

Discussion on Homelessness:

Additional Information Via Web-based Sources

1. Coordinated Entry – System Overview

Overview of the State's Coordinated Entry System (CES) intended "to provide the quickest access to the most appropriate housing ... through a standardized assessment and referral process"

<http://www.commerce.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/hau-wa-ce-guidelines-1-2018.pdf>

2. Core Principles of Housing First and Rapid Re-housing

This link provides information on why "Housing First" and "Rapid Re-housing" are considered best practices for most homeless populations:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/trainings/courses/hud-and-usich-core-principles-of-housing-first-and-rapid-re-housing-webinar/>

3. Harm Reduction

The Canadian-based Homeless Hub explains why "Harm Reduction", a best practice in the field of drug and alcohol treatment is also useful in developing homeless network service models:

<http://homelesshub.ca/about-homelessness/substance-use-addiction/harm-reduction>

4. Homeless System Performance Measurement – State Commerce Point in Time (PIT) Homeless Census Overview:

Provides information about the annual "Point in Time Count of Homeless Count", including guidelines and Statewide PIT results by County (including Thurston) since 2006:

<http://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/homelessness/annual-point-time-count/>

5. Housing First in Permanent Support Housing

Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Provides this overview of the principles and core components of the "Housing First" model as a best practice:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/3892/housing-first-in-permanent-supportive-housing-brief/>

6. Public School Data on Homeless Students

The Office of Public Instruction (OSPI) provides Statewide reports by district, including Thurston County's eight School Districts on homeless students enrolled in public schools, Pre-Kindergarten – 12th grade since 2006:

<http://www.k12.wa.us/HomelessEd/Data.aspx>