



November 2024 Newsletter

Explore new training and resources from HHRC and our partners!

New Release!

Guide to Resource Mapping and Assessing Community Needs

Resource mapping and assessing community needs are essential for organizations striving to build a comprehensive system of care for people experiencing homelessness.

Topics covered include:

- Using Data to Understand the Needs of the Population You Serve
- Building Collaborative Partnerships for Resource Mapping and Systems Alignment
- How to Map Resources



Guide to Resource Mapping and Assessing Community Needs

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INTRODUCTION: Resource mapping and assessing community needs are essential for organizations striving to build a comprehensive system of care for people experiencing homelessness. Analysis of both quantitative and qualitative data enables these organizations to better understand the community's needs and identify service gaps. By leveraging data sources and engaging in strategic partnerships, organizations can work toward building a more resilient and supportive system of care.

What Is Resource Mapping?

Resource mapping is an activity your organization and partners can engage in to identify existing resources and funding streams and to map out what additional support is needed to build a whole-person system of care. The necessary collaborative partners will vary and may change over time based on the goals and the focus population(s) you intend to serve. Collaboration is vital because it is unlikely that a single organization will offer every service that people experiencing homelessness need.

Using Data to Understand the Needs of the Population You Serve

To begin this process, you will need to understand and access available data sources to identify unmet needs. Quantitative and qualitative data are invaluable in summarizing and addressing existing gaps. Quantitative data can point us to trends in current systems, but it is important to remember that it does not always tell the whole story. This is where qualitative data comes in—these data help us tell the story behind the numbers and give statistics deeper meaning by asking people about their needs. Included below



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Upcoming Webinar



REGISTER TODAY:

Loneliness Among Homeless and Formerly Homeless Individuals

DECEMBER 3, 3:00PM-4:30PM ET

Loneliness Among Homeless and Formerly Homeless Individuals

December 3, 3:00-4:30pm Eastern Time (12:00pm-1:30pm PT)

Individuals experiencing homelessness may be particularly susceptible to social isolation given their circumstances, and this can persist after obtaining housing. This webinar will feature experts on the topic of loneliness and provide insight into its intersection with the experience of homelessness. Participants will be able to ask questions during registration and during the session.

This webinar will be recorded, and live Spanish, ASL, and captioning interpretation will be provided. Certificates of participation will be provided to those who complete a post-event evaluation, but no CEUs are included in this event.

[Register for the Webinar](#)

Reminder: HHRC Launched a Job Board!

Is your agency currently hiring for a position serving people experiencing or at risk of homelessness? Are you looking for your next role? We invite agencies to submit open job listings to be advertised on the HHRC website!

Positions **must relate** to supporting people experiencing or at risk of homelessness who have SMI, SUD, or COD. HHRC staff will review incoming listings for appropriateness and contact agencies with any questions.

HHRC does not charge fees to advertise or view job listings.

[View and Submit Open Roles](#)

Partner Resources

SAMHSA: Practical Guide on Expanding the Community-Based Behavioral Health Workforce

The nation is grappling with a serious and growing behavioral health workforce shortage. This [Guide](#) presents strategies and best practices for expanding the community-based behavioral health workforce through increased use of community-initiated care (CIC) and behavioral health support specialists (BHSS).

SAMHSA: Behavioral Health Workforce Career Navigator

There are many options to start a behavioral health career, all with varying requirements for entry and maintenance, which often vary by state. This [guide](#) can help you understand the basic requirements to enter the field in each state.

SAMHSA: Dawn Network Watch

Understanding drug slang improves communication, helps identify substance use, and can avoid misunderstandings. SAMHSA's Drug Abuse Warning Network has released the [DAWN Network Watch](#), which compiles drug names as they are identified in emergency department data.

Partner Webinars

- [Webinar](#): Partnerships to Expand Accessible Housing Options with Assistive Technology
November 21, 3:00pm ET. ACL Housing and Services Resource Center
- [Webinar](#): SSP Supply Sourcing Considerations and Best Practices
November 26, 3:00pm ET. NASTAD
- [Webinar](#): Improving Behavioral Health Care for Older Adults in the Criminal Justice System
December 4, 1:30pm ET. SAMHSA GAINS Center
- [Webinar](#): How Health Systems and Hospitals Can Help Solve Homelessness
December 12, 12:30am ET. USICH and Kaiser Permanente

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