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# Welcome!

## 2021 Sacramento Continuum of Care Annual Meeting

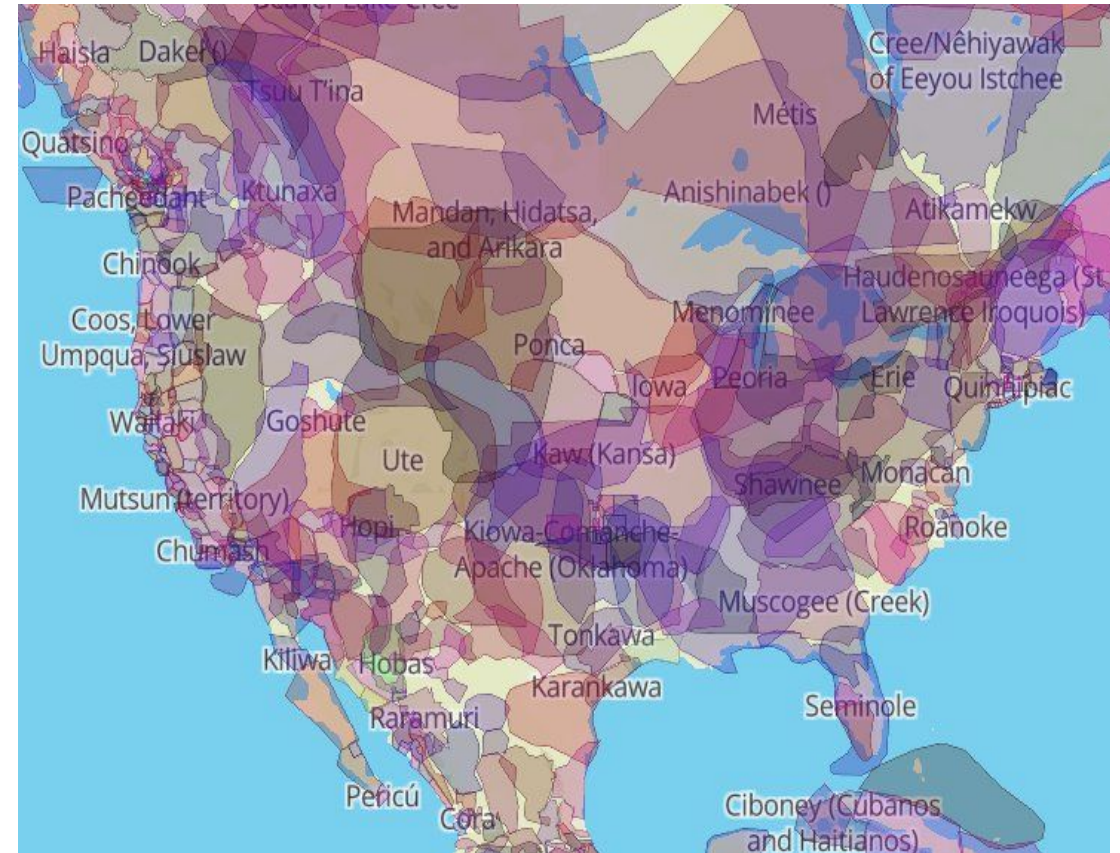
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# Tribal Land Acknowledgment

## Tribal Lands of the Sacramento Region:

- The Nisenan people
- The Foothills and Southern Maidu people
- The Valley Miwok and Me-Wuk people
- The Patwin people
- The Wintun People
- The Wintu people



To learn more about the indigenous land you may be working or living text your zip code to (844) 910-3545.

# CoC Annual Meeting Purpose

- Educate partners on the current CoC work, discuss issues and challenges, and develop shared aspirations for an improved system to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness.
- Help Sacramento CoC strategize for its coming year of work.
- Tap into heightened level of community interest in addressing homelessness.
- Respond to desire for increased stakeholder participation and engagement in CoC Board and committees meetings.



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# Introductions



**Lisa Bates (She/Her/Hers)**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Sacramento Steps Forward

Learn more about Lisa, SSF staff  
and the SSF Board [here](#).

# Sacramento Steps Forward

## Our Mission

To accelerate our community's ability to compassionately end homelessness through convening partners, data-driven best practices, and improving system performance.



## Our Core Services

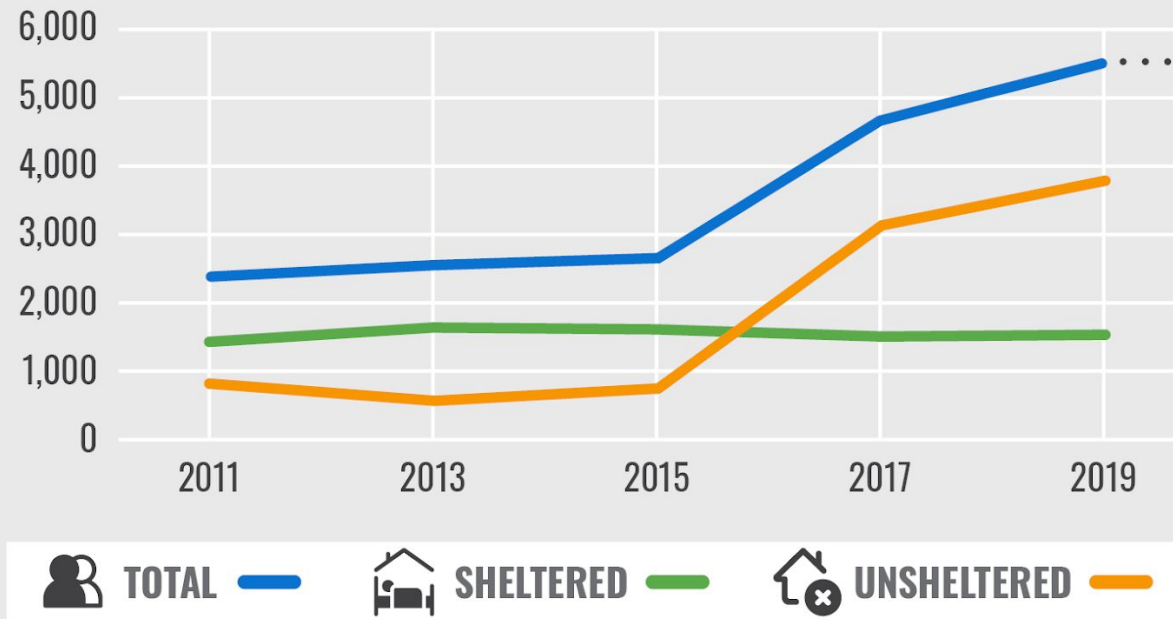
- CoC System Planning
- Leadership and Engagement
- Coordinated Entry and Outreach
- Data Management and Analytics
- Grant/Fund Management

# Homelessness in Sacramento



These slides present an overview of the situation, challenges, and response to addressing homelessness in Sacramento.

## Homelessness Has Increased Over Time<sup>1</sup>



A total of

**11,222 people**

engaged with the homeless response system in 2020<sup>2</sup>

**5,570 people**

experienced homelessness on a single day (January 31, 2019)

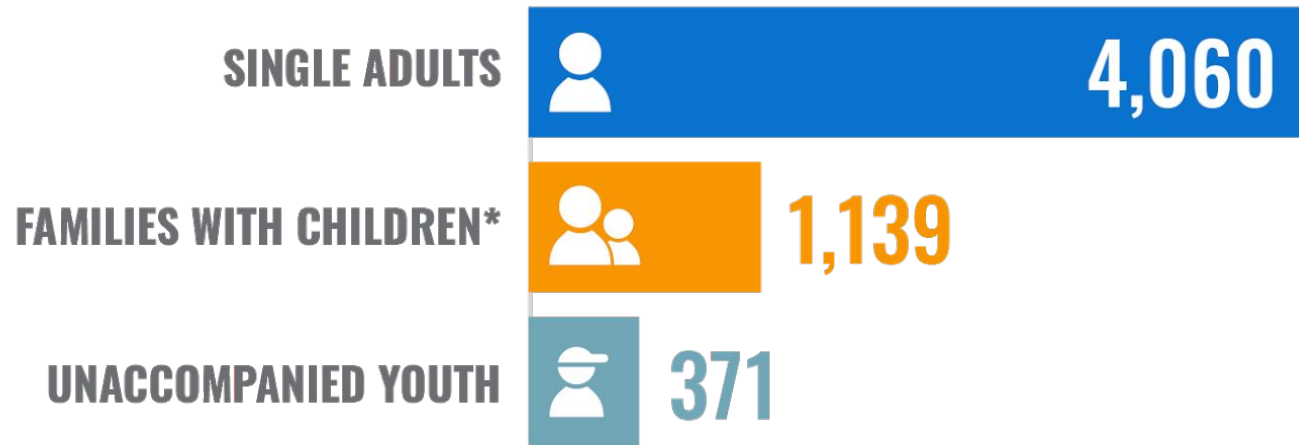


The number of people experiencing homelessness on any given night in the county increased by an estimated **19%** between 2017 and 2019.

# Homelessness in Sacramento

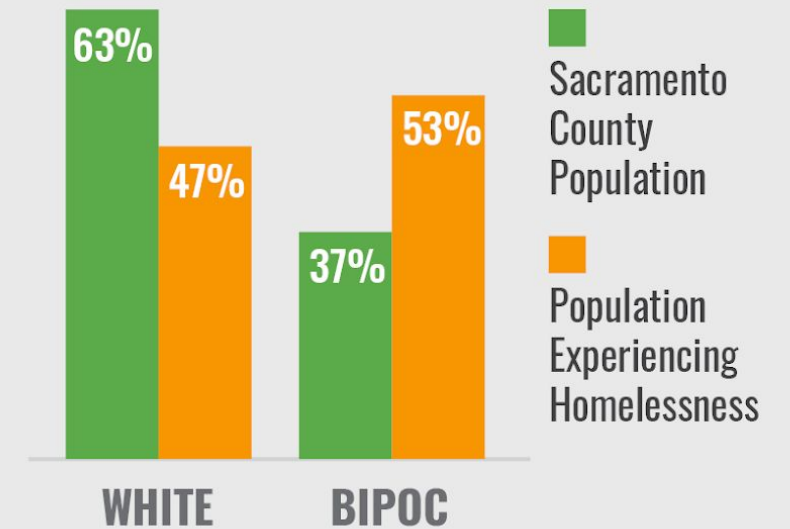
➤ Adults, families, and youth experience homelessness at different rates.

## People Experiencing Homelessness 2019 POINT-IN-TIME COUNT<sup>3</sup>



\*Total number of adults and children under 18

## Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) Are Overrepresented Among People Experiencing Homelessness<sup>4</sup>





# Systemic Factors Contributing to Homelessness



Homelessness is a complex issue for which there is no single cause or solution, and it is not an inherent fault of the individual. In Sacramento, similar to other communities, there are systemic factors that are linked with contributing to homelessness.

## > Social Impact<sup>1</sup>

# 35%

of participants enrolled in an HMIS participating program in 2020 self-reported **mental health illness, substance abuse, intimate partner violence, or loss of support** by family/friends as their primary reason for experiencing homelessness

Mental health, substance use disorders, and traumatic events may also contribute to someone's vulnerability and can add challenges to overcoming homelessness.

## > Rental Market<sup>2</sup>



**INCREASED**  
rental market  
competitiveness



**DECREASED**  
rental  
vacancy rate

A competitive housing market with **low vacancy rates** makes it difficult for persons experiencing homelessness to secure housing (rates declined from **6.5% to 2.5%** in the last decade)

<sup>1</sup>Data reported from the Homeless Management Information System. Dated: 1/15/2021 | <sup>2</sup>U.S. Census Bureau. (2019). Selected Housing Characteristics, 2010-2019 American Community Survey 1-year Estimates for Sacramento County



# Systemic Factors Contributing to Homelessness

## > Wages & Rental Costs<sup>3</sup>



In California, the statewide **minimum wage** is

**\$14/hr**



In Sacramento County, the **cost** for a 1-bedroom apartment at Fair Market Rent is

**\$1,188**



The number of combined **work hours** at minimum wage a person must work to afford a 1-bedroom apartment is

**65/wk**



The disparity between **wages** and **rental costs** presents as a burden to housing stability both for renters and people experiencing homelessness to maintain stable housing.

## > Affordable Housing<sup>4</sup>



An estimated **36,014** units of affordable housing for very low-income to low income are required over the next **8 years** to meet the community housing needs across Sacramento County

## > Racial Inequity<sup>5</sup>

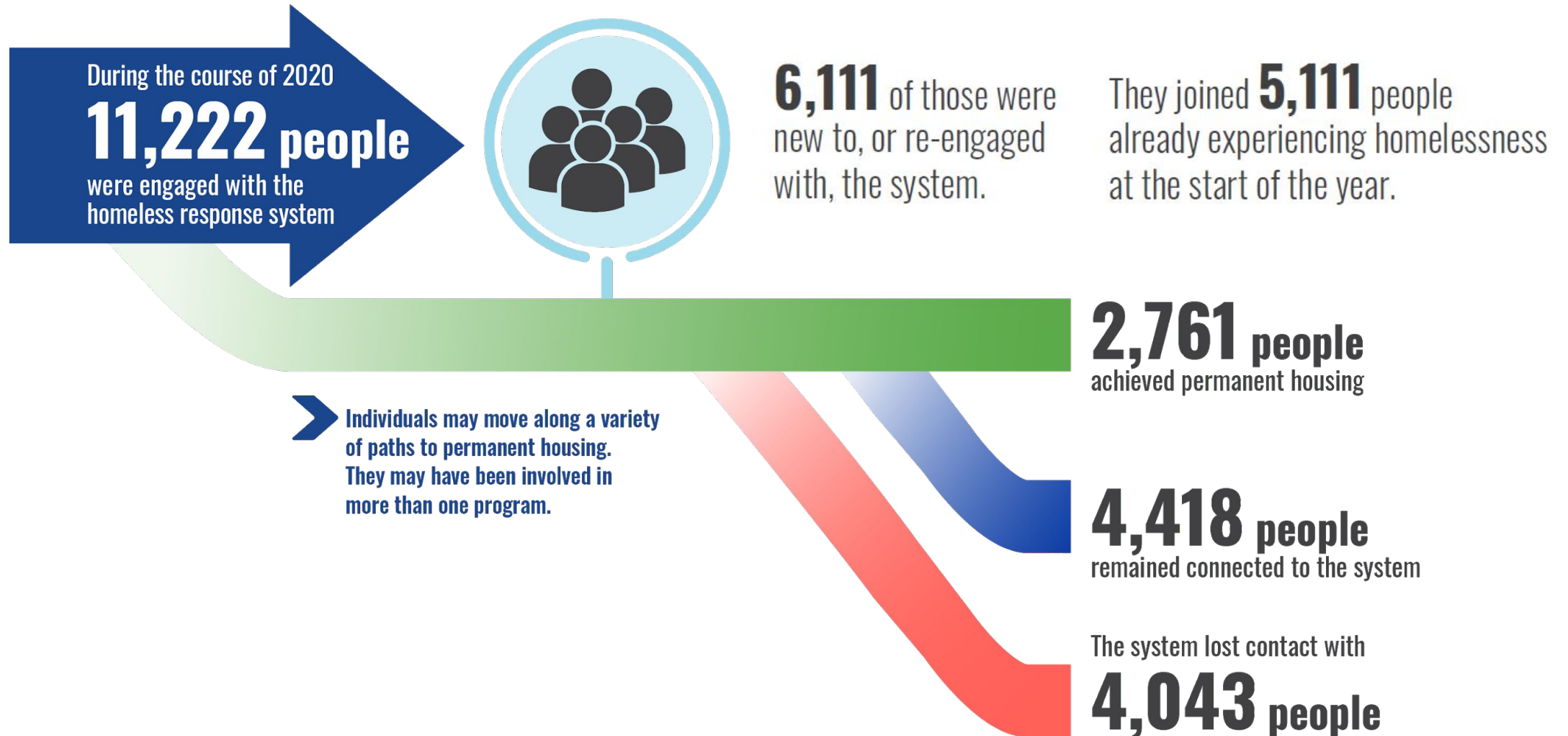
**3x**

more likely to experience homelessness if **Black/African American**

**4x**

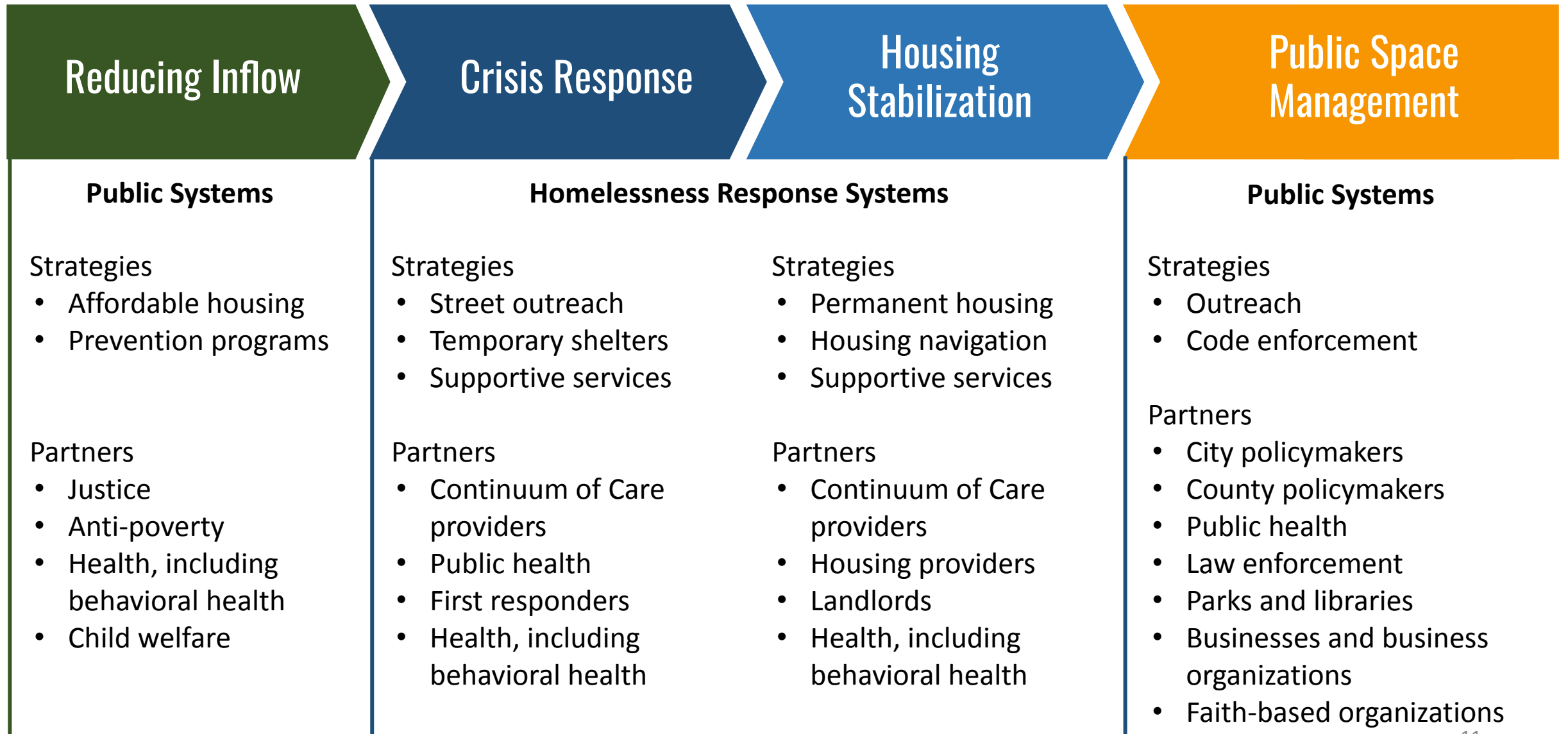
more likely to experience homelessness if **American Indian/Alaskan Native**

# Flow of People Through the Homeless Response System in 2020<sup>1</sup>



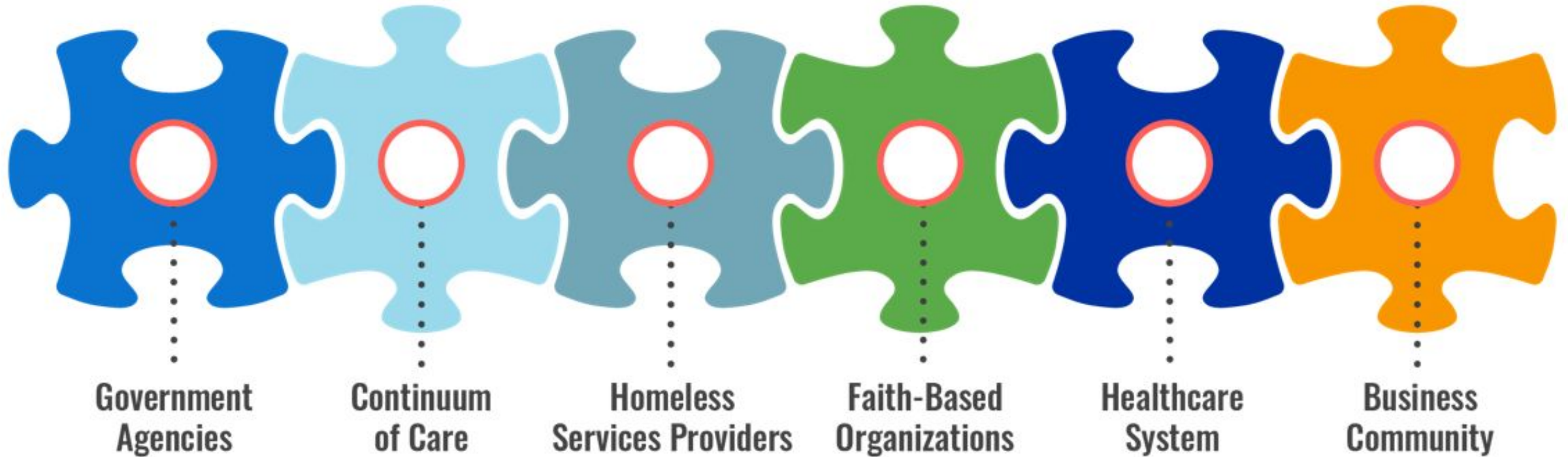
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# Addressing Unsheltered Homelessness





# Working Together



# Introductions



**Angela Upshaw (She/Her/Hers)**

Vice Chair

Sacramento Continuum of Care

Associate Director of Programs for  
Berkeley Food & Housing Project

Learn more about Angela and the  
SSF staff and Board [here](#).

# What is a Homeless Continuum of Care?



A Continuum of Care (CoC) is a regional or local planning body that coordinates housing and services to meet the specific needs of people experiencing homelessness as they move to stable housing and maximize self-sufficiency.

## Who comprises the Sacramento CoC?

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The Sacramento City and County Continuum of Care (Sacramento CoC) is comprised of a [25-member board](#) which includes representation from local government, homeless services providers, people with lived experience, and the broader community of businesses, advocates, and faith-based groups.





# Where is the Sacramento CoC situated in the community?

The Sacramento CoC is situated at a nexus for homelessness related efforts and is both informed by and helps to inform the work of our community partners.



\*In Sacramento, the CoC has designated SSF as the CoC Lead Agency serving as the Collaborative Funding Applicant, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Lead Agency, and operator for the Coordinated Entry System.

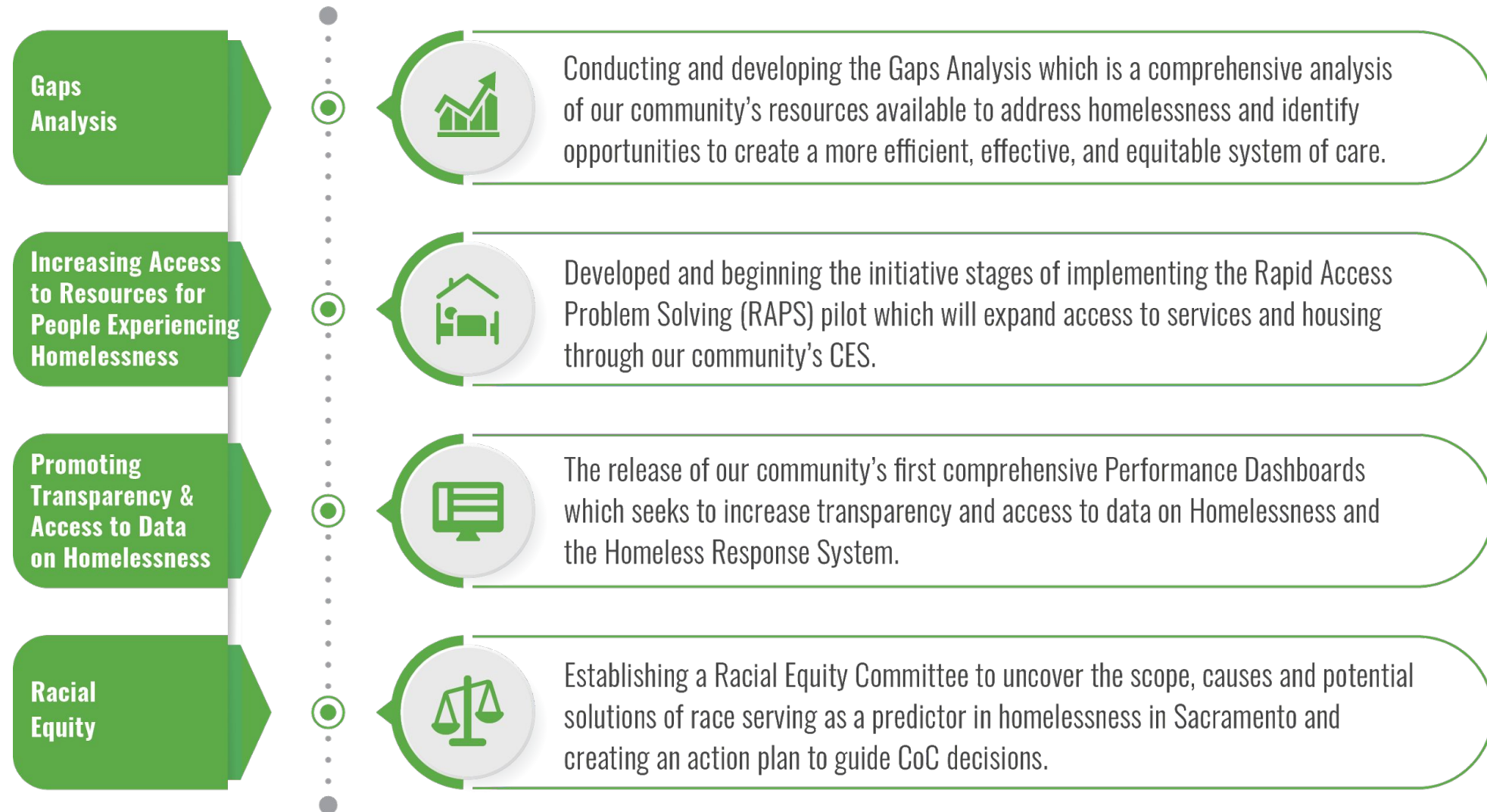
# What does the Sacramento CoC do?

The work of the Sacramento CoC is organized into 4 main components:



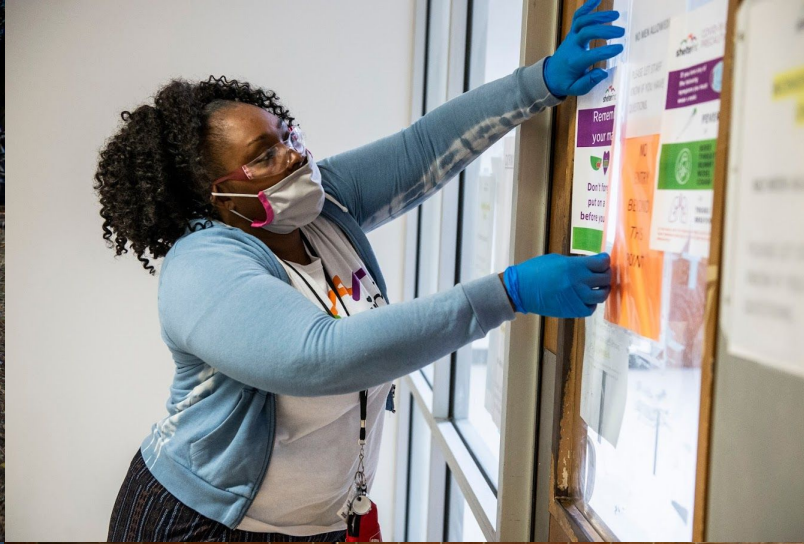
# Current Efforts of the Sacramento CoC

For the year 2020/21, the Sacramento CoC has actively engaged in many efforts to address homelessness:





# Voices from the Community



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# Voices from the Community

**Helen O'Connell (She/Her/Hers)**, Board Chair, Resources for Independent Living. Learn more about Helen [here](#).

**Modie Cotton (She/Her/Hers)**, Board Member, Youth Action Board.

**Eroz Burse (They/Them/Theirs)**, Unhomed Advocate. Learn more about Eroz [here](#).



# Meeting Overview

<b>8:30 am - 9:40 am</b>	<b>Plenary</b>
<b>9:40 am - 11:10 am</b>	<b>Breakout Sessions</b>
<b>11:10 am - 11:25 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>11:25 am - 12:50 pm</b>	<b>Open Discussion</b>
<b>12:50 pm - 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Closing Remarks</b>





# Overview of Breakout Sessions

## **Breakout Session 1: Improving Coordinated Entry: Optimizing Access to Housing and Services**

- Explores access challenges and opportunities to services for people experiencing homelessness. Review an evaluation of the Coordinated Entry System and discuss emerging opportunities for system improvement.
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## **Breakout Session 2: Closing the Gaps: Planning and Coordinating to Improve the Homeless System of Care**

- Reviews current strategic efforts across Sacramento, identify where there are gaps in the response system, and discuss how to address those gaps collaboratively.
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## **Breakout Session 3: Advancing Racial Equity: Social Justice Through Community Engagement**

- Explores several community-driven efforts to advance racial equity and re-imagine our homelessness system as being fully inclusive, anticipatory, and responsive.

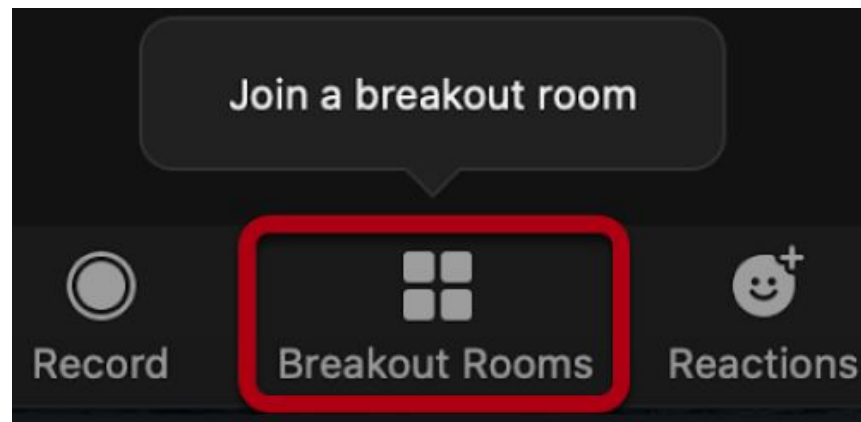
# Joining a Breakout Session

## How to Join a Breakout Room:

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**Step 2:** Click “Join” next to the Breakout Room name that you would like to join.

**Step 3:** Zoom will move you into the Breakout Room that you selected.



If you experience any technical issues, please connect with **Alicia Music**

# Let's Take a Break

The meeting will resume at **11:25am.**



# In Closing

- Thank you for participating in the 2021 Sacramento CoC's Annual Meeting.
- SSF staff will report back to the CoC Executive Committee and full Board on what we've learned today.
- The information and input gathered today will help inform the strategic planning efforts of the CoC.
- Please participate in our post-meeting survey [here](#).
- Materials from today's meeting, including presentation slides and recordings, will be posted to the Sacramento Steps Forward Annual Meeting webpage [here](#).