



Housing Security: Identified Root Causes

1. Belief that homelessness is an individual problem rather than a systemic problem.
2. The system is based on scarcity, not prevention. Resource constraints lead to crisis mode/triage system management.
3. The model and process are not customer centric.
4. The system lacks a cohesive housing strategy across the spectrum.
5. The system lacks a common goal, philosophy, narrative, language, and alignment among providers.
6. Racist policies and practices combined with cultural racism lead to inequities in housing and homelessness services.
7. Strategies and response to homelessness are divorced from larger economic forces.
8. Historical and systematic racism and generational poverty are root causes of the overrepresentation of people of color in crisis.
9. The system is largely disconnected from other systems such as education, foster care, health care, juvenile justice, etc...