

# Bringing Californians Home: Homelessness in the nation's wealthiest state

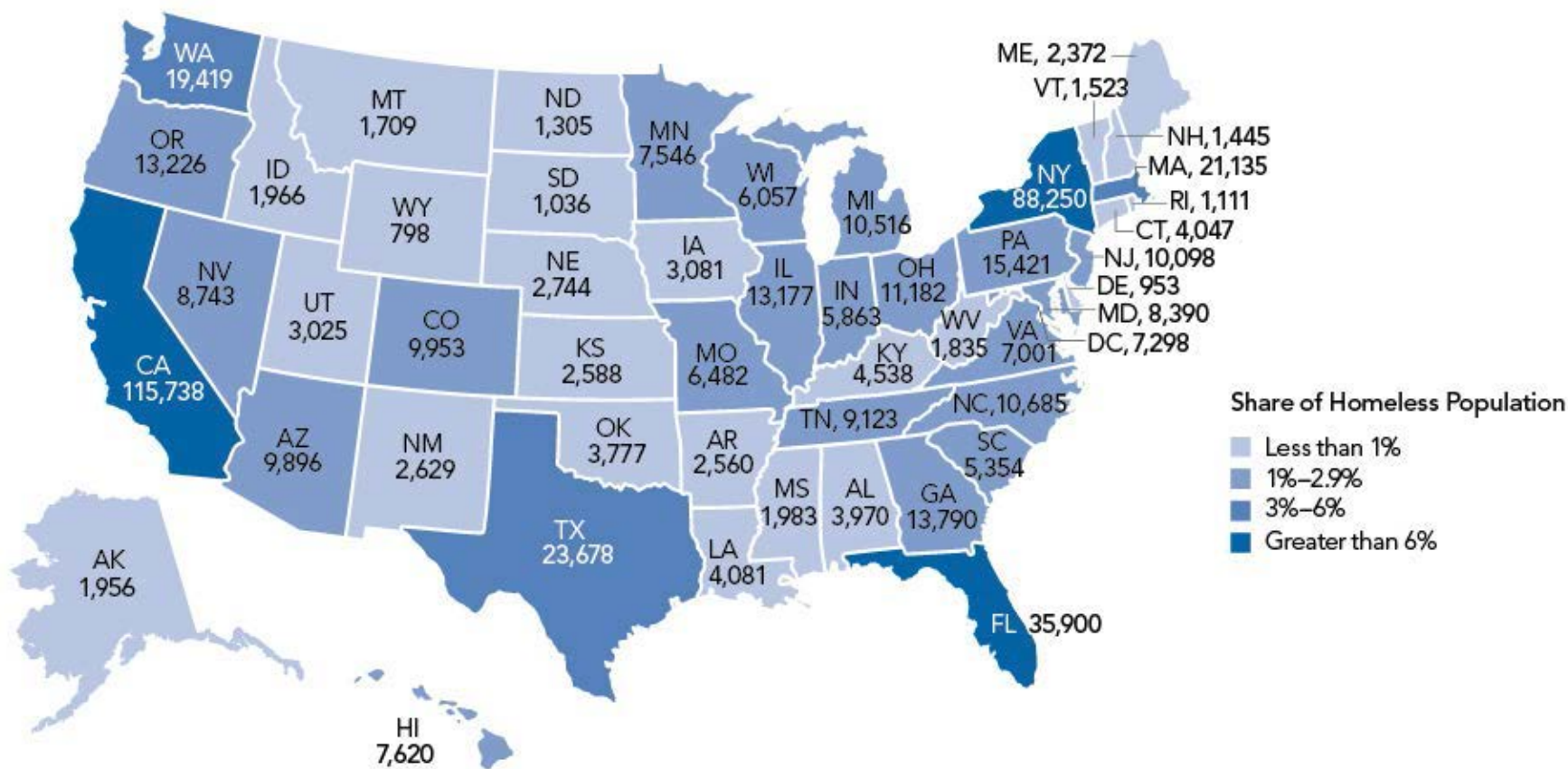
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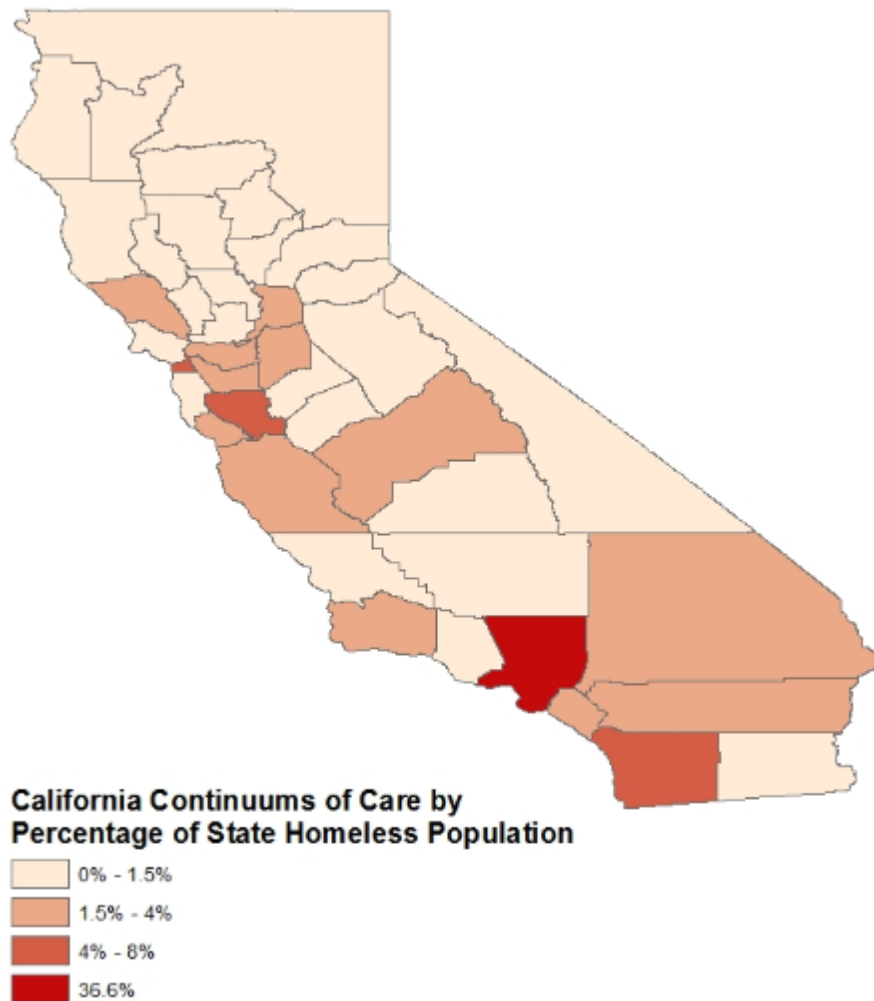
# California has the Highest Percentage of People Experiencing Homelessness in the Nation



Source: 2015 AHAR: Part 1 - PIT Estimates of Homelessness in the U.S



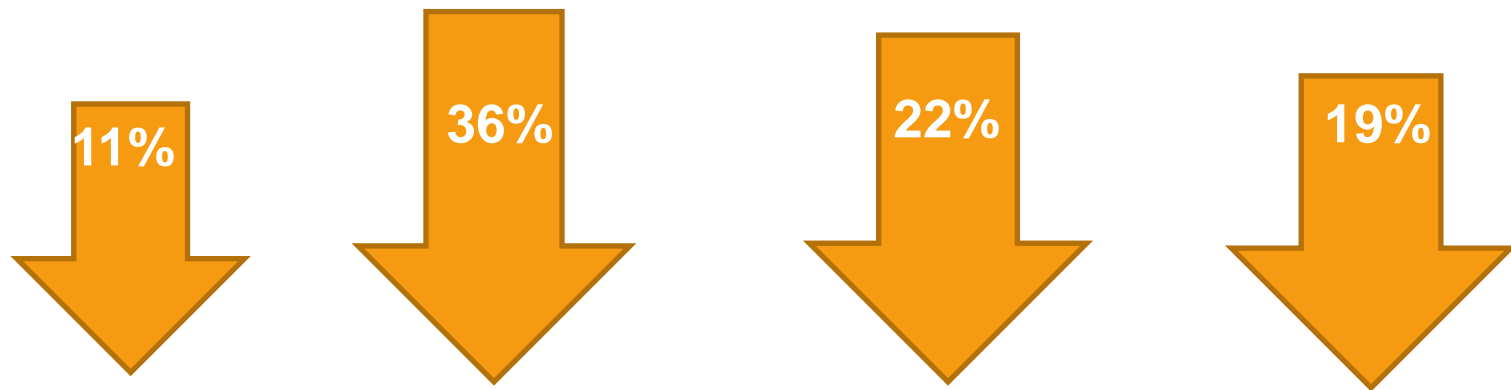
## People Experiencing Homelessness Reside in Every County of California





## Homelessness Since 2010

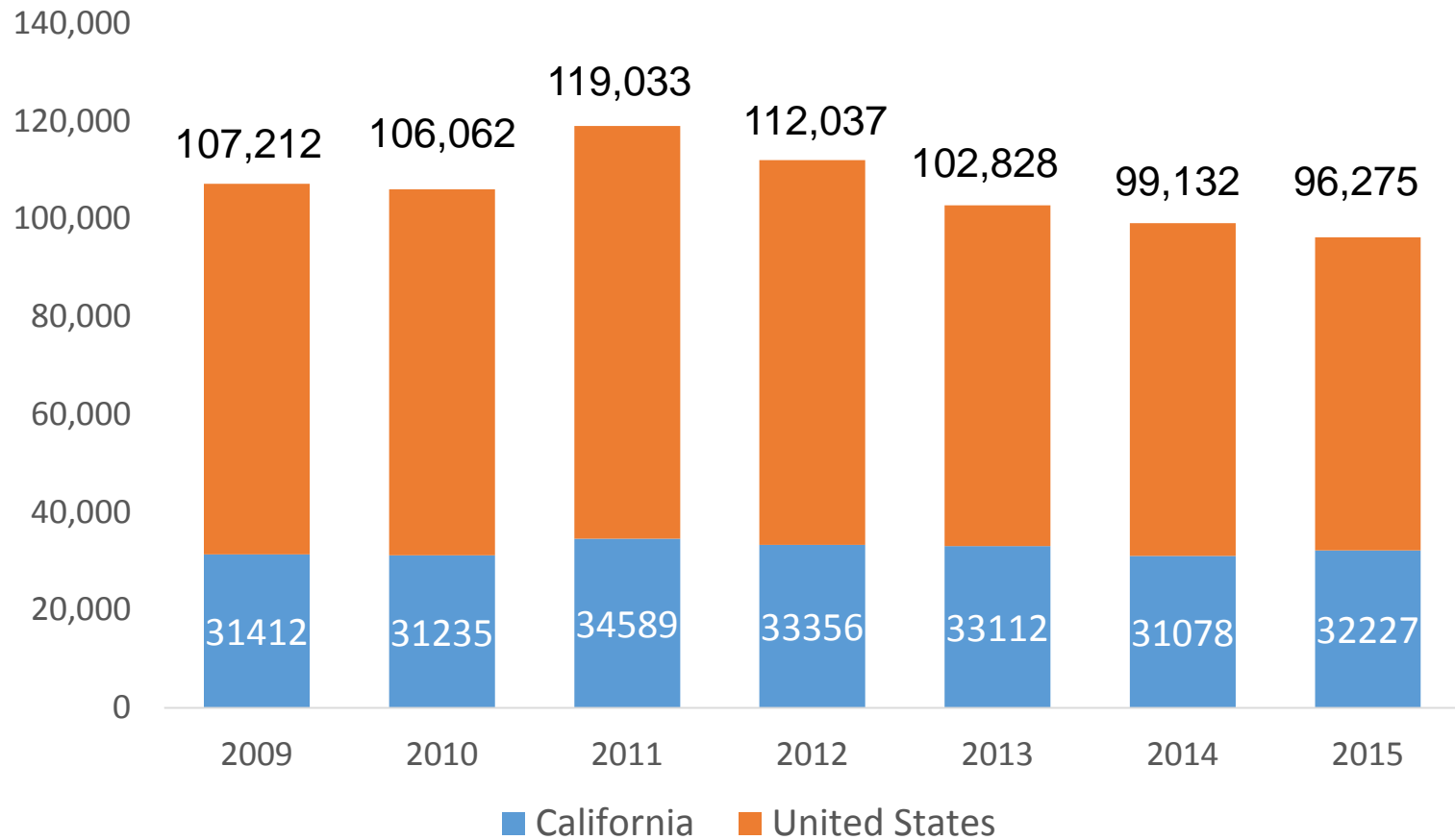
### California



### United States



# Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness





# Common Causes of Homelessness

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

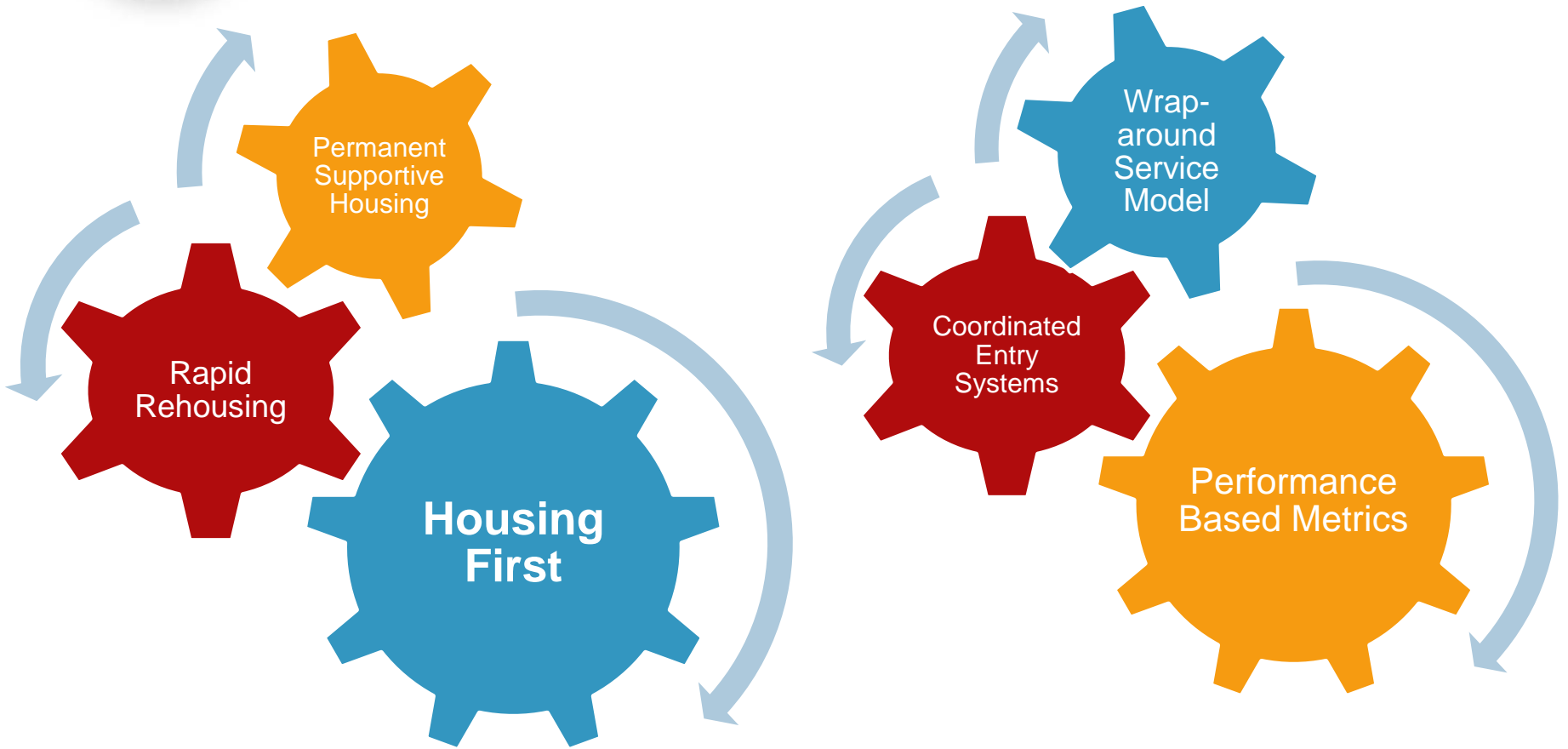


## Homelessness is a Health Issue

- Homelessness both causes and results from serious health issues, including mental health and addictive disorders.
- The mortality rate of individuals experiencing homelessness is four to nine times higher than for the general population.
- Mothers experiencing homelessness are four to seven times more likely to suffer from depression than their female peers.
- Children experiencing homelessness are more likely than their peers to suffer from acute and chronic illness.
- Chronically homeless individuals die 30 years younger than average life expectancy.



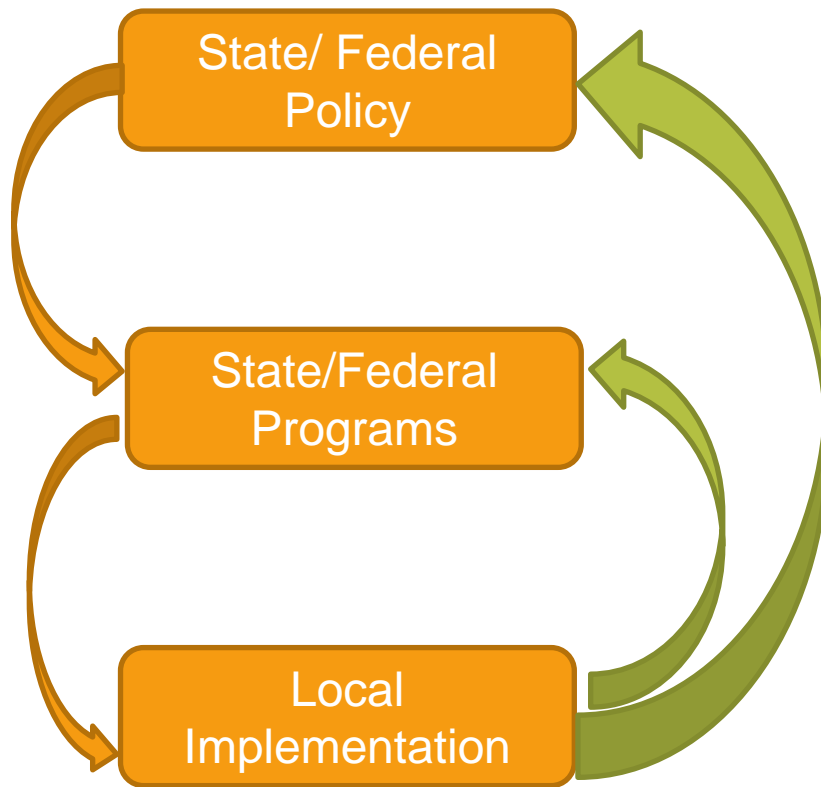
# Evidence Based Practices







# Increasing Coordination



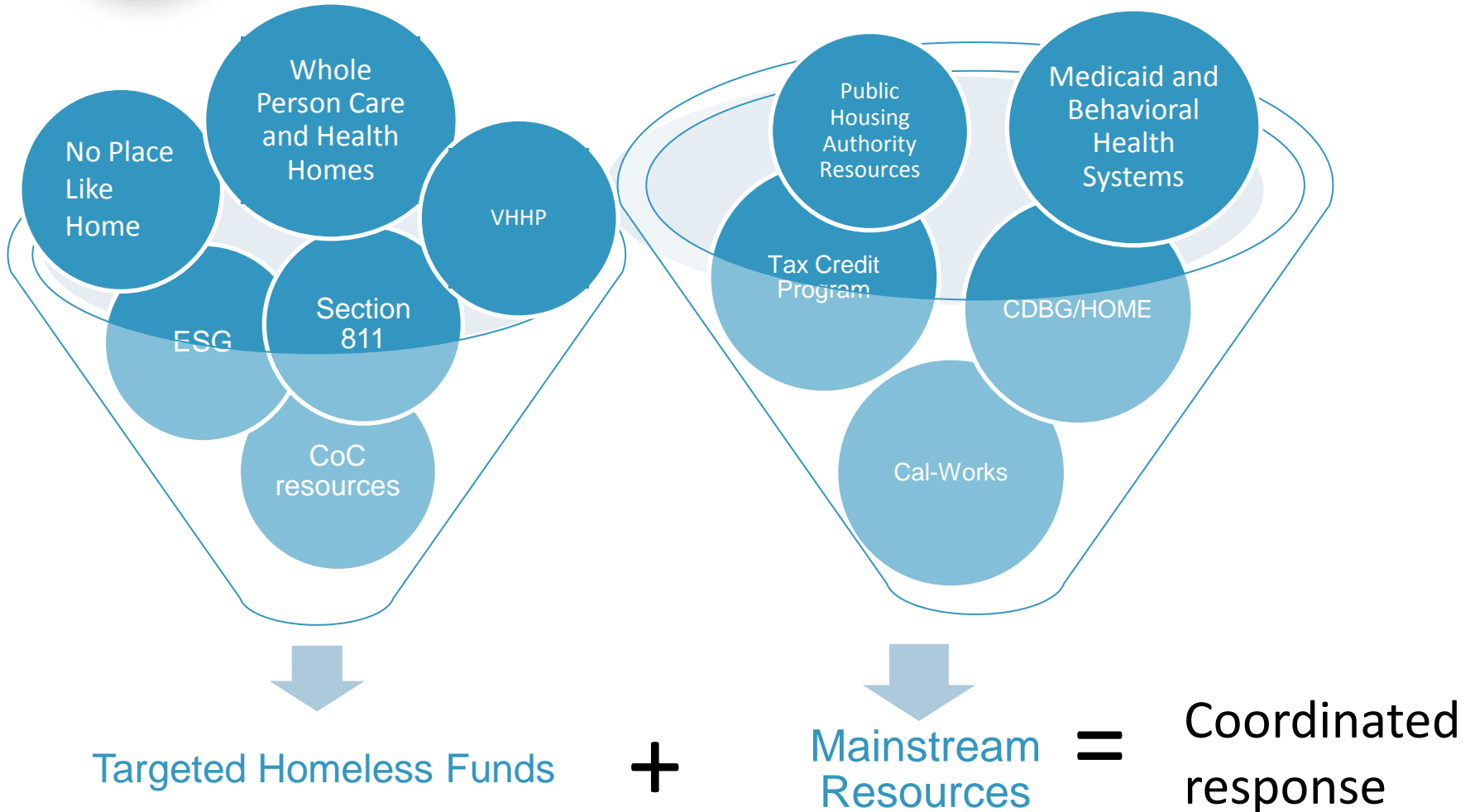
Housing, Health, and Social Services Agencies

Homeless, Medicaid, MHSA, Veterans Programs

Counties, Cities, CoC, Behavioral Health, PHA, Service Providers, Housing Developers



# Align and Target Resources





# HCD Housing Programs

Program	NOFA Release Date	Estimated NOFA Amount	Application Due Date	Award Date
No Place Like Home	Winter 2017	Appx. \$260 Million first round \$200 million for over the counter program	TBD	TBD
Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention (VHHP) Program	November, 2016	\$75 Million	January 2017	April 2017
State Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program	Spring 2017	\$35 million	Summer 2017	Fall 2017
Section 811	Currently Open	Round 1- \$11.2 Million Round 2 (LA) – \$11 million	Over the Counter	Continuous until funds exhausted



## Other State Funds

Program	Agency	Estimated Amount
CalWorks Homeless Assistance Program	Department of Social Services	\$32 Million
Bring Families Home program	Department of Social Services	\$10 Million
Homeless Youth and Exploitation program	Office of Emergency Services	\$10 million
9% Tax Credit Program	California Tax Credit Allocation Committee	\$93 Million (2016) \$3.7 million special needs set-aside (more is commonly awarded to special needs projects)



## No Place Like Home

Preliminary Timeframe	Date
Initial Research and Stakeholder Outreach	Fall, 2016
Development of Advisory Committee	Fall, 2016
Framework Paper Released and Public Comment	Winter, 2016
Guideline Development	Spring, 2017
Guidelines and NOFA Completion	Summer, 2017
Validation Process	Fall, 2017
NOFA Release	December 31, 2017*

\* Assumes no contest during validation process



## Three Things Counties Should Consider in Your Homeless Plan

- 1) Set up systems to be outcome focused
- 1) Be Person Centered –coordinate across housing, health, and social service systems.
- 3) Measure and evaluate progress



**Thank you**

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