



# **10-Year Plan Retrospective: Preventing and Ending Homelessness**

Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee

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There is no reason for homelessness  
to exist in Fairfax County.

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# Strategy # 1 – Prevention

Keep people from becoming homeless in the first place.

- **Successes:**

- Investments in financial assistance and case management.
- Collaboration and coordination maximizes resources and keeps eviction rates down.

# Strategy # 1 – Prevention

Keep people from becoming homeless in the first place.

- **Challenges:**

- 70% of homeless are homeless for the first time.
- Interventions must vary by population.
- Coordination of safety net resources is critical.

# Strategy # 2 – Preservation

Increase and preserve affordable housing.

## ■ **Successes:**

- Preservation of options.
- Leveraging existing, new resources.
- Coordination and prioritization.
- Local solutions to meet community needs.

# Strategy # 2 – Preservation

Increase and preserve affordable housing.

## ■ Challenges:

- Reductions in federal and local funding.
- Demand exceeds capacity.
- Matching the unique needs of the most vulnerable.

# Strategy # 3 – Integration

Deliver integrated social services to those who need it.

## **Successes:**

- Commitment to do things differently.
- Diversion First.
- Coordinated Entry.



# Strategy # 3 – Integration

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## Challenges:

- Data sharing across many systems.
- Targeting and connecting people with diverse needs to limited housing options.

# Strategy # 4 – Implementation

Create a partnership to ensure accountability and funding.

- **Successes:**

- Greater partnership and leadership.
- Improved data collection, knowledge and understanding.

# Strategy # 4 – Implementation

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## ■ Challenges:

- Insufficient consumer voice.
- Resource development.

# Challenges

- **Understanding homelessness:**
  - Inability to pay rent due to limited income, high cost.
  - Underlying systemic issues.
  - Inequity and disproportionality.

# Challenges

- **Funding Needed For:**
  - Dedicated, flexible, local housing subsidy.
  - Supportive services.
  - New models.

# Challenges

- **Role of Government:**

- Addressing housing affordability for lowest incomes.
- Generating collective buy-in that homelessness is a moral issue.
- Deliberate connections between homelessness and other systems.

# Next Steps

- Alignment with County Strategic Plan and Communitywide Housing Strategic Plan.
- Commitment, leadership, and advocacy is needed.
- Focus on housing, employment, transportation, and engaging community groups.
- Lens of racial and social equity in all strategies.

# Solutions

- Prioritize resources for the most vulnerable.
- Increase flexible, local subsidy to close the housing gap.
- Affordability in new development.
- Include services to support housing stability.





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