



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

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Projected Timeline for Ending Street Homelessness by November 1, 2021

Solving homelessness will require a concerted effort of community partners, including government, the philanthropic community, community organizations and individuals. Street Homelessness is the most visible sign of a much deeper societal problem which can only be fully addressed by a restructuring of our economic system so that individuals and families can maintain stable housing on their own.

Ending Street Homelessness is an important and achievable first step towards ending homelessness. Important because it addresses the most visible and contentious segment of homelessness. Two people experiencing homeless has been killed this year by housed members of the community. Providing safe options, including but not limited to sanctioned encampments, safe parking, and One Church/One Family, will lead to healthier outcomes for those experiencing homelessness and increase community safety for businesses and housed residents as well. It is achievable because there are sufficient resources throughout our County to provide safe options for people experiencing homelessness – what is needed is a plan and the commitment to follow-through on its enactment.

<u>Task/Decision/Deliverable</u>	<u>Schedule and Group Engagement</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify key partners for identifying and connecting to unsheltered individuals/families • Determine how many people are homeless on the street/cars and where they are located • Develop a by name list that can be accessed and updated as needed by partners • Identify the kind of housing people tell us they want? • Determine the types/amounts of housing options needed and how do they need to be distributed across the County? • Develop public messaging materials to support community participation 	<p>March – April 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coalition • People Experiencing Homelessness • Service Providers • Funders • Political Leaders • First Responders • Business Community • Faith Community • Citizen Advocates • Healthcare community • Universities and Colleges • Health Department • Education Districts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify spaces for Safe Encampments. Safe Parking, One Church/One Family based on identified needs and geographic distribution • Identify community partners to fund, staff (paid/volunteer) and advocate for specific sites • Develop strategy for building support for these safe shelter options amongst political, business 	<p>May – June 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coalition • People Experiencing Homelessness • Service Providers • Funders • Political Leaders • Business Community • Faith Community



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<p>and community leaders in respective communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop system for tracking availability in safe encampments, Churches, Safe Paring sites • Develop plan for assisting those who wish to transition from safe street options to permanent housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare community • Universities and Colleges • Health Department • Education Districts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open new sites • Network with outreach workers to transition people to new sites • Identify success stories to build community support for this initiatives • Track community satisfaction with initiatives 	<p>July – October 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coalition • People Experiencing Homelessness • Service Providers • Funders • Political Leaders • Business Community • Faith Community • Healthcare community • Universities and Colleges • Health Department • Education Districts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify new encampments and identify existing or new safe encampments • Prepare report on what was learned and next step 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coalition • People Experiencing Homelessness • Service Providers • Funders • Political Leaders • Business Community • Faith Community • Healthcare community • Universities and Colleges • Health Department • Education Districts