

TRI-CITIES HOMELESSNESS PLAN OF ACTION 2025-2026

Tri-Cities Homelessness Policy Committee
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BACKGROUND

In 2021, The cities jointly developed and adopted the Tri-Cities Homelessness Plan of Action which ran through the end of 2024.

The Tri-Cities partnered with Arapahoe County, Metro Denver Homeless Initiative, and many nonprofit service providers to achieve success in many components of the plan, including empowering a Tri-Cities Homelessness Coordinator, who oversaw the management and implementation of the plan.

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"Being homeless has changed my life. I saw a whole different side of the world. I knew people were homeless, but I didn't see the population. I had a false image of homelessness until I was homeless."

TRI-CITIES EFFORTS

Goals:

- Understand the homeless situation in the Tri-Cities
- Work to proactively ensure legislation is supportive and consistent in each of the Tri-Cities
- Collaboratively work across jurisdictions to create a coordinated approach with all stakeholders and implement promising strategies
- Support community education initiatives that provide two-way communication and learning

Successes:

- During 2023-24, 57 individuals were housed representing 34% exit from homelessness, well above the 22% state percentage.
- Initiated Tri-Cities Homelessness Navigation Center and attracted Bridge House Ready to Work program
- Implemented Co-responder program

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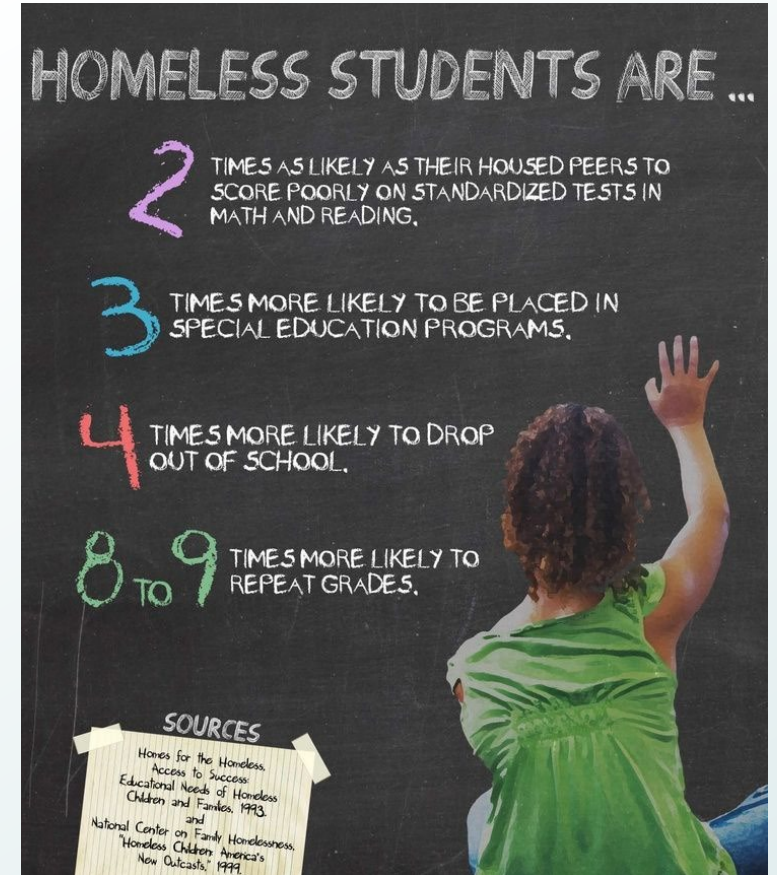
The homeless do not represent a narrow demographic.

Homelessness is associated with every region, racial group, and family status in the U.S. population.

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FOCUS MOVING FORWARD

- Develop long-term Tri-Cities governance model with financial sustainability
- Expand housing opportunities for single adults (i.e. Permanent Supportive Housing, Shared Housing, Landlord outreach)
- Streamline services for families experiencing homelessness
(Includes preventing families from becoming homeless, partnering with service providers and school districts, and expanding housing vouchers)
- Sharing performance metrics
 - Action items completed
 - Numbers of people receiving services
 - Safe Parking Pilot participation
 - Navigation Center use
 - Ready to Work participation and graduation rates



PRIOR ACTIONS & DISCUSSION

July 6, 2021 - Study session on the draft Tri-Cities Homelessness Plan of Action

September 21, 2021 - Adoption of Tri-Cities Homelessness Plan of Action

March 1, 2022 - Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement for Provision of Tri-Cities Homelessness Coordinator Services

March 7, 2023 - Approval of amended Intergovernmental Agreement for Tri-Cities Homelessness Plan of Action

November 21, 2024 - Study session on the draft 2025-2026 Tri-Cities Homelessness Plan of Action

December 17, 2024 - Approval of an amended Tri-Cities Homelessness Intergovernmental Agreement between the Cities of Englewood, Littleton, Sheridan, and Arapahoe County

January 21, 2025 – Consideration of Adoption of 2025-2026 Tri-Cities Homelessness Plan of Action

