with other equity-focused efforts** in communities

Structure for *Home, Together*

Operational definition:
Comprehensive response that ensures homelessness is prevented whenever possible, or if it can't be prevented, it is a **rare, brief, and one-time experience.**

Criteria and benchmarks:
Essential **elements of comprehensive systems** and the **outcomes those systems must be able to achieve**.

Rare, Brief and One-Time: Essential Elements

Ensure homelessness is a rare experience

- Collaboratively Build Lasting Systems that End Homelessness
- Increase Capacity and Strengthen Practices to Prevent Housing Crises and Homelessness

Ensure homelessness is a brief experience

- Identify and Engage All People Experiencing Homelessness as Quickly as Possible
- Provide Immediate Access to Low-Barrier Emergency Shelter or other Temporary Accommodations to All Who Need It
- Implement Coordinated Entry to Standardize Assessment and Prioritization Processes and Streamline Connections to Housing and Services
- Assist People to Move Swiftly into Permanent Housing with Appropriate and Person-Centered Services

Ensure homelessness is a one-time experience

- Prevent Returns to Homelessness through Connections to Adequate Services and Opportunities

Sustain an end to homelessness

- Sustain Practices and Systems at a Scale Necessary to Respond to Future Needs

Home, Together: The Role of Education

- Strengthen the collection, reporting, and utilization of **essential data sources** *(Strategy 1.1.b)*

- Increase community capacity and state-level coordination to effectively **identify, target, and connect at-risk individuals and families** to local resources and opportunities that contribute to and strengthen housing stability (*Strategy 1.2.c)*

Home, Together: The Role of Education cont'd

- Encourage increased use of health, behavioral health, TANF, workforce**, early childhood education, K-12 and higher education supports**, and child welfare programs *(Strategy 2.4.c)*

- Support communities to **increase access to and retention within** high-quality education programs *(Strategy 3.1.e)*

- Strengthen **coordination between early childhood, education, housing, employment, and homelessness services** providers *(Strategy 3.1.g)*

Additional Resources

- *Home, Together*
- Homelessness in America series
- Preventing and Ending Youth Homelessness: A Coordinated Community Response
- Criteria and Benchmarks for Achieving the Goal of Ending Youth Homelessness
- Criteria and Benchmarks for Achieving the Goal of Ending Family Homelessness
- Early Care and Education (series)
- Case Studies: Building School/Housing Partnerships
- Case Studies: Higher Ed Partnerships
- Findings and Implications from Recent Reports and Data

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