

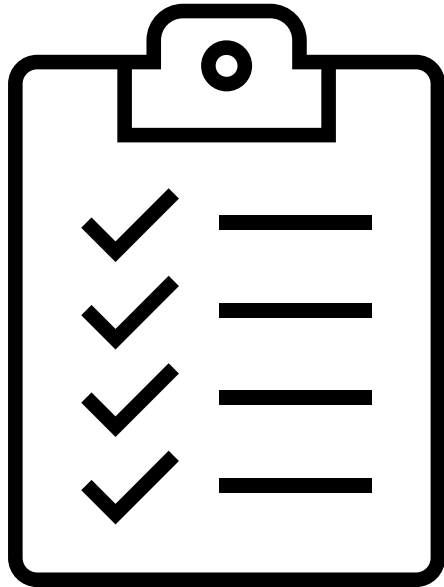
# Best Practices in Homeless Services

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# Objectives:

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- Relvance of Mental Health in Homelessness
- Principles in Homeless Services
- Best Practices
- Programs provided MHA



- In 2024, 771,480 people were homeless in the US – 18% increase
- Services in need - 12% higher
- Biological Males Experience Mental Health longer than Females

Prevalence

# Principles



**Person-centered**



**Recovery Oriented**



**Trauma Informed**

# Best Practices

- Continuum of Care – homeless management systems
- Building Homeless service network
- Providing education and resources
- Peer-support services
- Prevention and Harm Reduction



# Homeless Services @ MHA

**Second Light Services (Multi-agency center)**

**SOAR (SSI/SSDI, Outreach, Access, Recovery)**

**Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)**

**Operational Community Integration**

- Residential and Community settings

**Veteran Homeless Services**

- Homeless Shelter
- GPD/GPD Tip Programs

# Resources -

- <https://endhomelessness.org/state-of-homelessness/>
- Barry R, Anderson J, Tran L, et al. Prevalence of Mental Health Disorders Among Individuals Experiencing Homelessness: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis. *JAMA Psychiatry*. 2024;81(7):691–699. doi:10.1001/jamapsychiatry.2024.0426
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