



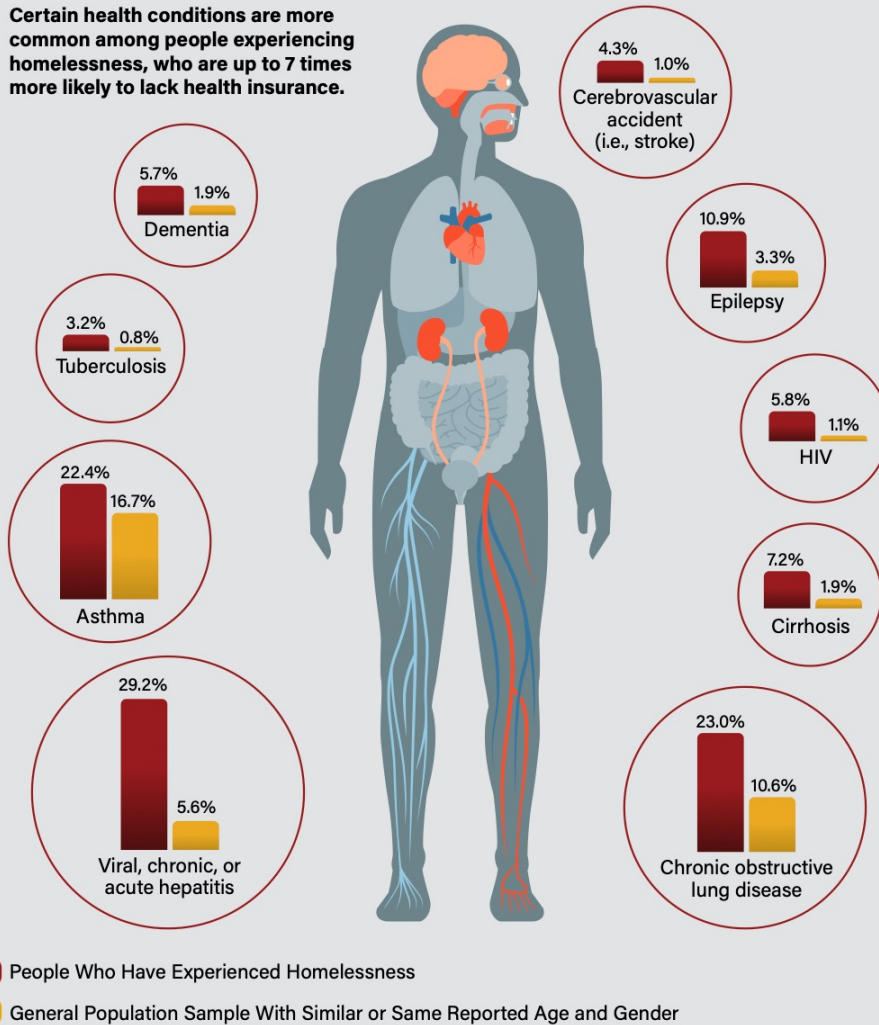
Anchorage's 5-Year Strategic  
Plan to Address Homelessness  
2023-2028

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## Housing Is Health Care\*

Certain health conditions are more common among people experiencing homelessness, who are up to 7 times more likely to lack health insurance.



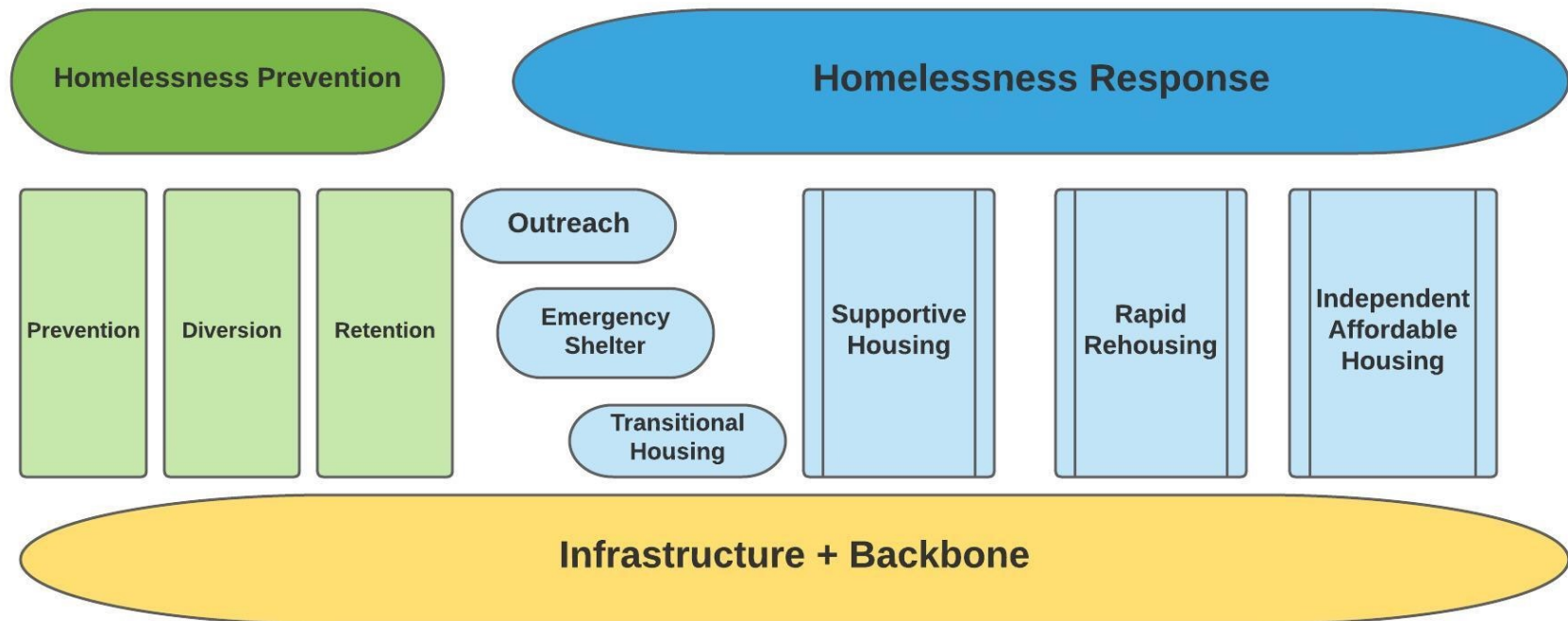
# Homelessness is a public health crisis.

- People experiencing homelessness often have serious and complex health challenges, including mental health problems and substance use disorders, chronic medical conditions like diabetes and hypertension, and infectious diseases like HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and tuberculosis.
- Ensuring access to quality health care must be a part of community's response to homelessness. Health care can be most effective when it is integrated with housing assistance, as stable housing not only improves health in and of itself, but also serves as a platform for consistently delivering health care and services.

# Homelessness is the result of not enough housing.

<b>GAP</b>	<b>Single Adults</b>	<b>Families</b>	<b>Youth and Tay</b>	<b>Veterans</b>	<b>Total</b>
Shelter - year round, permanent capacity	158	2	61	-	<b>221</b>
Transitional Housing	52	-	-	-	<b>52</b>
<b>Total - Shelter and Transitional Housing</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>273</b>
Rapid Rehousing	505	6	70	-	<b>581</b>
Supportive Housing	501	-	75	-	<b>576</b>
Independent Units, low income units and self resolutions	858	272	191	-	<b>1,321</b>
<b>Total - Permanent Housing</b>	<b>1,864</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,478</b>

# The Framework - The Homelessness Prevention and Response System (HPRS)



# The Strategic Plan

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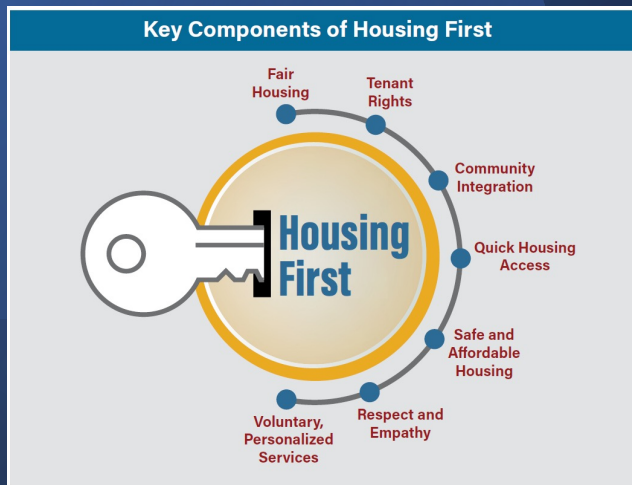


Strengthen and sustain community implementation of Housing First to reduce homelessness with the goal of making homelessness rare, brief and one time to achieve functional zero.

## **Leading the Implementation:**

Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness

# Executive Summary:



The solution to homelessness is housing. Everyone is housing ready. Housing First is the key.

- Homelessness is *first and foremost* a housing crisis and can be addressed through the provision of safe and affordable housing.
- Housing is *foundational* to health, recovery, and economic success. Ensuring that everyone has a safe, stable place to live is crucial to effectively and efficiently bringing an end to homelessness.
- Many people experience *improvements in quality of life*, in the areas of health, mental health, substance use, and employment, because they have housing.
- People experiencing homelessness have the right to *self-determination* and must be treated with dignity and respect.
- The exact configuration of housing and services *depends upon the needs and preferences of the individual*.

# Anchorage is a Housing First community.



When a person is housed, they have a platform to address all their needs, no matter how complex.

People are most successful when housing is paired with the right level of voluntary and accessible support based on their individualized needs and preferences. Services are not effective without housing, but housing is not sustainable without services.

To truly bring Housing First to scale, housing solutions must meet the housing demand and provide access to supportive services that can be offered whenever and wherever housing is available.



# Anchorage can solve homelessness.



Functional Zero is a milestone, which must be sustained, that indicates the community has measurably solved homelessness for a population. Inflow is less than outflow. When it's achieved, homelessness is rare and brief.

The strategies and actions in Anchored Home 2023-2028 focus on increasing the supply of and equitable access to affordable housing and tailored supports for people at risk of or experiencing homelessness and are in alignment with federal strategic goals and investments to address homelessness.

The Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness is honored to present a renewed path forward to address homelessness in Anchorage and we are excited and grateful to work with cross-sector partners and, most importantly, the community to make homelessness rare, brief and one time. In service,

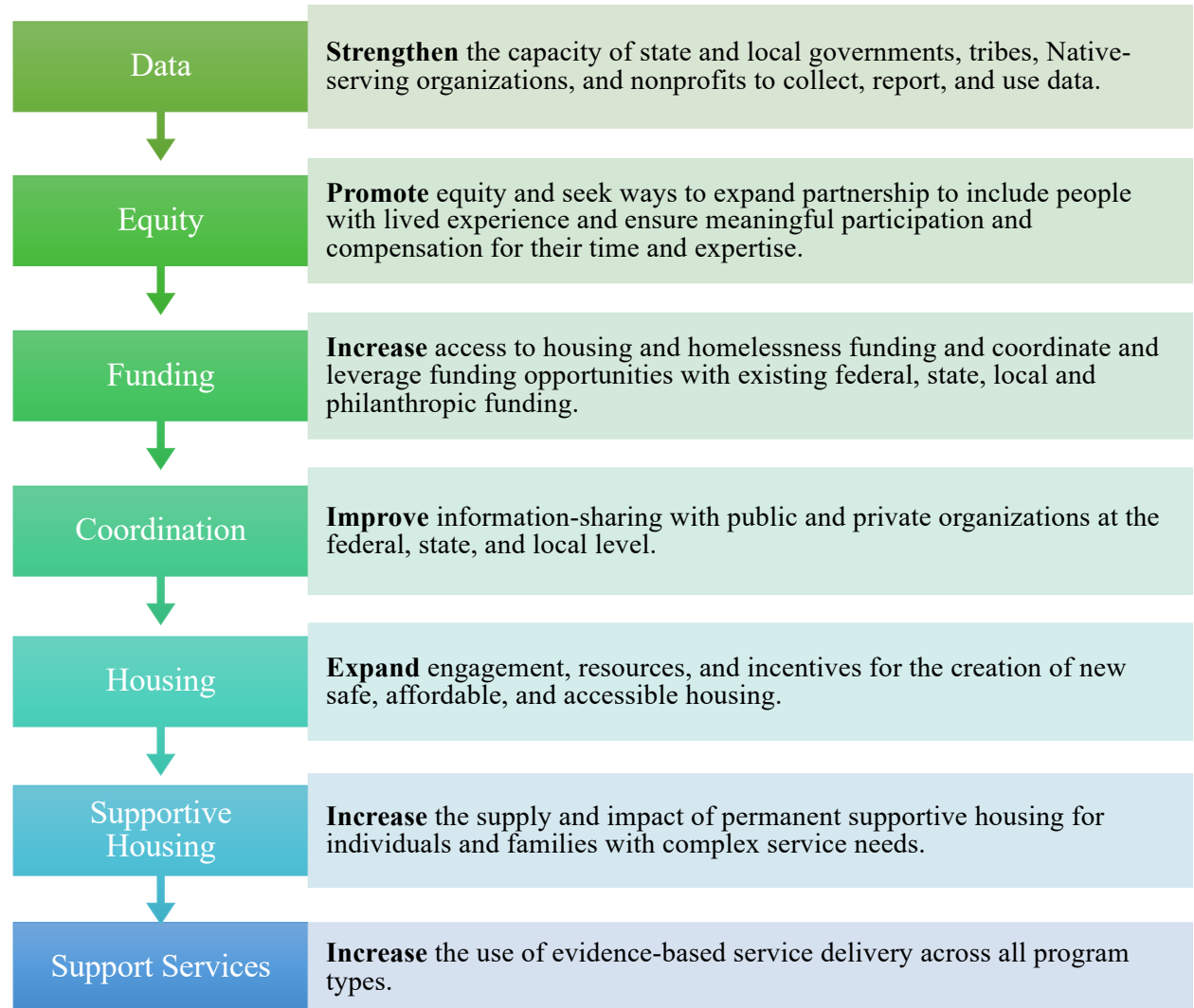


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Meg Zaletel, Executive Director



# Strategic Directives



# System Performance Measures:

System Performance Measures help communities gauge their progress in preventing and ending homelessness and provide a more complete picture of how well a community is achieving its goal of functional zero.

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<b>Improve</b>	Improve community approaches—including getting contributions from those experiencing homelessness—to identify, engage, and re-house people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, including through a Housing First approach.
<b>Reduce</b>	Reduce the average length of homelessness through improved coordinated entry system implementation including through partnerships with mainstream resources and programs.
<b>Prevent</b>	Prevent people from becoming homeless when they exit public systems, including but not limited to child welfare, prisons, and mental health institutions, through state, tribal and local partnerships.
<b>Increase</b>	Increase retention in housing by improving access to affordable housing, healthcare, and other client-centered supportive services.
<b>Increase</b>	Increase capacity of Continuums of Care (CoCs) to use existing data to measure and track system performance

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## Measuring Success:

To help achieve the goal, including evaluating the system performance measures, the following metrics have been established:

- Number of people experiencing homelessness
- Length of homelessness
- Number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness
- First time homeless
- Number of Veterans experiencing homelessness
- Number of families experiencing homelessness
- Percentage of people exiting to permanent housing destinations
- Returns to homelessness
- Number of supportive services only programs
- Percentage of people experiencing homelessness into HUD and other subsidized housing programs

# Provide your feedback

- Anchored Home is open for a 60-day community engagement period. You can submit written comments to [anchoredhome@aceh.org](mailto:anchoredhome@aceh.org)
- Look for more community engagement opportunities by visiting [aceh.org/anchored-home](http://aceh.org/anchored-home).
- After community feedback period closes, stay involved as we implement the strategic plan. Community participation is key to its success.