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Training Goals

- Students will learn best practice skills when dealing with the those experiencing homelessness and encampments, while understanding what it means it be homeless in California.
- Students will enhance their understanding, judgment, competence, physical safety, and the safety of others when responding to situations involving persons with mental illness, intellectual disabilities, and substance use disorders.


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Point In Time Count



A point-in-time count is an unduplicated count on a single night of the people in a community who are experiencing homelessness that includes both sheltered and unsheltered populations.


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97th Annual Point In Time Count

- Every year, during the last 10 days of January, over 3,000 cities and counties across the country organize tens of thousands of volunteers in a national effort to measure the scale of homelessness in the United States.
- These counts reveal the number of homeless persons in our shelters and on our streets at a single point-in-time. These one-night snapshot counts also provide local planners with data they need to understand the number and characteristics of persons who are homeless so they, in turn, can develop a thoughtful response.
- This effort allows communities to find out not just *how many* people are homeless, but *who* is homeless and more importantly, *why* they are homeless. Being able to answer these important questions is critical in our mission to end homelessness.

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Homeless in California

2018 PITC

CALIFORNIA

-1.2%
change from 2017

+5.3%
change from 2015

Total Homeless, 2018
125,972

33 in every **10,000**
people were experiencing
homelessness

68.9%

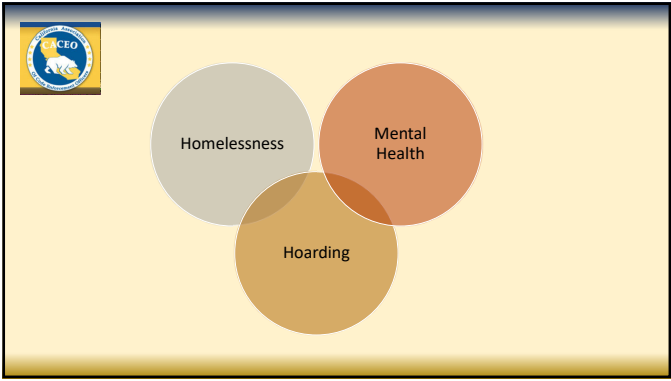
31.1%

■ Unsheltered (85,543)
■ Sheltered (40,429)

Estimates of Homelessness

109,008	individuals
20,964	people in families with children
12,396	unaccompanied homeless youth
10,836	veterans
32,668	chronically homeless individuals

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The slide has a yellow background with a blue circular logo on the right side. On the left, there is a black and white photo of a person sleeping on a bench. Overlaid on the photo is the text '72% believe that homeless people could get themselves off the streets'. The title 'Common Perceptions of Homeless' is in a black box. Below the title is a list of bullet points.

Common Perceptions of Homeless

- They are all Criminals
- Most are not criminals
- Teens kicked out deserved it
- Many teens and LGBTQ teens are 'discarded' by their parents
- LGBTQ teens want to be homeless
- Under 50% may struggle with addictions
- They are drug addicts / alcoholics
- Less than 25% are severely mentally ill
- They are mentally ill

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Common Causes of Homelessness

- Poverty
- Lack of Access to affordable housing
- Mental health and/or other debilitating illness
- Substance abuse
- Disconnected from family and support networks
- Inability to access social safety-net programs and services
- Unemployment

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Why are people homeless?

- They don't have enough income
- They can't find affordable housing
- They don't have access to health care or social support services (drug, alcohol, mental health, counseling, and assistance with daily living)

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Solution?

- Ensure they have enough income to pay for their basic needs
- Ensure there are enough affordable places available for people to live
- Ensure that people who need help managing their health and daily living needs have access to those services

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- What experiences have you had with the homeless population?
- How have those experiences effected your perception of the homeless population?

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Shelter Resistant

Shelter Resistant; Individuals that may need services provided but refuse them and prefer to maintain their current lifestyle.

Common reason's:

- *I do not need the help*
- *I don't want to go to a "shelter"*
- *I don't feel safe – negative experiences*
- *They won't take my dog or my animals*
- *I've tried, it didn't help*
- *I will not split up from my significant other or family*

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Officer Safety Considerations

Man-made/caused:

- Substance abuse
- Criminal offenders
- Mental health issues
- Weapons
- Bio-hazardous materials
- Multiple inhabitants



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Mental Health/Illness

Two of the most likely types of mental illness among people experiences homelessness are:




Depression

Substance Abuse



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What is hoarding?

Hoarding disorder is a persistent difficulty discarding or parting with possessions because of a perceived need to save them.

A person with **hoarding** disorder experiences distress at the thought of getting rid of the items.

Excessive accumulation of items, regardless of actual value, occurs.

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HOARDING

Hoarding is the compulsive need to find and keep objects, animals or items regardless of their value. Items commonly hoarded include newspapers, animal toys, books, clothes, food, furniture, paper and plastic bags, appliances or electronics.

	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 5
Large amounts of clutter and/or possessions inside	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
All doors and windows are accessible		✓	✓	✓	✓
Flat waste on the floor		✓	✓	✓	✓
Existence of functional objects		✓	✓	✓	✓
Overloading garbage cans		✓	✓	✓	✓
Only one garbage bin outside		✓	✓	✓	✓
All food and drinks consumed or disposed		✓	✓	✓	✓
Overloading garbage cans		✓	✓	✓	✓
Objects throughout the house		✓	✓	✓	✓
No clear kitchen or laundry		✓	✓	✓	✓
Roof		✓	✓	✓	✓
Ward floor not washed and		✓	✓	✓	✓
as well as the many other		✓	✓	✓	✓
and the neighbors		✓	✓	✓	✓
Appropriately clean house		✓	✓	✓	✓
Hoarding food on surfaces and		✓	✓	✓	✓
leaving food on surfaces and		✓	✓	✓	✓
leaving food on surfaces and		✓	✓	✓	✓


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Hoarding



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Questions?
