

BLUEPRINT FOR CHANGE

The **BluePrint for Change** is divided into eight chapters that comprise four sections: Before You Begin, Plan for Services, Organize Services, and Sustain Services. These sections reflect four action steps that states and communities can take to prevent or end homelessness among people with serious mental illnesses, including those with co-occurring substance use disorders (also referred to in this text as people with serious mental illnesses or co-occurring disorders). Each chapter presents current knowledge and specific strategies designed to carry out the actions steps. The training materials for each chapter consists of PowerPoint presentations, case studies, program examples, selected resources, and interactive worksheets to bring the chapter “alive.” A brief description of the contents of each chapter follows.

Chapter 1 Understand the Changing Context of Care and the Nation’s Response

- ♣ The Changing Context of Care
- ♣ The Federal Response
- ♣ Understanding the Population

Chapter 2 Learn About the Population

- ♣ Individual Risk Factors
- ♣ Service System Challenges
- ♣ Societal Risk Factors
- ♣ Guiding Principles for a System of Care

Chapter 3 Establish Core Values

- ♣ The Concept and Practice of Recovery
- ♣ Person-Centered Values
- ♣ System-Level Values
- ♣ Establishing a System of Care

Chapter 4 Establish a Comprehensive, Integrated System of Care

- ♣ Why Comprehensive, Integrated Services?
- ♣ Key Systems Integration Strategies and Mechanisms
- ♣ Ensuring Adequate Resources

Chapter 5 Finance a Comprehensive System of Care

- ♣ Access and Use Community Resources
- ♣ Funding Sources
- ♣ Putting the Pieces Together

Chapter 6 Use Evidence-Based and Promising Practices

- ♣ Evidence-Based and Promising Practices
- ♣ Other Essential Services
- ♣ SAMHSA's Leadership in Evidence-Based Practices
- ♣ Developing Services That Will Last

Chapter 7 Measure Results

- ♣ Why Measure Outcomes?
- ♣ The Types of Outcomes That Should be Measured
- ♣ Barriers to Measuring Outcomes
- ♣ Use of Management Information Systems
- ♣ Connecting to Mainstream Resources

Chapter 8 Use Mainstream Resources to Serve People Who Are Homeless

- ♣ A Wide Range of Available Resources
- ♣ Making Mainstream Services Work for Homeless People
- ♣ Moving Forward

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