



A Health Informed End To Homelessness?







An Introduction to the Advance to Zero Movement

Help. It's what Australians do.



Homelessness in Australia

What we measure

						All Persons Homeless in 2016
Persons living in improvised dwellings, tents, or sleeping out	Persons in supported accommodation	Persons staying temporarily with other households	Persons living in boarding houses	Persons in other temporary lodgings	Persons living in severely crowded dwellings	
8,200	21,235	17,725	17,503	678	51,088	116,427
7.0%	18.2%	15.2%	15.0%	0.6%	43.9%	100.0%

Source: ABS + AHURI, 2019, What are the different types of homelessness?

80%

EXPERIENCE CHRONIC ROUGH SLEEPING OR 6,560 PEOPLE (ESTIMATED)

424

EXCESS MORTALITY 'DEATHS' PER YEAR (ESTIMATED)

\$13k

SAVING PER PERSON PER YEAR FOR PROVIDING PERMINANT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING OVER LEAVING ON THE STREET (ACTUAL)

\$85m

SAVINGS TO GOVERNMENT OF ENDING CHRONIC ROUGH SLEEPING (ESTIMATED)

The Focus

We can end homelessness by ensuring that any incidents are:

- **Rare** – that there are not many people homeless in a community sleeping rough
- **Brief** – that when homelessness does occur it is for a short a time as possible.
- **One Time Thing** – that people do not repeat their experience of homelessness.

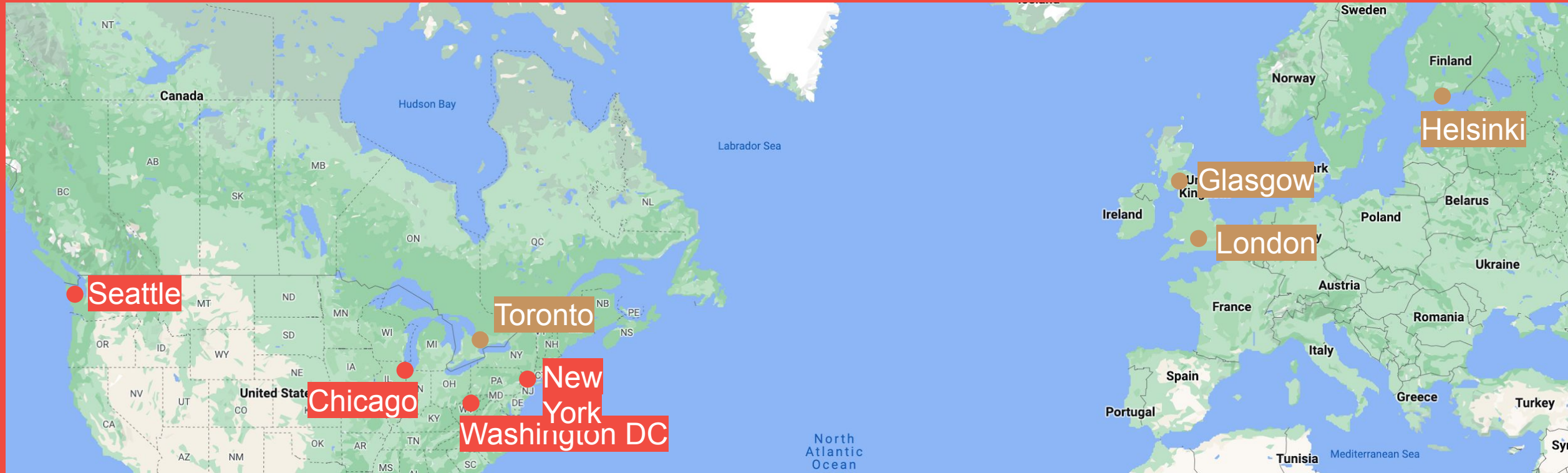
Together we
can END
homelessness!



Churchill Fellowship

Places Visited

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Source: Google Maps



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Churchill Trust**
Learn globally, inspire locally.

Two Approaches to ending Homelessness

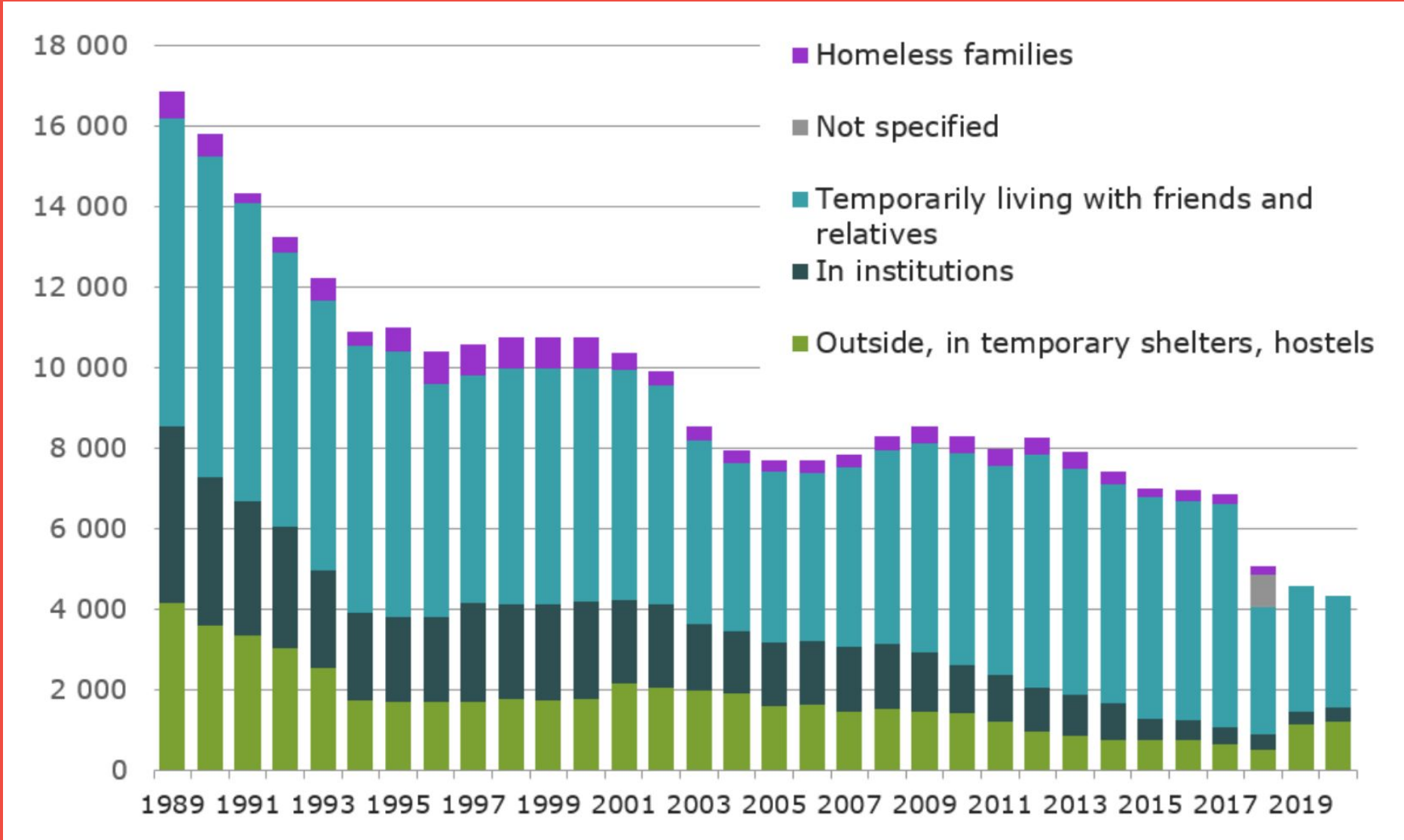
Finland's Success



Source: FEANTSA, European homeless network, 2018

International Lessons

Finland's Rough Sleeping Challenge



Source: ARA The Housing
Finance and Development
Centre Finland, Homelessness in
Finland 2020

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United States of America's Success

**Built
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Zero.**

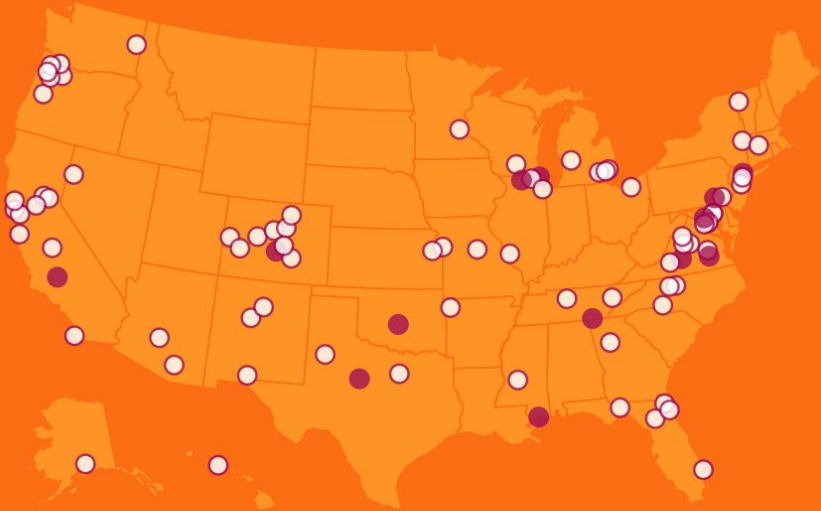
COMMUNITY
SOLUTIONS

**GETTING
TO
PROOF
POINTS**

Key learning from
the first three years of
the Built for Zero initiative

REAL RESULTS.

A data-driven movement is redefining what is possible in ending homelessness.



89 communities are participating in Built for Zero

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14

communities that have functionally ended homelessness for a population

134,172

individuals housed by Built for Zero communities since 2015

45

communities have achieved a measurable reduction

84

communities have achieved quality real-time data

International Lessons

Canada's Success



ENDING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS - COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE:

25

QUALITY REAL-TIME DATA

13

COORDINATED ACCESS

5

REDUCED HOMELESSNESS

1

REACHED FUNCTIONAL ZERO

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The Advance to Zero Methodology

Our Theory of Change for Ending Homelessness in Australia



A Shared Vision

To end all homelessness in Australia, starting with rough sleeping, by ensuring that when it does occur it is rare, brief one-time

Four approaches to ending homelessness

Housing First approach	Person centered & strengths based approach	Evidence based systems change approach	Place-based Collective Impact approach to collaboration
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Eight Proven Solutions

Assertive Outreach	Continuous Improvement
Common Assessment	Data-Driven Prevention
A Real-Time By-Name List	Data-Informed System Advocacy
Coordinated Systems	More of the Right Housing & Support



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Implemented Through Improvement Cycles



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Action Planning

- Release Action Plan

Quality By Name List

- Conduct Connections Week and/or launch by-name list / zero project
- Achieve Quality by-name list certification

Reduce to Zero

- Develop a more coordinated system
- Implement Improvement Projects
- Drive monthly reductions in overall homelessness

Sustaining Zero

- Achieve Functional Zero
- Sustain Functional Zero

Zero for All

- Expand to other areas and other forms of homelessness

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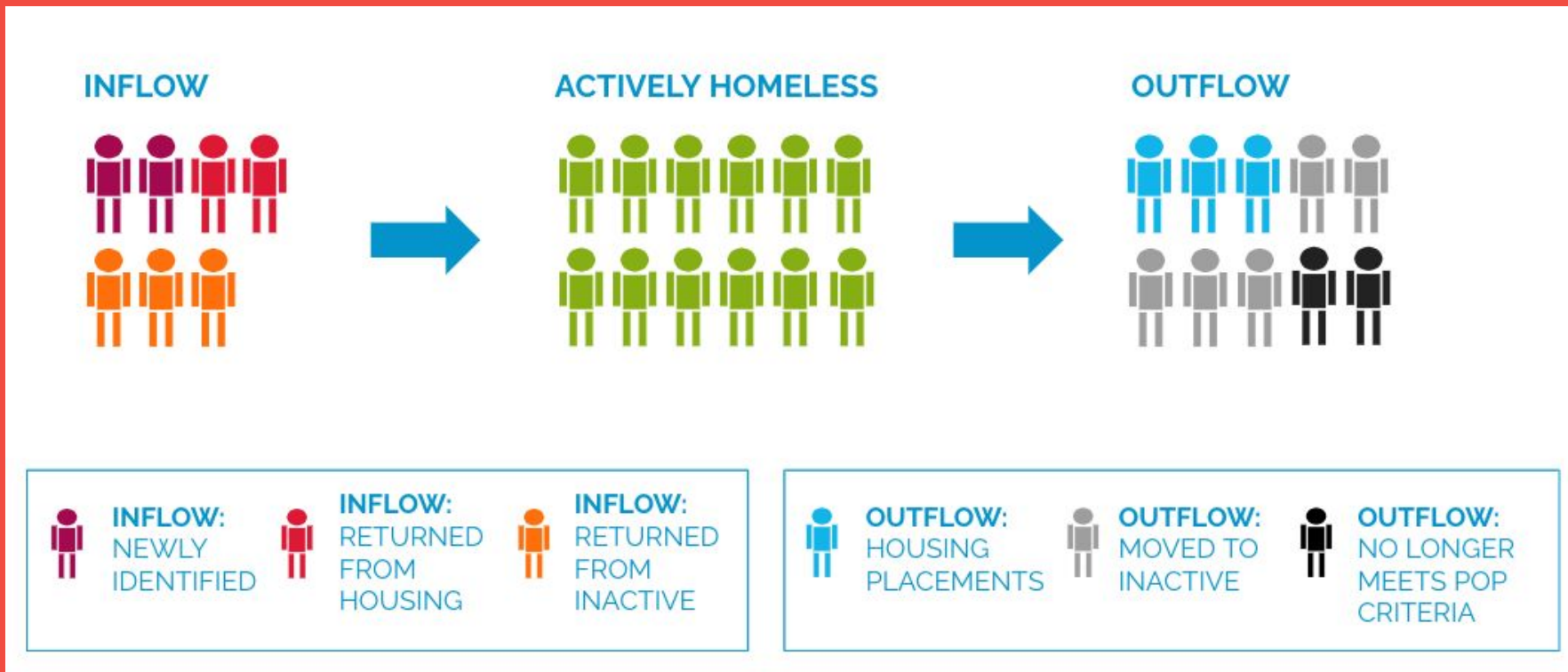
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A Quality Real Time By-Name List



**SMARTER
TRIAGE**

PREVENTION

**DATA DRIVEN
ADVOCACY**

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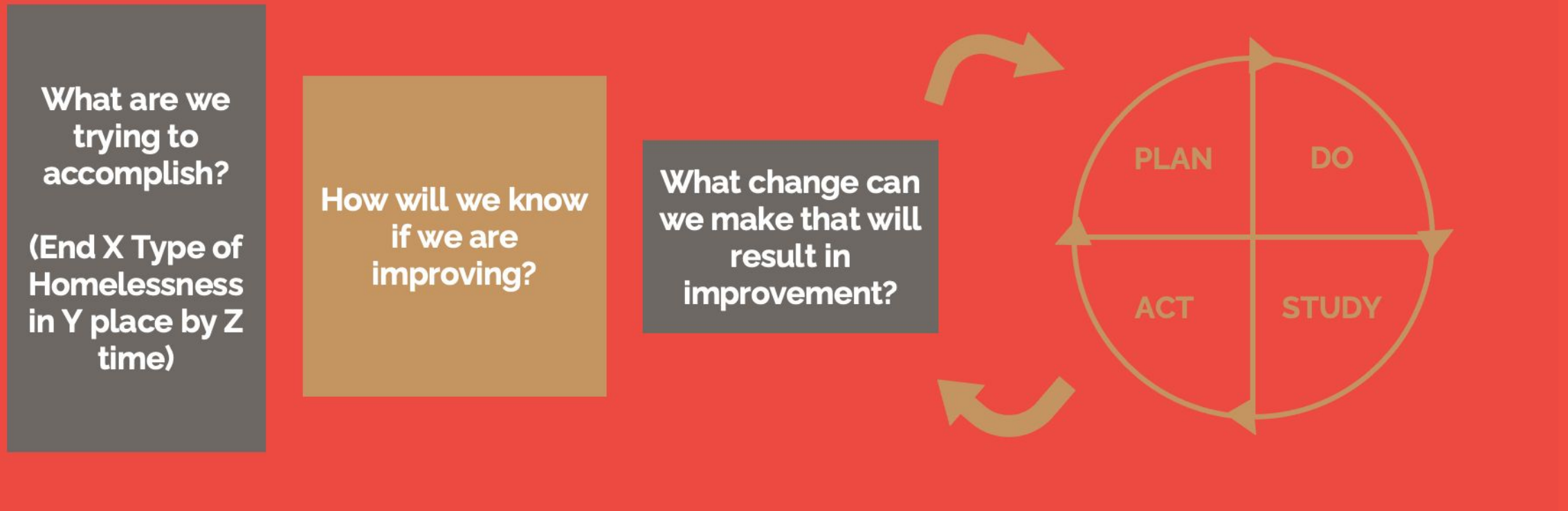
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Continuous Improvement / Improvement Science

A model for Improvement

Solving complex problems starts with a **measurable end state and works backward**. Strategies and activity come last and shift repeatedly in service of the aim.

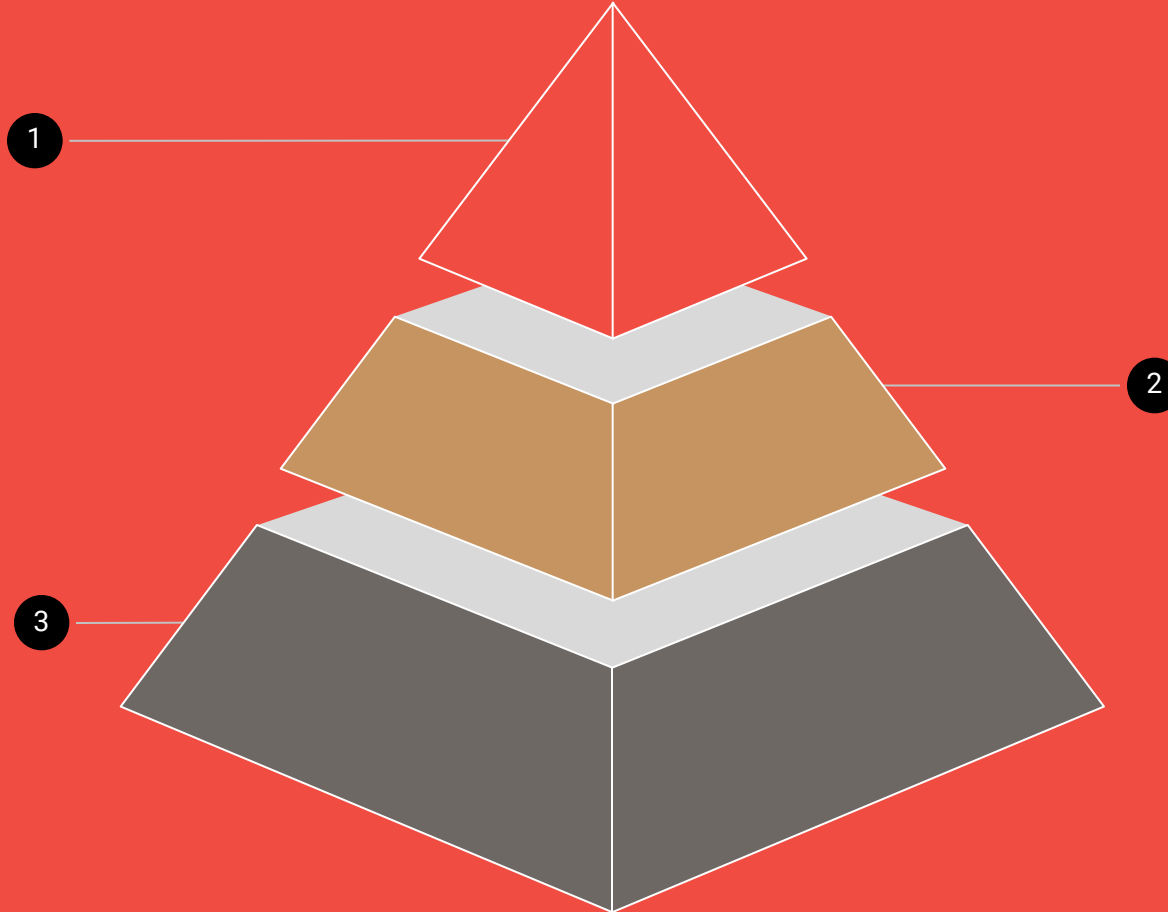


Improvement Space

Focus on What We Can Control

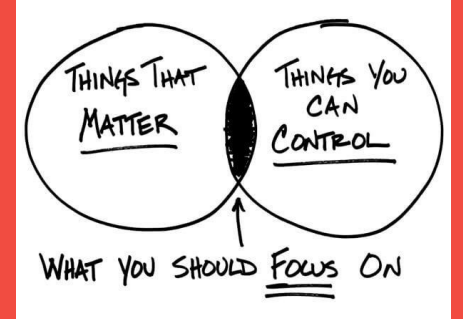
Technical Space

Housing + service models
Practical service delivery
Individual Support



Structural Space

Laws + policies
Benefits + entitlements
Funding parameters + amounts



Improvement Space

How structural choices get translated into technical behavior

How systems do/don't collaborate

Shared data + collective processes

How the pieces fit together around the person

Continuous Improvement

Central to the efforts of US communities success

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Why is it called WD-40?



It took 40 attempts to
create WD-40

Source: Community Solutions, USA

Reduce to Zero: Data for Improvement Not Judgement

Improvement vs Research

	Measurement for Research	Measurement for Improvement
Purpose	To discover new knowledge	To bring new knowledge into daily practice
Tests	One large "blind" test	Many sequential, observable tests
Biases	Control for as many biases as possible	Stabilize the biases from test to test
Data	Gather as much data as possible, "just in case"	Gather "just enough" data to learn and complete another cycle
Duration	Can take long periods of time to obtain results	"Small tests of significant changes" accelerates the rate of improvement

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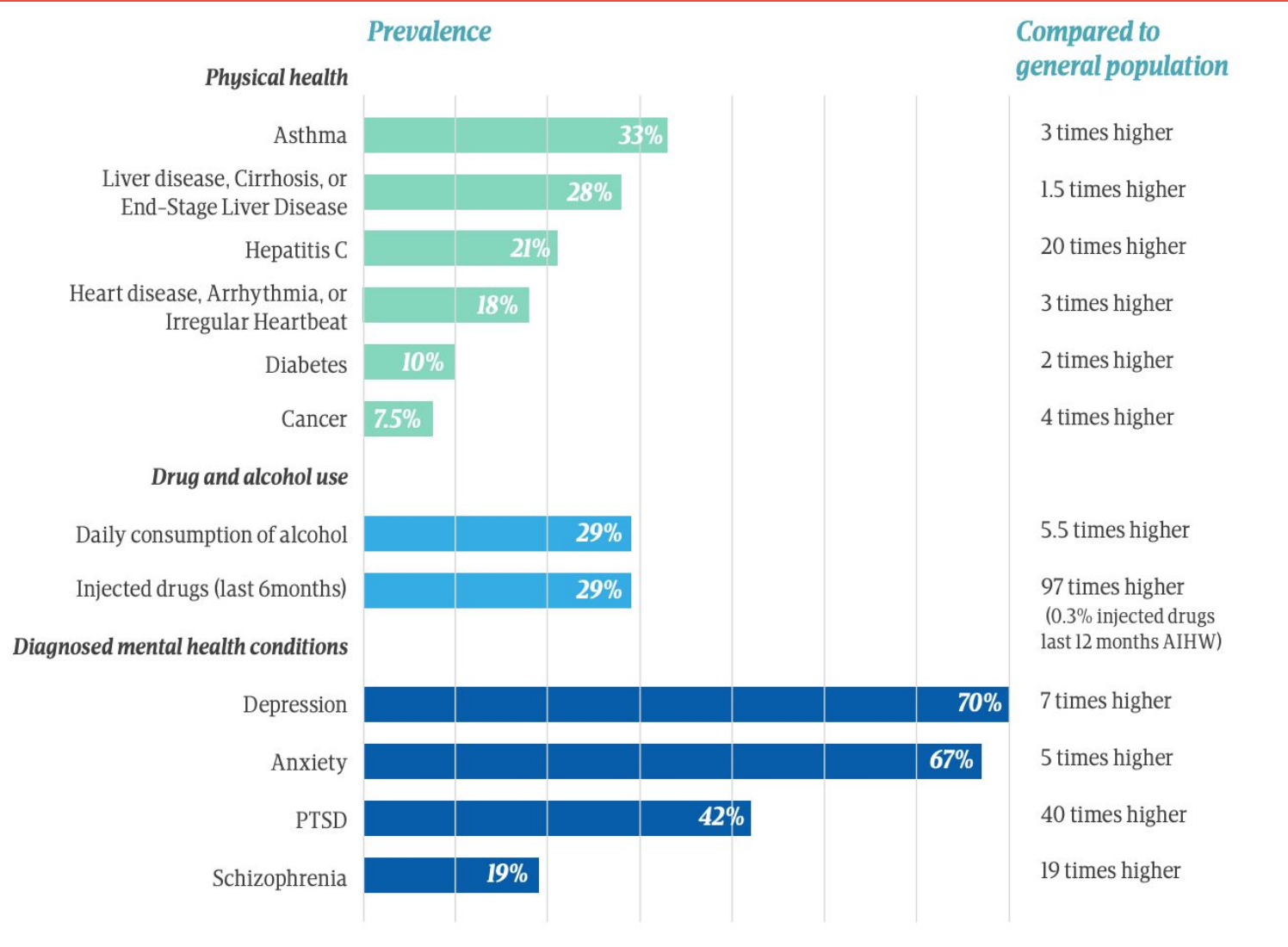
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Prevention

Health Equity to End Homelessness



Source: Ending Homelessness in Australia Report - Findings from the AtoZ Database, 2022, Centre for Social Impact

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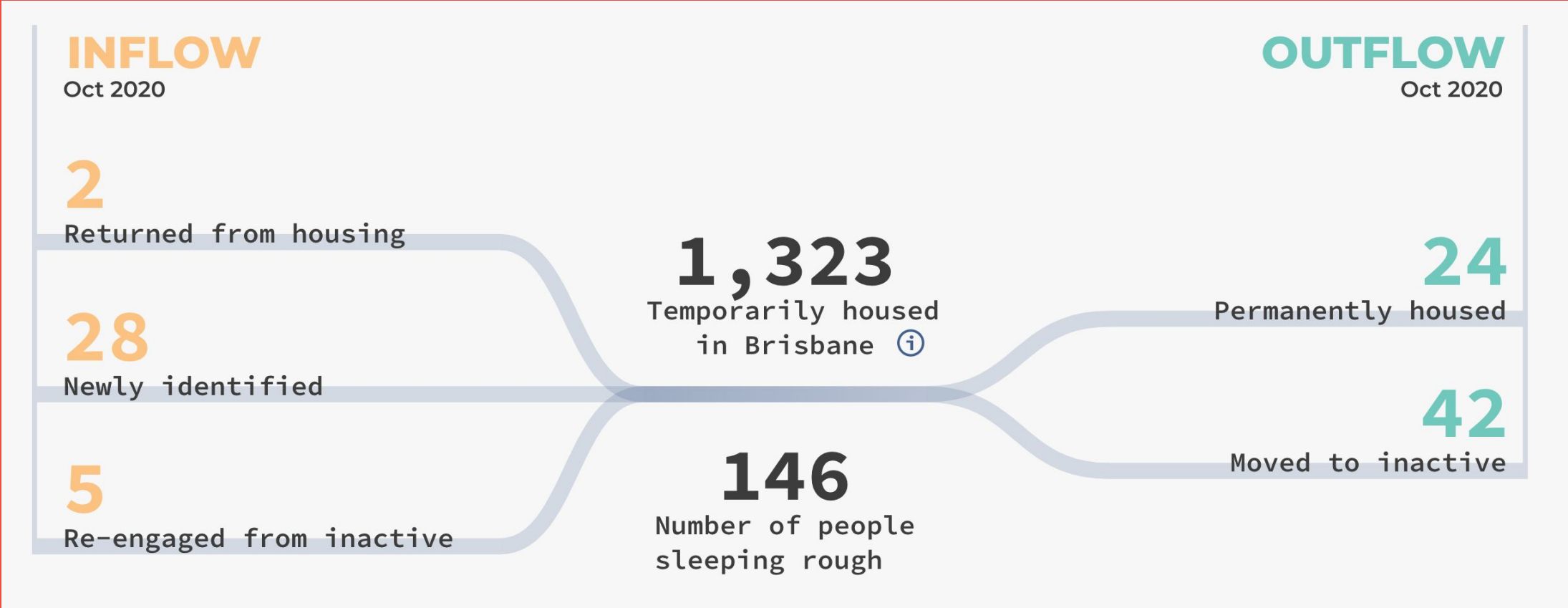
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Data informed, System Level Advocacy

Transparency: Brisbane Zero Dashboard



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Supportive Housing

UNIQUE APPROACHES TO UNIQUE POPULATIONS



Source: National Alliance on Mental Health, USA



About the AAEH – Organisational Structure

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The Australian Alliance to End Homelessness

The AAEH leads a national movement of individuals, organizations and communities working together to end homelessness in Australia.

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Advance to Zero

A national change effort helping a group of leading communities end rough sleeping homelessness as a first step on the path to eliminating all homelessness in Australia.



Training & Advisory

We provide a range of support to communities and organizations committed to ending homelessness in Australia.



National Summit on Ending Homelessness

Join us as we host our inaugural, annual National Ending Homelessness Summit to bring together all of our work in Brisbane in October 2022.



Advocacy

Through our Homes Beyond COVID work we advocate to the federal, state, territory and local governments for the investment and policy changes needed to end homelessness.



Allied Networks

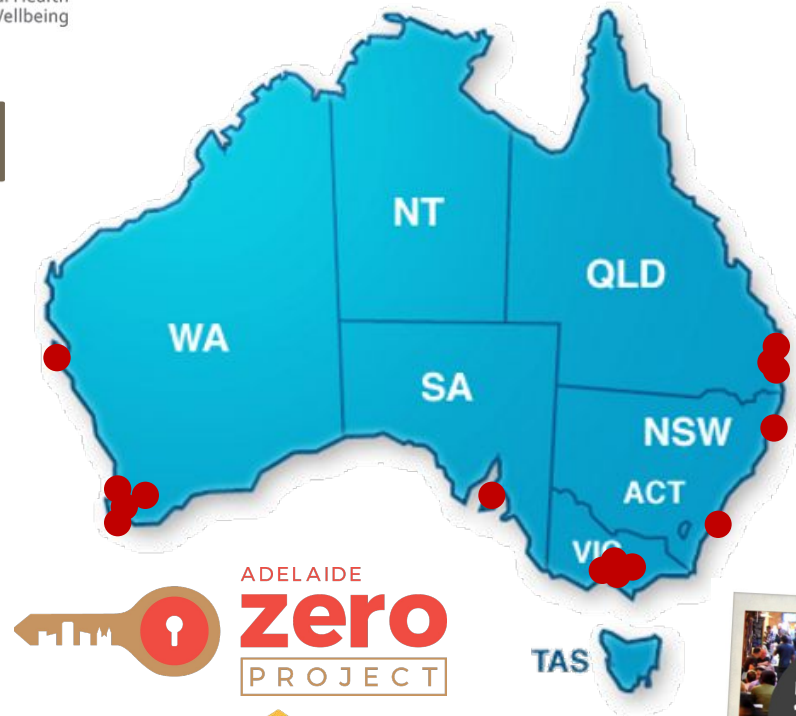
The AAEH supports and works closely with a range of allied networks working toward our shared mission of ending homelessness.

Get Involved

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Unlocking systems
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Further information at:
www.aaeh.org.au/atoz

Get Involved – A3HN

Australian Health, Housing and Homelessness Network

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**HOUSING & HEALTH
EQUITY TO END
HOMELESSNESS**



Presenting Partner of the A3HN

We meet bi-monthly online to bring together leaders from across the health, housing and homelessness sectors to better integrate policy, research and practice aimed at supporting a health informed end to homelessness in Australia.

We advocate for:

- A national health equity policy
- Greater investment in homelessness healthcare services
- A deaths data reporting framework
- Support for the Advance to Zero movement
- And more...

Further information at:

www.aaeh.org.au/allied-networks

Get Involved – Summit

The Inaugural Australian Zero Homelessness Summit

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AUSTRALIAN ZERO HOMELESSNESS SUMMIT

HOMELESSNESS
IS SOLVABLE

Do you think that ending homelessness is possible?

If so, do you want to be part of a community that is learning how to do just that?

Join us in Brisbane for the inaugural Australian Zero Homelessness Summit.

Thursday 27 October, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
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Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre

Further information at:
www.aaeh.org.au/summit

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