



## Rethinking Homelessness in Florida

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# Homelessness: An issue at a crossroads

***Although many cities have seen incremental progress, many communities in Florida are struggling to find catalytic solutions for this persistent human crisis.***



# 5 MISCONCEPTIONS CITIES MUST “RETHINK” IN ORDER TO SOLVE HOMELESSNESS

**Misconception #1:** All people are homeless for the same reason and require the same solution.



# What are the types of homelessness?



Veterans Homelessness



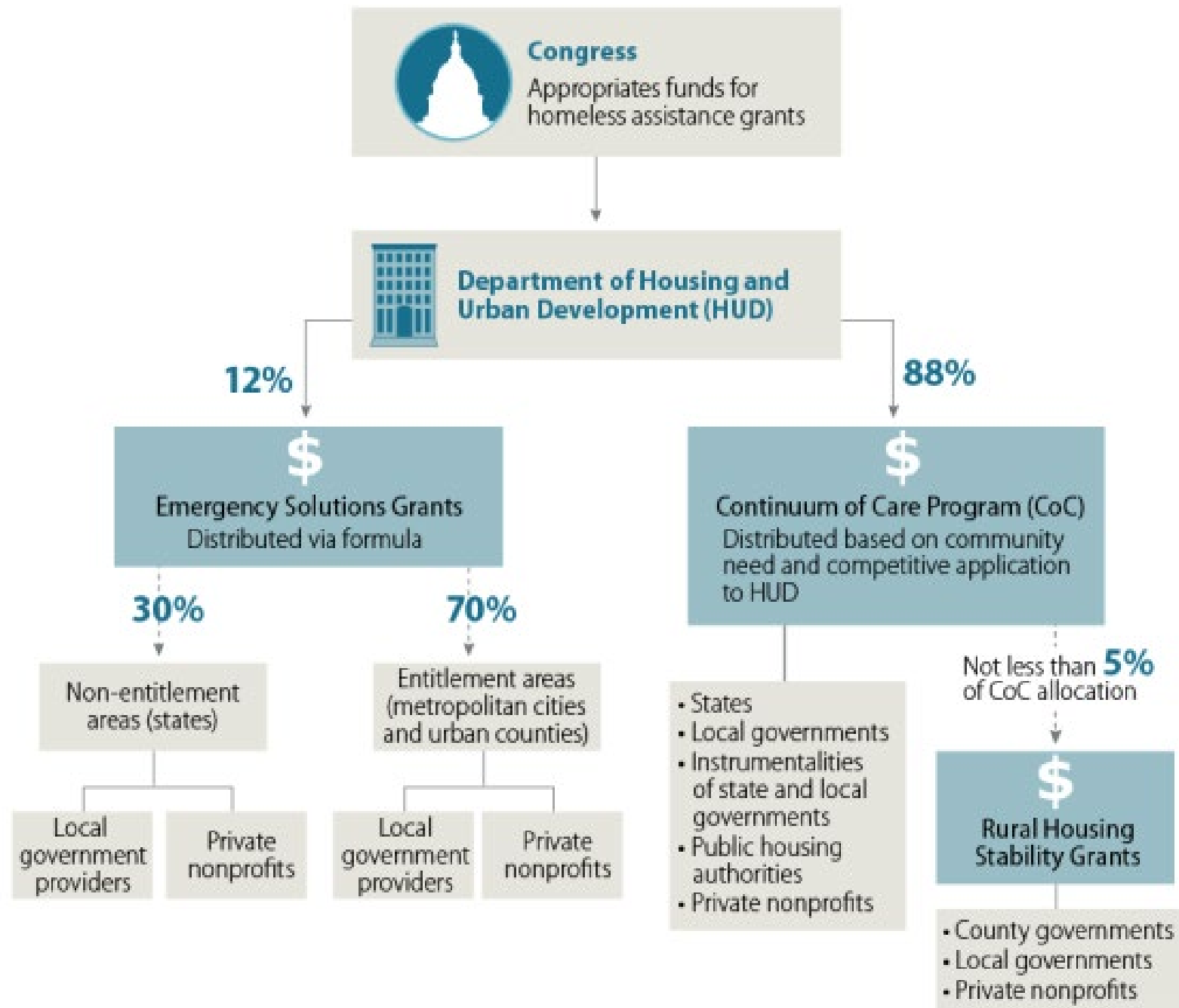
Family Homelessness



Chronic Homelessness



Youth Homelessness



Person or Family  
Seeking Help



Encampments



Outreach



Mainstream Systems



# COORDINATED ENTRY

RESOURCE CENTERS AND ACCESS POINTS

Assess + Problem Solving + Prioritize + Refer



## Housing



Rapid rehousing  
and rental subsidies



Permanent Supportive  
Housing

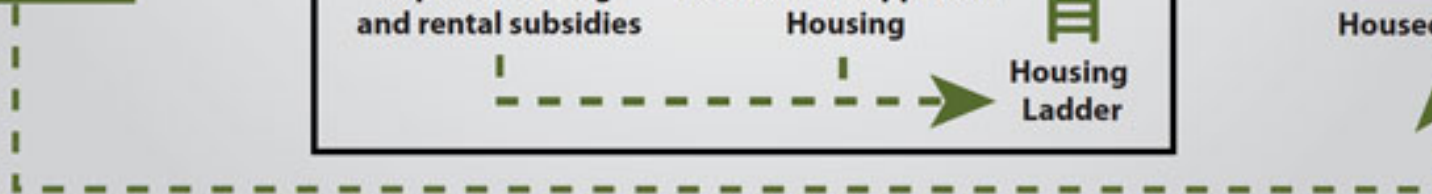


Housing  
Ladder



Housed on own

Temporary  
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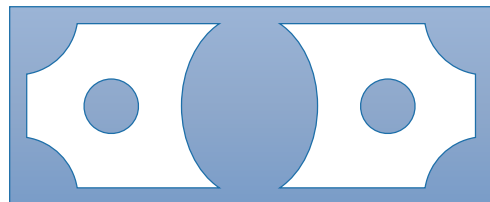
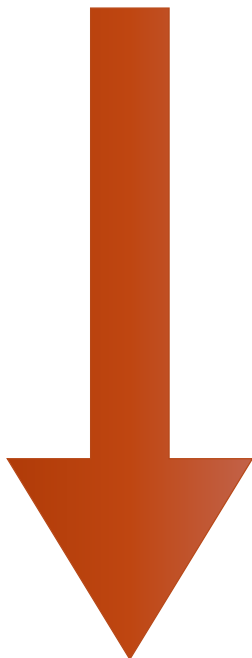
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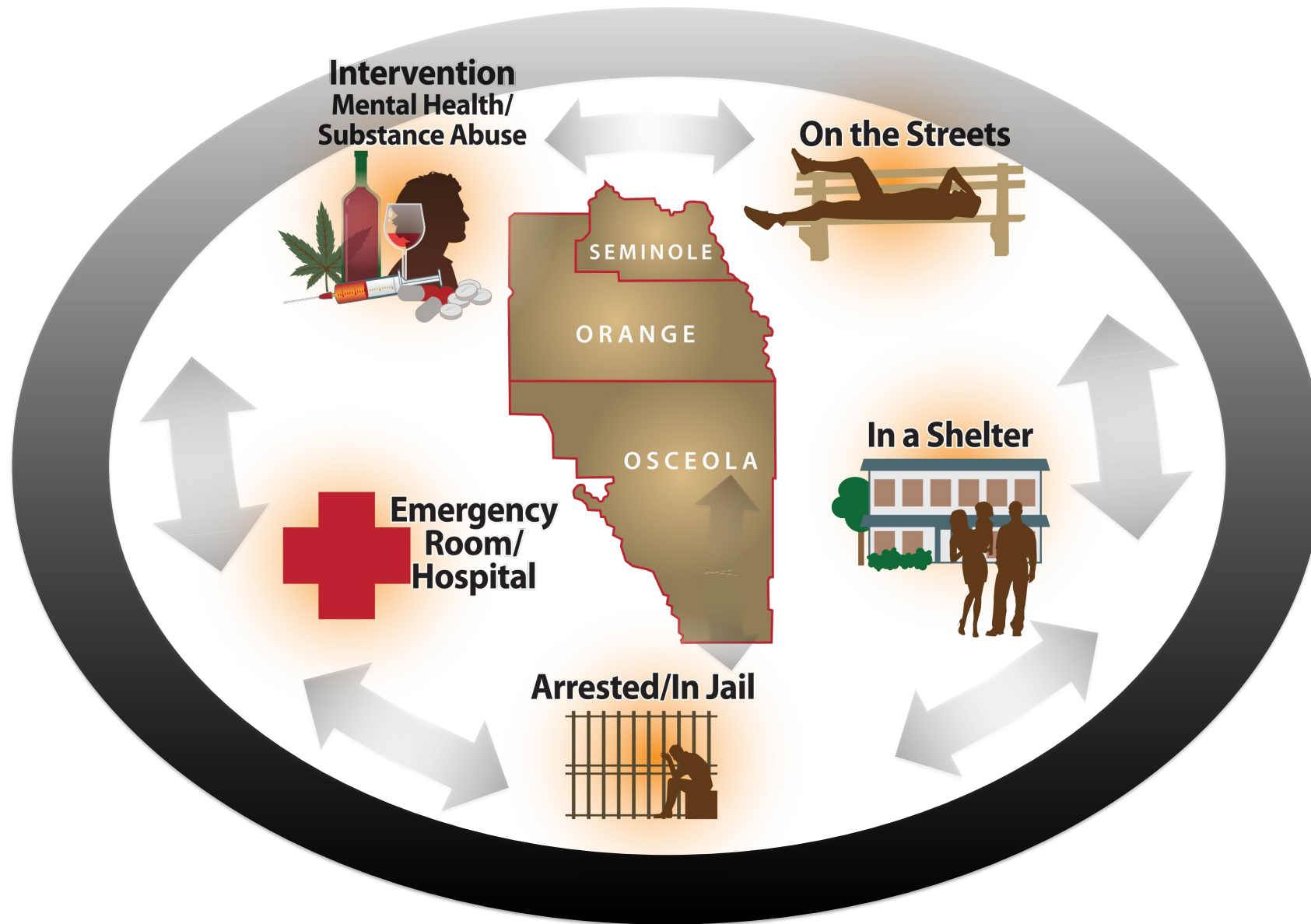


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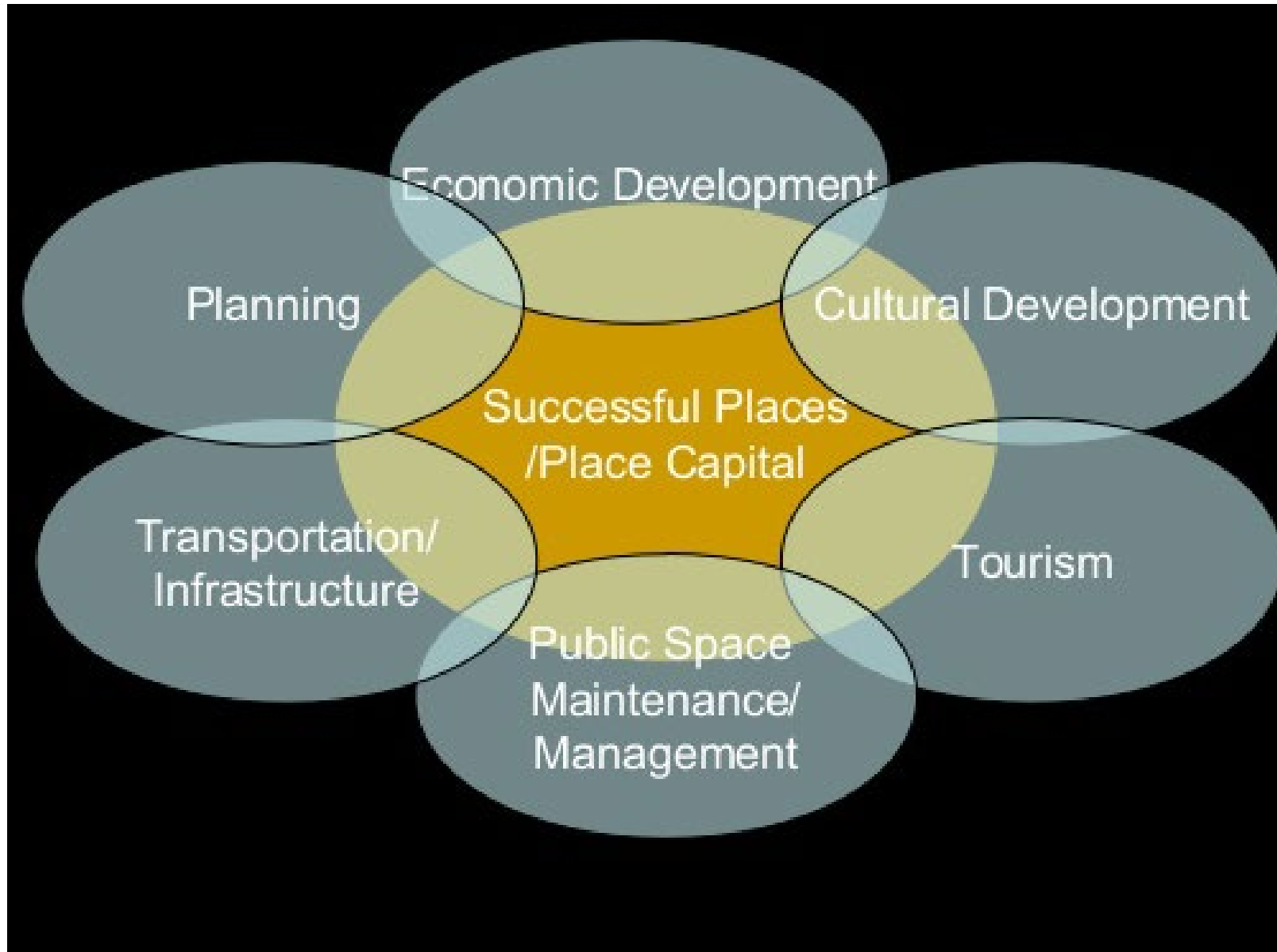
Misconception #2: *Arresting and criminalizing the homeless will help solve the problem*

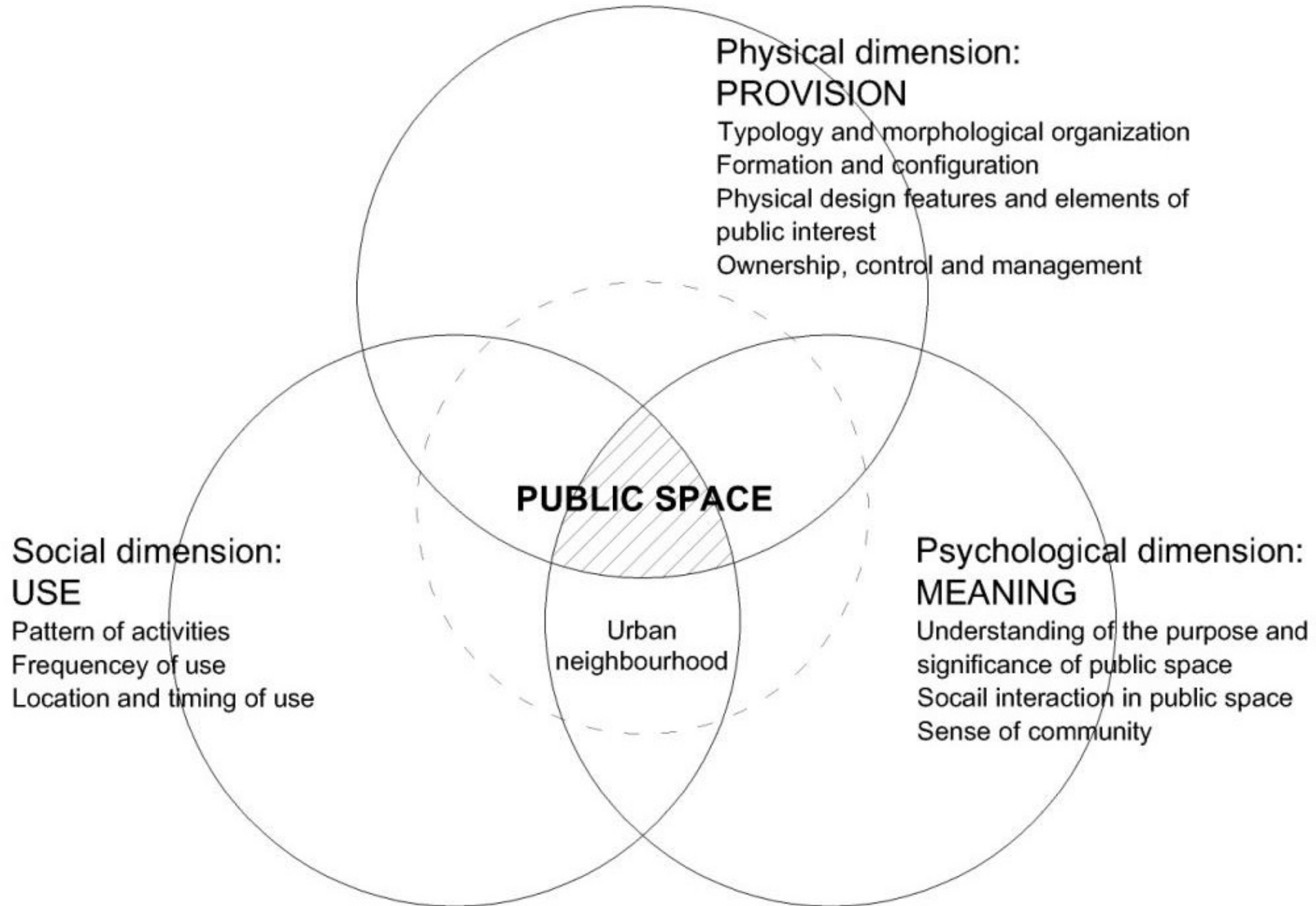






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Misconception #3: *Government alone can solve homelessness.*



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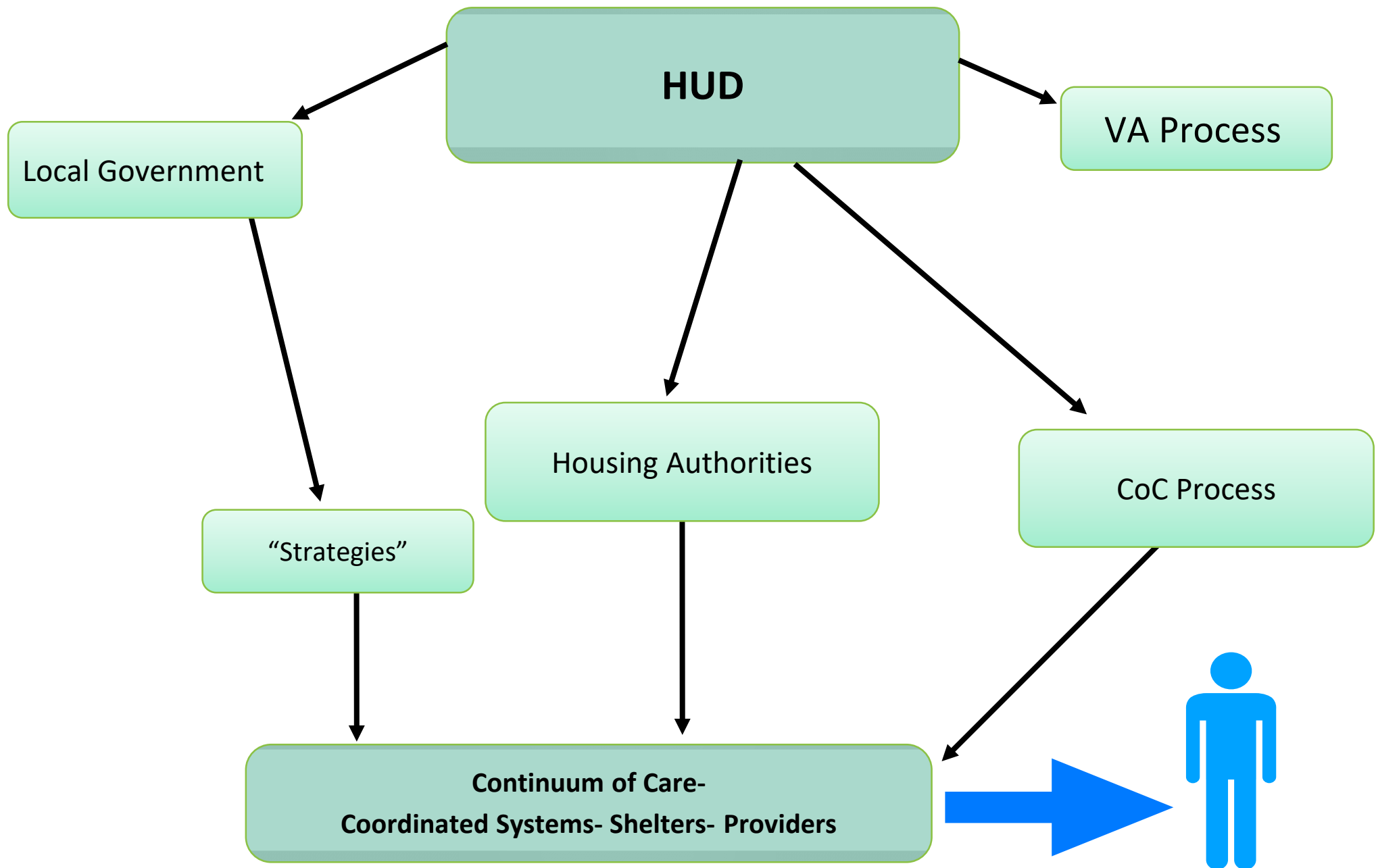
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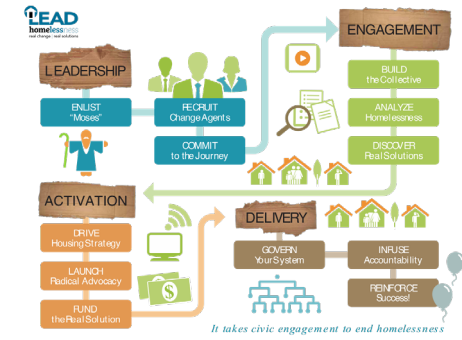
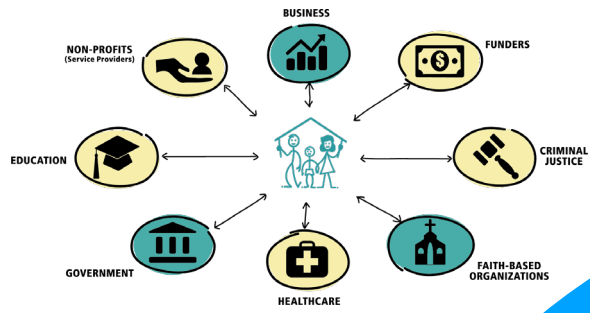
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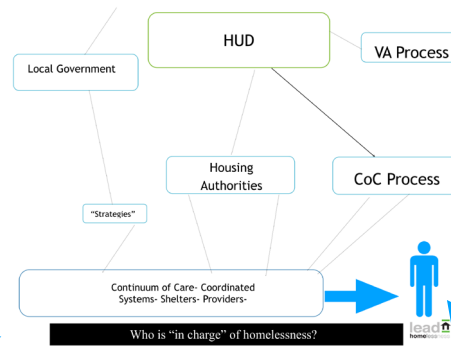


**Who is “in charge” of homelessness?**





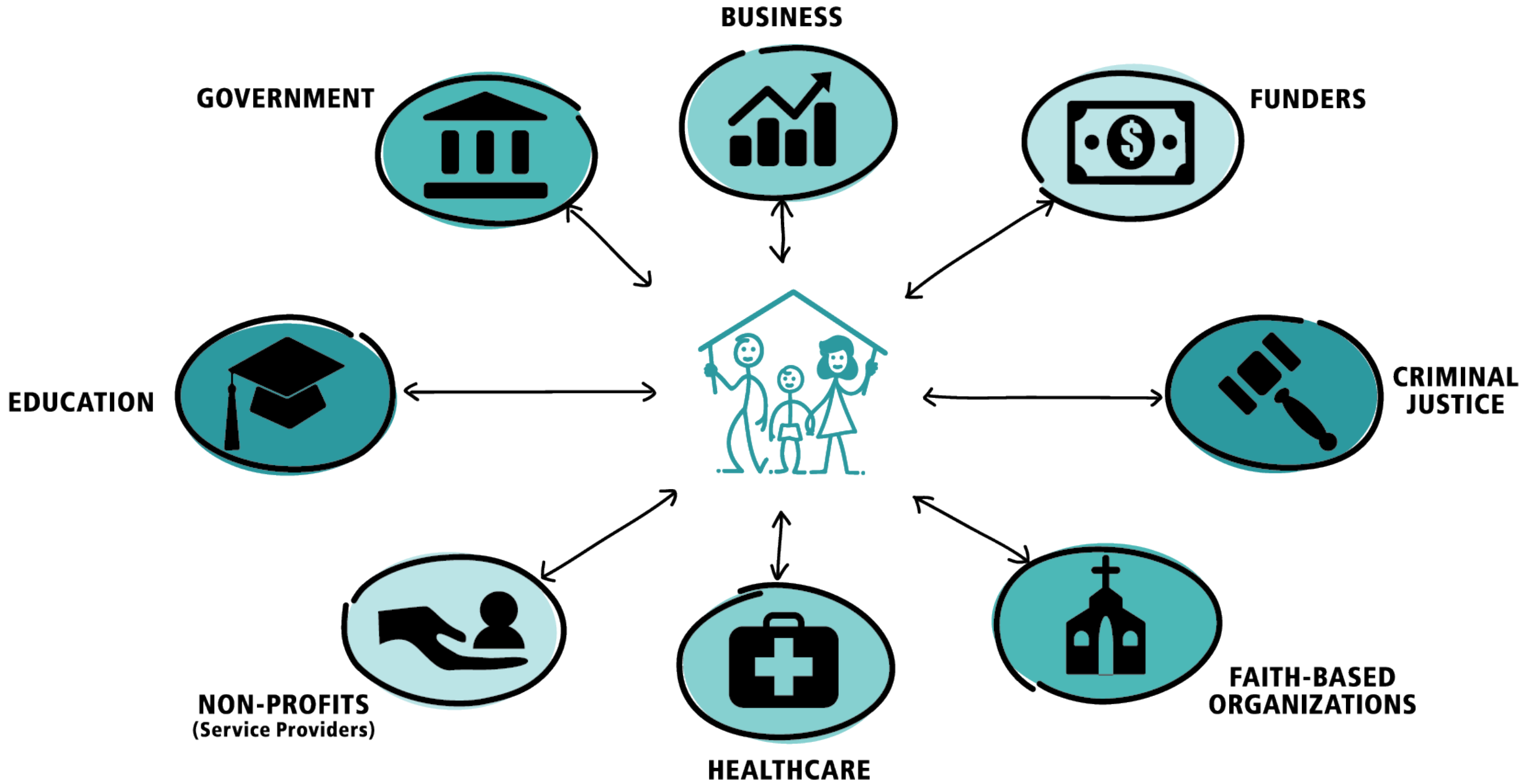
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**Funding**







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LEADERS



Create RESOURCES



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Drive new  
STRATEGIES



FIND SOLUTIONS & End  
Homelessness



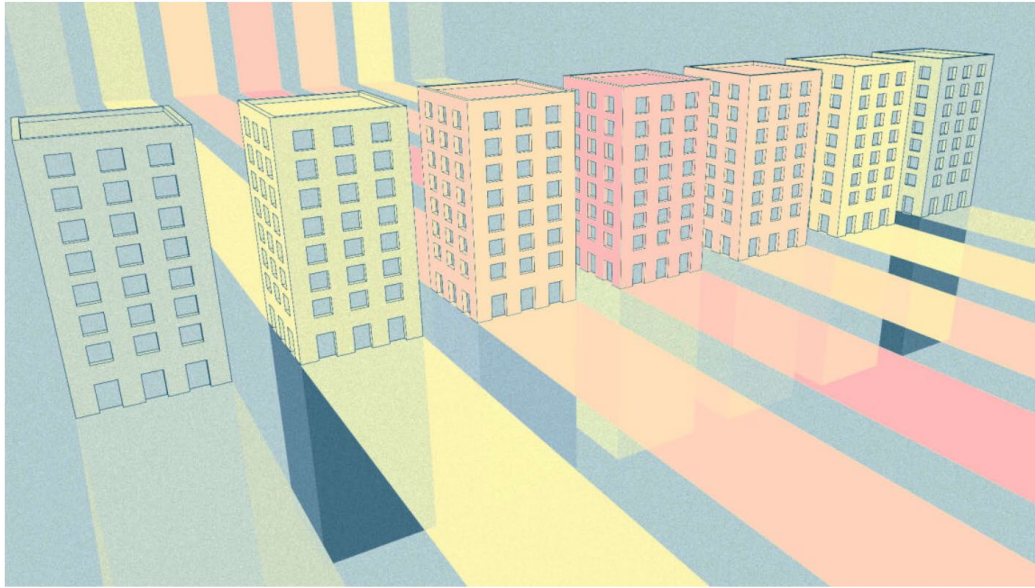
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Misconception #4: *Your city has a unique homeless problem, so any solution to our problem will have to be distinctive.*



# 3 cities in the U.S. have ended chronic homelessness: Here's how they did it

Nine more have ended veteran homelessness. It's part of a national program called Built for Zero that uses a data-based approach to help officials figure out exactly who needs what services. Now it's accelerating its work in 50 more cities.



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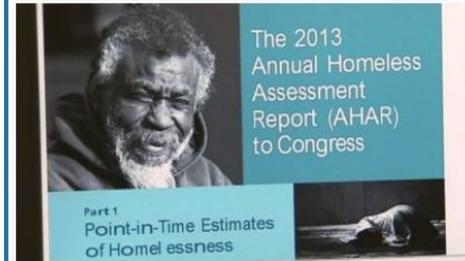
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In late February, the city of Abilene, Texas, made an announcement: It had ended local veteran homelessness. It was the first community in the state and the ninth in the country to reach that goal, as part of a national program called Built for Zero. Now, through the same program, Abilene is working to end chronic homelessness. While homelessness might often be seen as an intractable problem because of its complexity—or one that costs more to solve than communities can afford—the program is proving that is not the case.

## Orlando metro area ranks no. 1 in chronic homelessness

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Homelessness report

ORLANDO, Fla. — Startling new numbers show the Orlando metro area ranks first in the nation for the number of people considered chronically homeless.

Chronically homeless is defined as anyone who has been homeless for a year or more. In the state of Florida more than 9,600 people are homeless and more than 1,500 of them can be found

Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties, according to a report

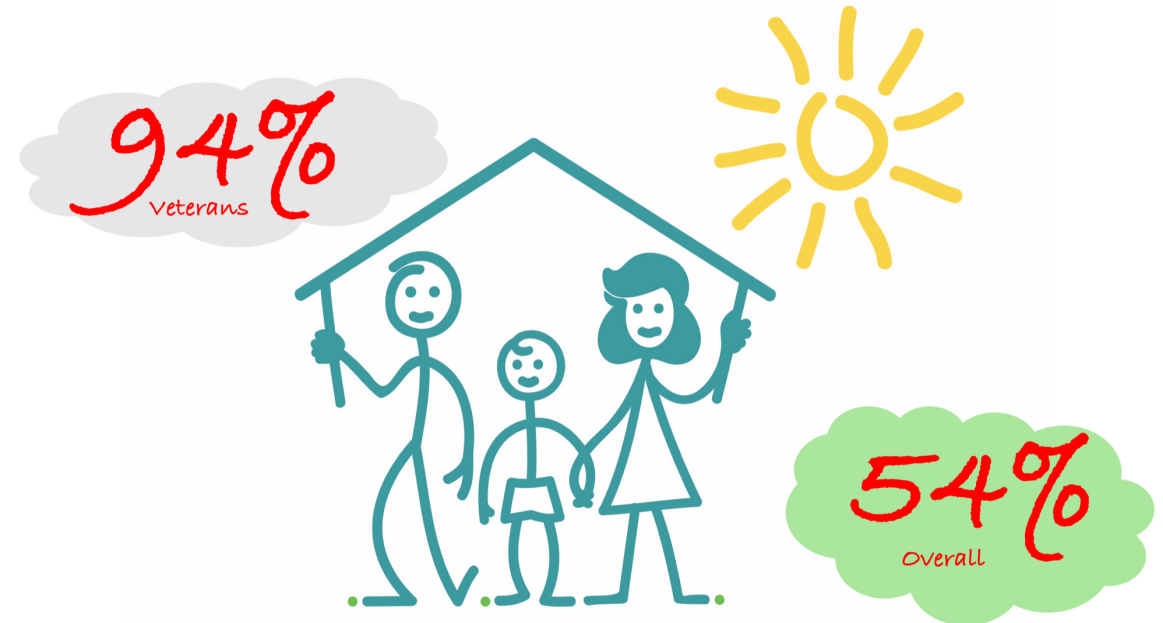
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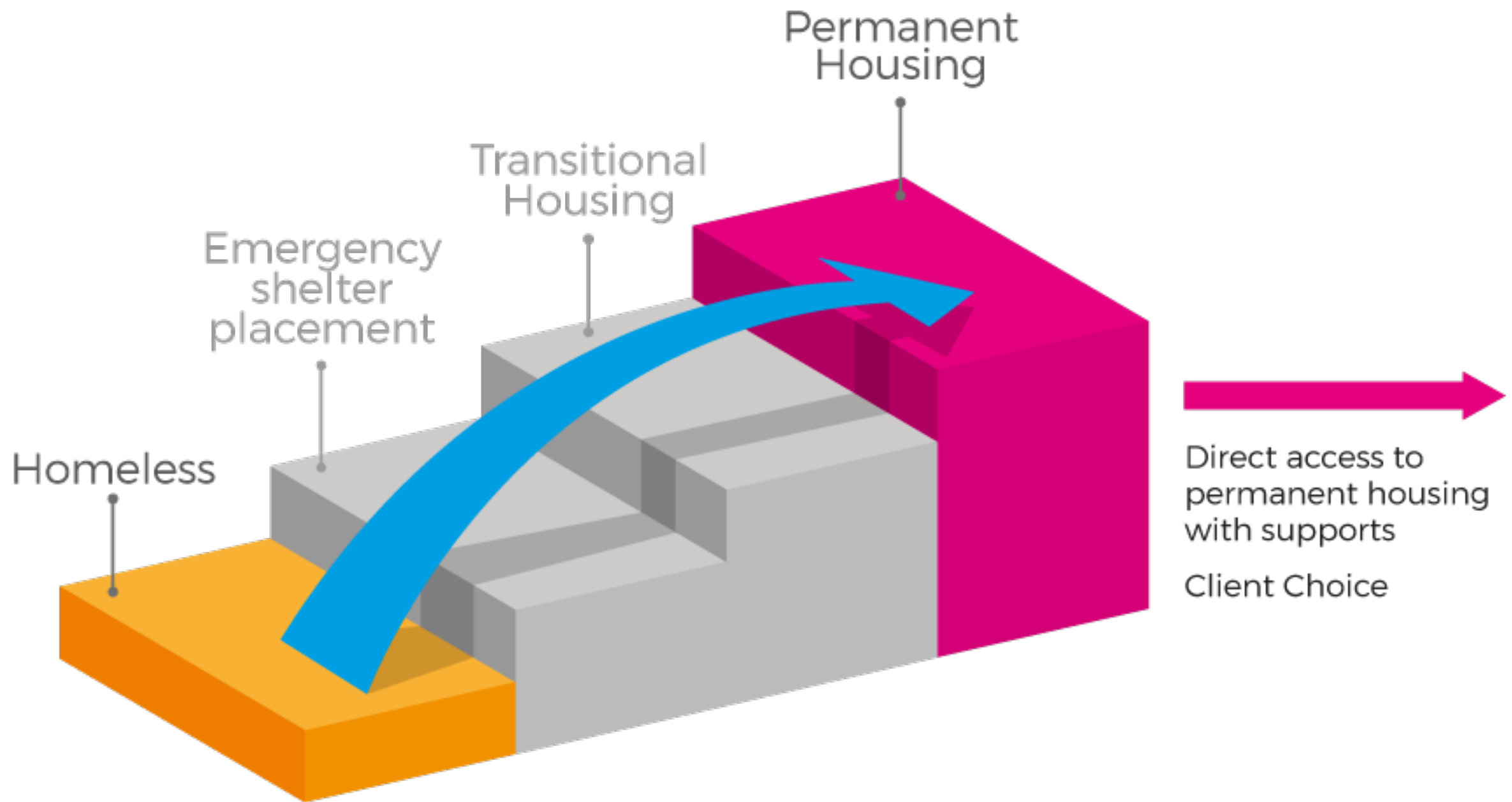
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WFTV's Berndt Petersen talked to a local homeless group that said it all comes down to housing.

"They have some disability, whether it be mental or physical or emotional, that leaves them homeless for years on end," Andre Bailey with the Central Florida Commission on Homelessness





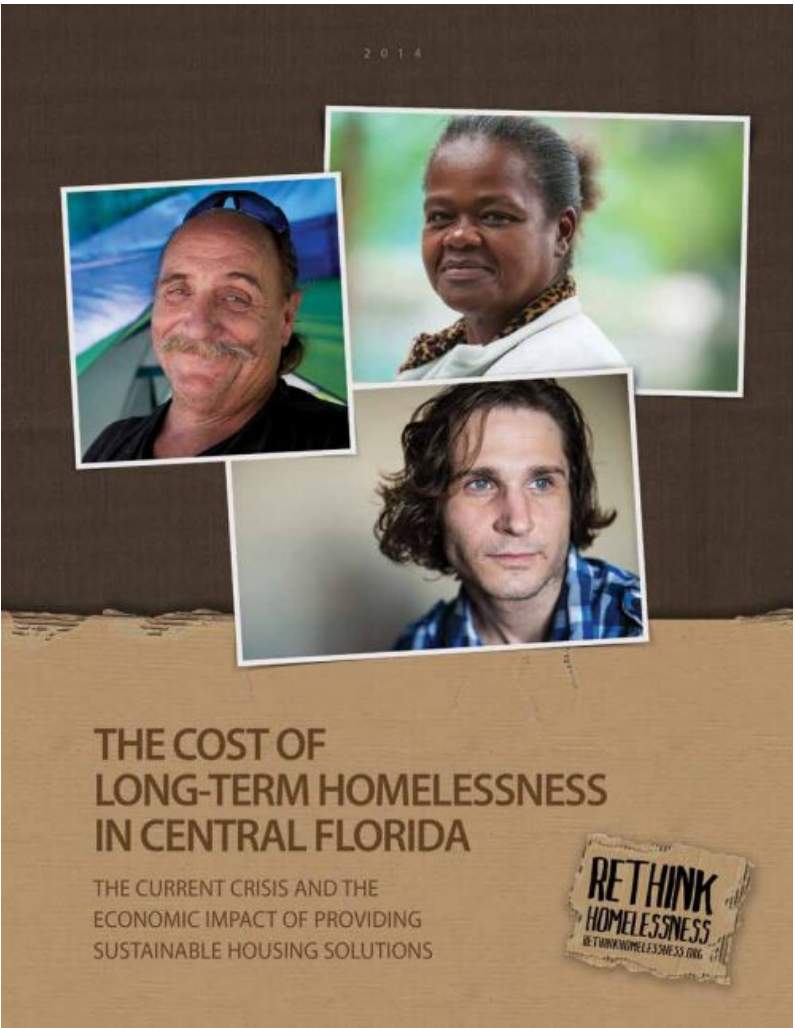


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**Misconception #5:** *Misconception #5: It is wasteful and irresponsible to spend our limited resources on a homeless problem that cannot be solved*



# The Cost Study (2014)



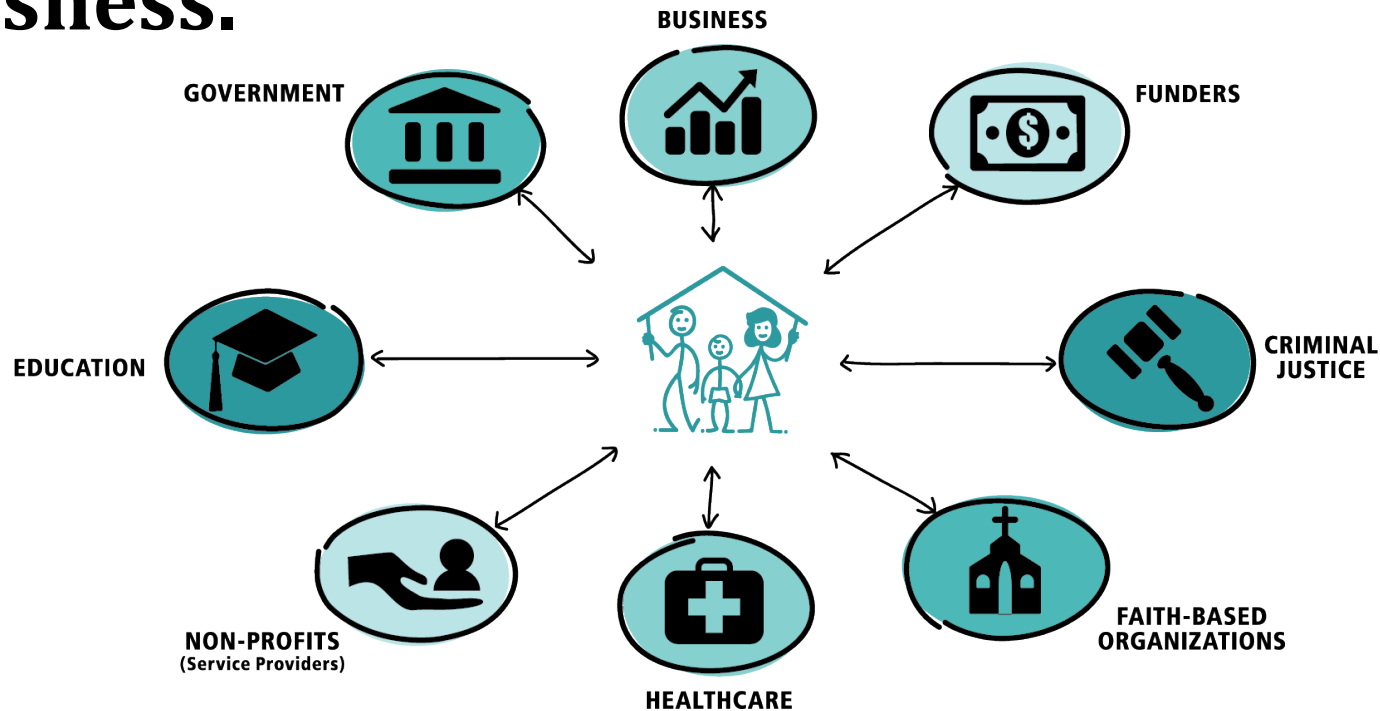
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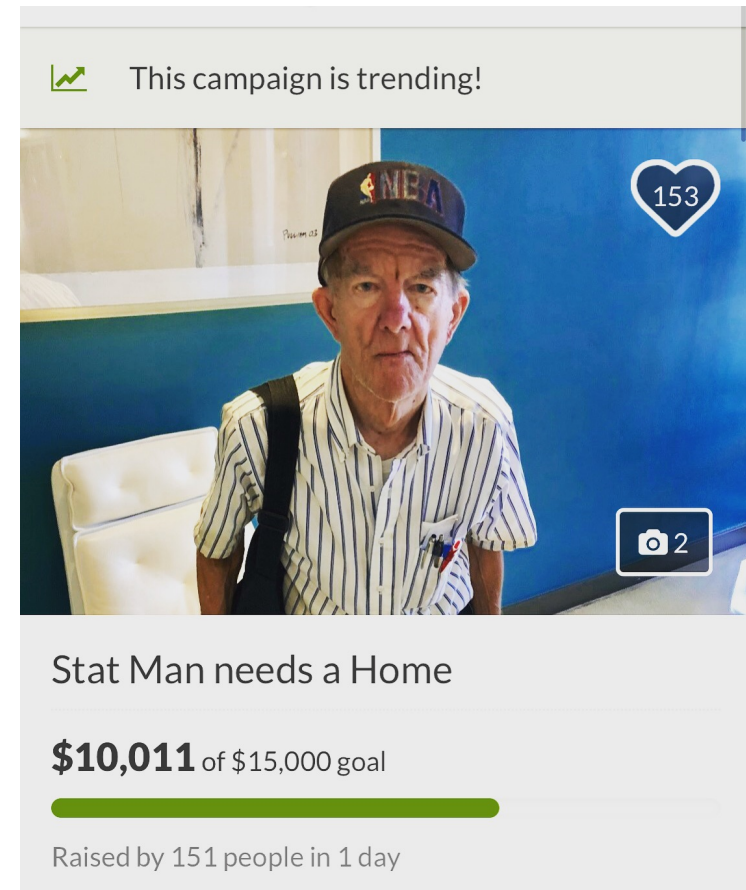
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**Action Step #2: Know EXACTLY who lives on your streets.**





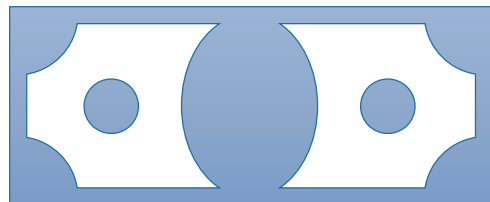
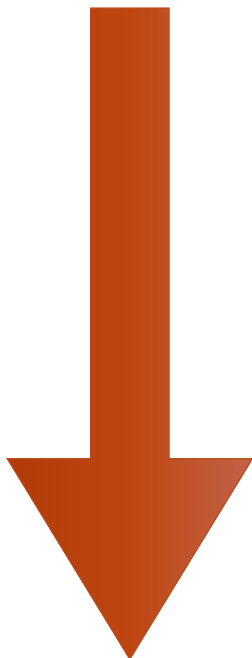
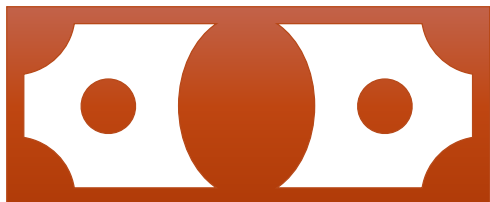
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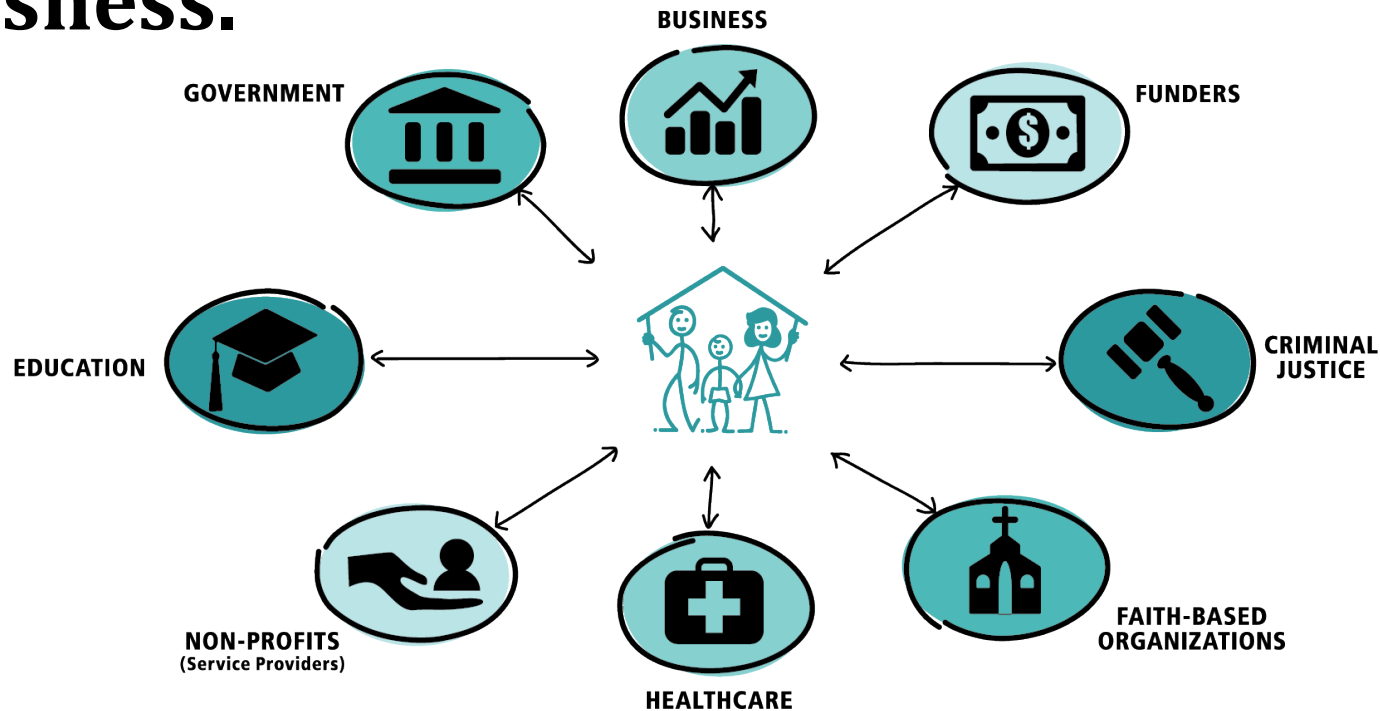
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**Action Step #3**: Create a strategy based on national best practices.



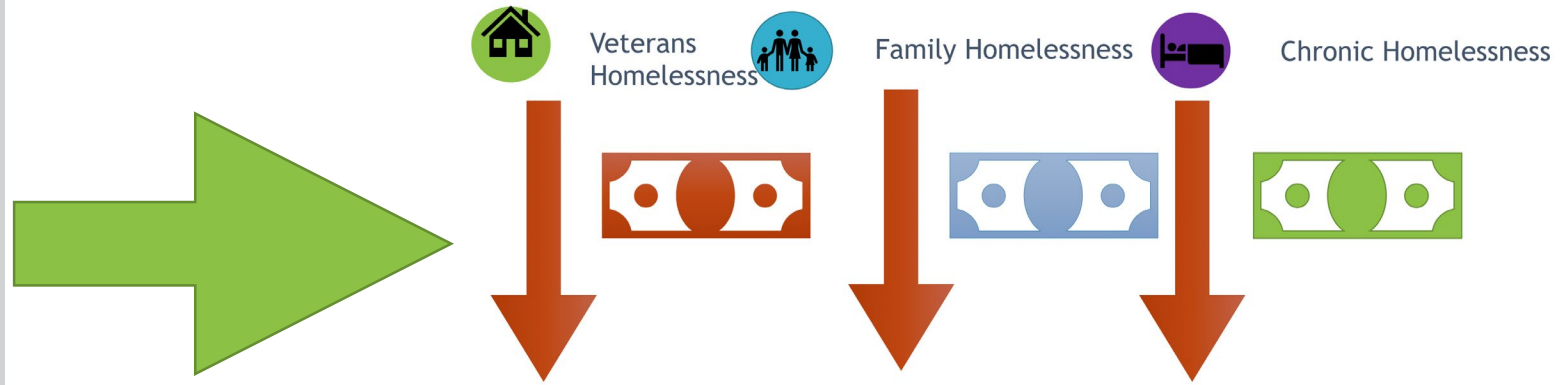
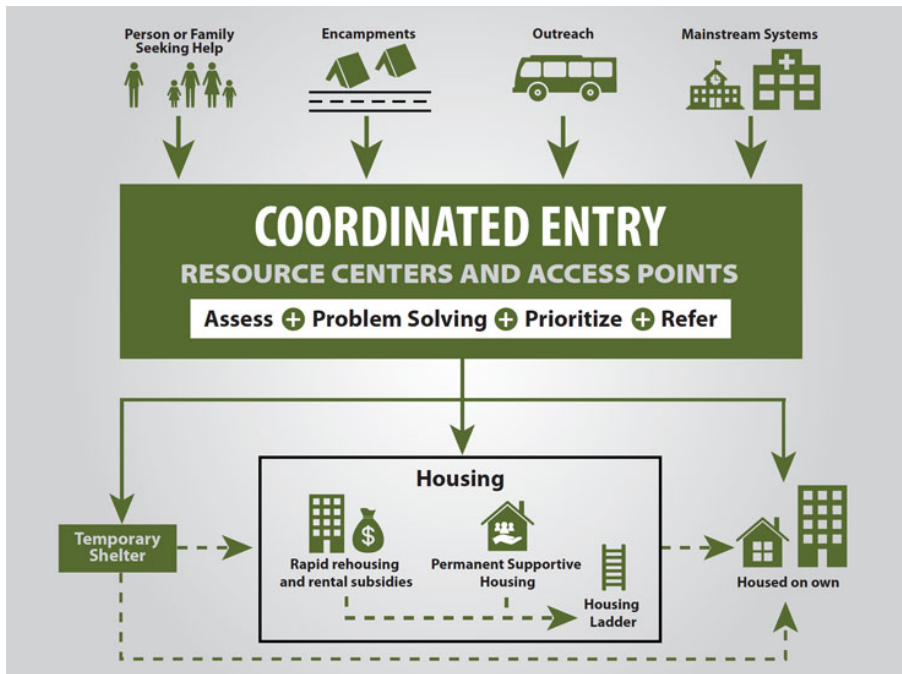
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**Action Step #4**: Create a resource blueprint that is based on the needs of those who are on your streets.





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**Action Step #5:** Humanize those who are struggling in your city.





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