

Appendix G: A Framework for Understanding Homelessness

PRESSURES TOWARD HOMELESSNESS	LEVEL OF HOMELESSNESS	RESOURCES TO OPEN PATHS LEADING AWAY FROM HOMELESSNESS
Community pressures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of jobs • Low wages • Lack of affordable housing • Violence 	At risk of becoming homeless	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job skills training • Diversified economy • Diversified housing stock • Safe neighborhoods policies • Outcomes monitoring • Substance abuse interventions • Emergency assistance • Legal aid • Landlord/tenant mediation
Changes in social fabric: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eviction • Discharge from an institution • Loss of job • Divorce or domestic violence • Removal of welfare supports 	Recently dislocated or newly in a homeless situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency assistance • Transition services • Job placement services • Mental health and family support services • Outreach and engagement • Substance Abuse interventions
Culture of homelessness, Type I: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of social ties • Dysfunction • Victimization • Substance abuse 	Vulnerable for remaining in a homeless situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case management • Mental health outreach • Shelter and supportive housing • Health outreach and residential treatment for substance abuse
Culture of homelessness Type II: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street affiliations • Substance abuse • Disinterest in work • Involvement in crime 	Outsider or disenfranchised from services; marginalized	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer education approaches for health and safety outreach • Treatment for substance abuse • Health, mental health, and social outreach • Enterprising employment opportunities • Alternative shelter and safe haven
Entrenchment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social isolation • Dysfunction • Substance abuse 	Prolonged	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health, mental health, and social outreach • Treatment for substance abuse • Alternative shelter and supportive housing

Source: Austin/Travis County – Continuum of Care System