

# What is Needed to End Homelessness?

## Solutions & Needs

- A community consensus to end homelessness.
- Community stakeholder involvement.
- Ongoing funding of supports to help people keep appropriate housing.
- Stable funding for homelessness programs.
- Increase in stock of affordable housing
- Increase in the number of supportive housing units.
- Coordinated discharge planning (community institutions, youth programs, jails, hospitals).

## What can YOU do?

- **Educate** yourself and others about the problem of homelessness.
- **Volunteer** your time to work directly with people experiencing homelessness.
- **Advocate** on behalf of people who are homeless and organizations that work with people who are homeless.
- **Contribute to** and help organizations that work to end homelessness.
- **Become aware of the language you use** and refrain from using words that refer to people experiencing homelessness in derogatory ways.
- **Be aware of and help change attitudes** about homelessness among your friends, family, and people within the community to help reduce NIMBY (“not in my backyard”) reactions.

## To Learn More...

### National Level

- **National Alliance to End Homelessness**  
<http://www.endhomelessness.org/>
- **National Coalition for the Homeless**  
<http://www.nationalhomeless.org/>
- **The Urban Institute**  
<http://www.urban.org/housing/homeless.cfm>

### State Level

- **Housing & Community Development Resources on Homelessness Issues**  
<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/homeless0805.pdf>

### Local Level

- **County of Orange**  
<http://www.ochousing.org/Homeless.asp>
- **OC Grand Jury Report on Homelessness**  
<http://www.ocgrandjury.org/pdfs/homeless.pdf>
- **OC Partnership**  
<http://www.ocpartnership.net/>
- **OC Community Indicators Report**  
<http://www.ocgov.com/pdf/2006%20Cip%20report.pdf>

