Homelessness & Housing First

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Just over 552,000 homeless people on a single night in January 2018

- Families (sheltered), 30%
- Families (unsheltered), 3%
- Individuals (sheltered), 35%
- Individuals (unsheltered), 32%

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
What is Housing First?

• Basic characteristics
  • No preconditions to entry
  • No service participation requirements to retain housing

• Typically used in certain program types
  • Permanent supportive housing
  • Rapid re-housing
Added 282,000 permanent supportive housing & rapid rehousing beds since 2007

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The evidence on Housing First

• Saves money?

• Improves outcomes?

• Reduces homelessness?