

DID YOU KNOW

- HUD approved housing counselors provided 1.4% of overall housing counseling services to homeless prevention with over 13,211 clients served in FY 2015
- Over 6.4 million poor households were burdened with severe housing costs and paid over half of their income in housing
- Data proves that funding from Supported Services for Veteran Families and HUD's Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Vouchers is working as Veteran homelessness decreased by 10.5% from 2013 to 2014.

TOP 5 BENEFITS OF HOUSING COUNSELING FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

- Avoid or transition from homelessness
- Minimize the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness
- Obtain financial assistance from federal, state and local sources
- Get access to emergency housing solutions
- Plan for sustainable self-sufficiency

HOMELESS COUNSELING

HOUSING COUNSELING WORKS FOR HOMELESS

Although overall homelessness has declined, the number of people at risk remains at post-recession levels.

Recent increases in federal funding have aided progress in reducing homelessness overall and among the most vulnerable groups. Indeed, the number of beds in permanent **supportive housing expanded 60%** between 2007 and 2014, **to over 300,000**. Beds for the chronically homeless accounted for just over half of this increase.

As a result, during the time period of 2007–14 total **homelessness fell 11%**, the number of **homeless veterans dropped 19%**, and the number of **chronically homeless individuals was down by 30%**. At the same time, however, the number of homeless people in families declined by only 8%.



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