

Community Plan **to PREVENT and END HOMELESSNESS**

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It is a cruel jest to say to a bootless man that he ought to lift himself by his own bootstraps.

There is nothing new about poverty. What is new is that we now have the techniques and the resources to get rid of poverty. The real question is whether we have the will.

The time is always right to do what is right.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

What does it mean to **end homelessness**?

Operational definition by
U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness
2015

**An end to homelessness does
NOT mean that no one will ever
experience a housing crisis again.**

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It means that every community will have a **systematic response in place** that ensures homelessness is

prevented whenever possible

or is otherwise a

rare, brief, and non-recurring experience.

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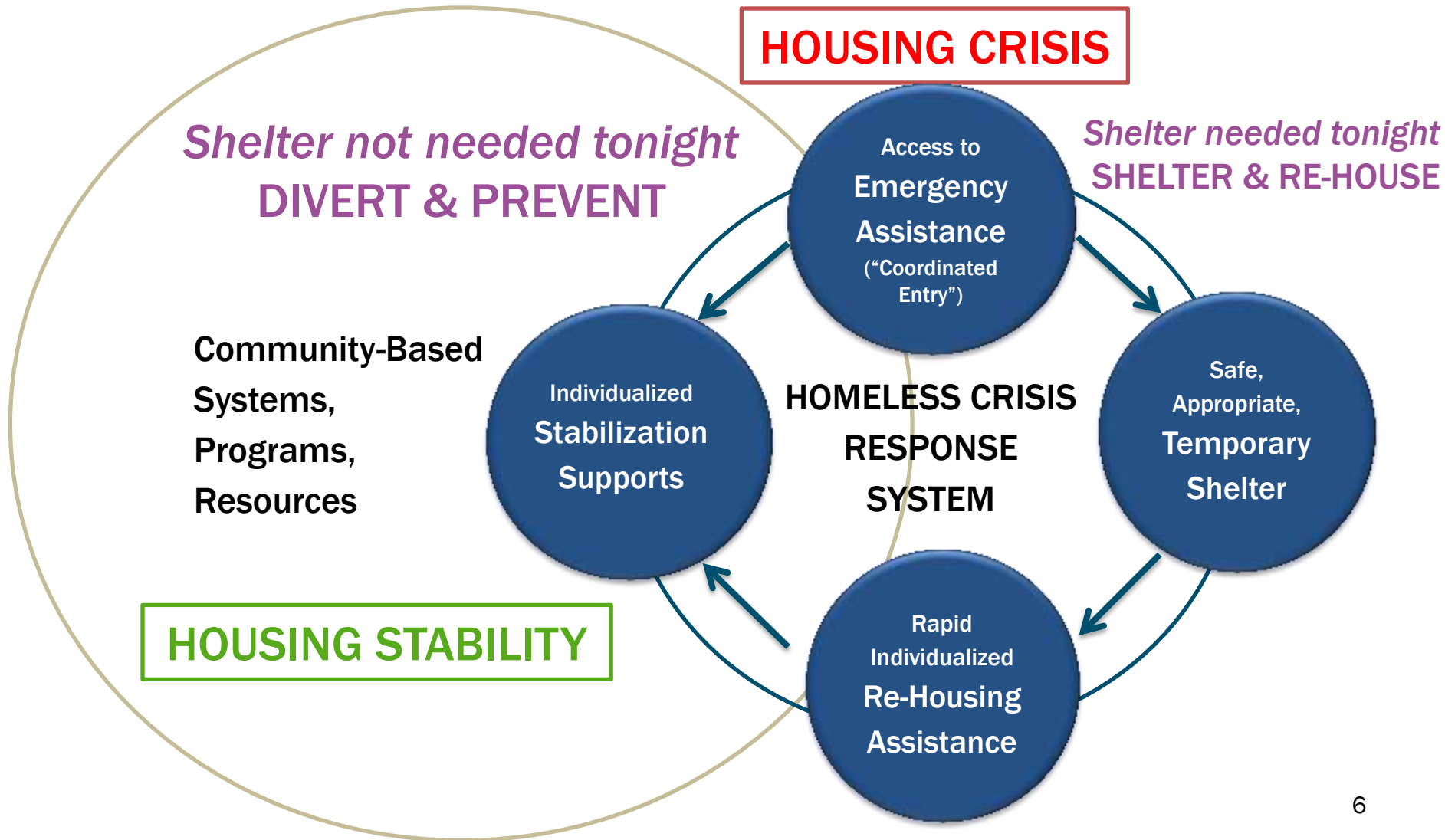
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Systematic response must have **capacity** to:

- **Quickly identify and engage** people at risk of and experiencing homelessness.
- Intervene to **prevent** people from losing their housing and **divert** people from entering the homelessness services system.
- Provide people with **immediate access to shelter and crisis services without barriers** to entry if homelessness does occur, and **quickly connect them to housing assistance and services** tailored to their unique needs and strengths to help them achieve and maintain stable housing.

CORE FUNCTIONS

Aspirational Homeless Crisis Response System



Our GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Homelessness as a crisis
2. Safe, stable housing
3. Self-determination
4. Reduce disparities, equity in outcomes
5. Individual rights
6. Community integration
7. Low barriers to shelter, services, and housing
8. Individualized assistance
9. Prioritize most vulnerable
10. Stewardship of public and private resources



DEPENDENCIES

Aspirational Homeless Crisis Response System

- ✓ Inflow/system demand
- ✓ Resources
- ✓ Fidelity
- ✓ Compliance
- ✓ Sound management



Homeless Crisis
Response System

GOALS for our Local Community Plan

5 population-specific goals

8 cross-cutting goals

POPULATION-SPECIFIC GOALS

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VETERANS

**Achieve and sustain
an effective end to
homelessness for
Veterans**





CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

**Achieve and sustain
an effective end to
homelessness among
people who are chronically
homeless**

FAMILIES & PREGNANT WOMEN

**Achieve and sustain an
effective end to homelessness
for families & pregnant
women**





YOUTH

**Achieve and sustain
an effective end to
homelessness among
youth & parenting youth**

SINGLE ADULTS

**Achieve and sustain
an effective end to
homelessness for
single adults**



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

**Assure people who are
homeless or at-risk have
access to affordable housing**





EQUITY

Assure people disproportionately represented among those who experience homelessness have access to responsive, equitable assistance to offset structural barriers and biases

EMPLOYMENT

Assure adults who are homeless or at imminent risk have coordinated access to employment opportunities and supports





BENEFITS

Assure adults who are homeless or at imminent risk have coordinated access to benefits for which they are eligible

INTEGRATED, CROSS-SYSTEM CARE

Assure families and individuals who are homeless or at imminent risk have coordinated access to integrated cross-system assistance

MENTAL, BEHAVIORAL, & PHYSICAL HEALTH CARE

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

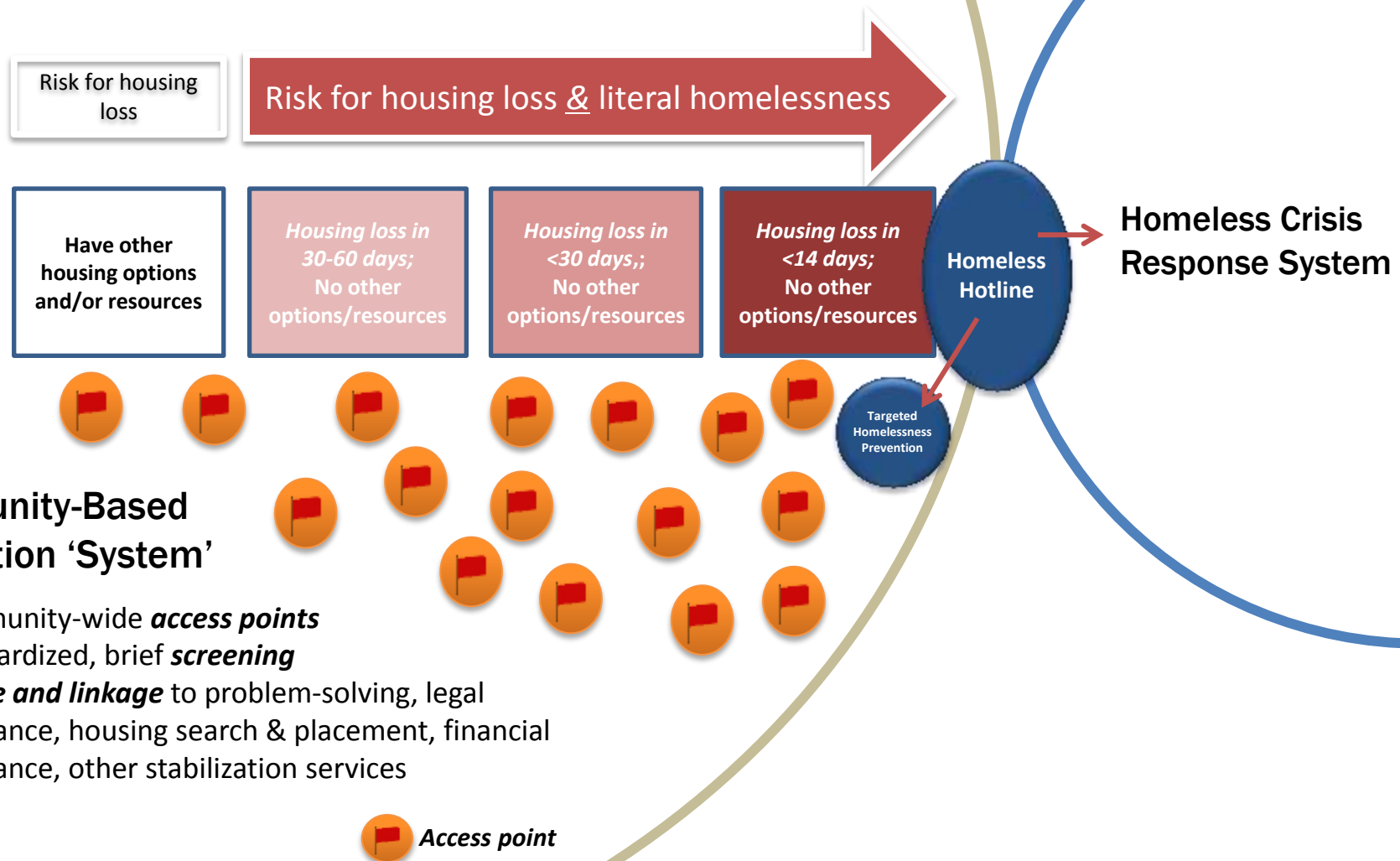
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

Assure people who are at-risk of literal homelessness have coordinated access to targeted homelessness prevention assistance



Aspirational Community-Based Prevention System



PROCESS for our Local Community Plan

Nov-Dec 2017

Plan framework adopted by CSB board & Rebuilding Lives Funder Collaborative for approval

Jan 2017

Retreat planning session

Feb-Mar 2018

Committees develop 3-year priorities & FY2019 action plans

May-June 2018

Final plan presented to CSB board & Rebuilding Lives Funder Collaborative for approval

FY2019

System analysis to determine current functioning, gaps, optimal performance, and cost estimates