

Successful and Proven Real World Solutions to Reduce Homelessness

**Temple City Council
Preliminary Data Report
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The Condition of Homelessness is Very Costly

- a- Human tragedy affecting many individuals and their families.
 - b- Creates major drain on local government resources.
 - c- Overwhelms the criminal justice system (eg police, courts and jails).
 - d- Overloads emergency rooms/departments.
 - e- Diverts limited non-profit resources.
 - f- Hurts and suppresses economic development.
 - g- Frightens local residents.
- > Overall Very Expensive on Many Levels.

If You Want, You Can Make Big Improvements !!

You can get real reductions in homelessness !!

- 1- Significantly Decrease Street-Level Homelessness.**
- 2- Reduce Jail Overcrowding.**
- 3- Reduce ER/ED Mis-use and Over-use.**
- 4- Significantly Increase Street Graduation Rates.**
- 5- Reduce the Rate of New Homelessness.**

There Are Five Strategic Keys to Success – Think “Systems Approach” by Peter Drucker

- 1- In detail, understand your exact problems (eg scope, structure and scale).**
- 2- Address the real root causes/triggers of homelessness, not symptoms.**
- 3- To get big changes, you must make big changes.**
- 4- Improve/change your service delivery system.**
- 5- Change your community CULTURE from “enabling” to “engaging.”**

**No Community Should Become Like
Austin, Los Angeles nor San Francisco**

Key Research Questions – Must Know the Scope, Scale and Structure to Address

- ▶ **What is the “Homegrown” vs. “Out-of-Towner” ratio?
Why do orgs have such different thinking on this issue?**
- ▶ **How long have people been experiencing homelessness?**
- ▶ **What is the job status pre/post the onset of homelessness?**
- ▶ **Identify consequential variances within the Bell County.**
- ▶ **Identify significantly important outlying data.**
- ▶ **What key services are lacking?**

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- ▶ **Age started experiencing homelessness (slightly lower).**
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- ▶ **Most individuals stay in one city.**
- ▶ **Race and ethnicity about what would be expected.**

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Areas that are different . . .

- ▶ Duration of homelessness - “chronicness” (extremely high).
- ▶ Gender mix experiencing homelessness (many more females).
- ▶ Had a job before experiencing homelessness (very low).
- ▶ Do not have a job after experiencing homelessness (very low).
- ▶ And . . .

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Home-Grown vs. Out-of-Towner . . .

High Out-of-Towner Metrics:

- ▶ 15.7% born in Bell County.
- ▶ 24.2% went to high school in Bell County.
- ▶ 41.5% had a job in Bell County BEH.
- ▶ 43.5% have family currently living in Bell County.

Higher Home-Grown Metrics:

- ▶ 60.6% have or had (passed on) family living in Bell County.
- ▶ 64.7% started experiencing homelessness in Bell County.

“Basics”

	Temple	Bell County	Killeen
Age	49.1	48.3	47.6
Ave. Years Bell	15.8	14.4	12.9
Males	57.8%	58.7%	60.2%
Vet	23.9%	21.3%	18.8%

“Homegrown vs. Out-of-Towner”

	Temple	Bell County	Killeen
Born in Bell	21.6%	15.7%	8.1%
HS in Bell	30.3%	24.2%	16.7%
Job in Bell BEH	39.4%	41.5%	44.1%
Family in Bell	44.0%	43.5%	43.5%
Started H in Bell	66.1%	64.7%	64.5%

“Chronicness”

	Temple	Bell County	Killeen
Ave. Years H.	9.0	7.2	5.2
0 to 1.99 Yrs.	23.4%	32.4%	42.5%
2 to 4.99 Yrs.	22.0%	22.7%	23.1%
5+ Years	54.6%	44.9%	34.4%

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