



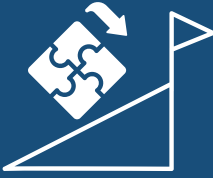




Brokering a Counter-Narrative on Homelessness

<h1>9</h1> <h2>OPPORTUNITIES TO CHANGE THE WAY COMMUNITIES RESPOND TO HOMELESSNESS</h2>		1. BREAK THE NARRATIVE on myths about homelessness	
		2. RESPOND to encampments through a human rights lens	
	3. CREATE an awareness campaign around the causes and conditions of homelessness		4. BUILD AND SUPPORT spaces for people who are homeless, housing insecure, and/or living in poverty to create community and offer access to resources
	5. ENHANCE City-wide competency around Housing First		6. DEVELOP a system of inter-agency collaboration across all orders of government as well as surrounding municipalities
	7. DEVELOP a continuum of care to provide appropriate health, mental health, and substance use services to reach people where they are at, including harm reduction services		8. CONDUCT a systems mapping exercise of mental health and substance use services, leveraging existing services and identifying gaps for new services along the continuum of care
	9. DEVELOP and implement a street outreach program that connects street-involved or otherwise under-served people with community supports.		