

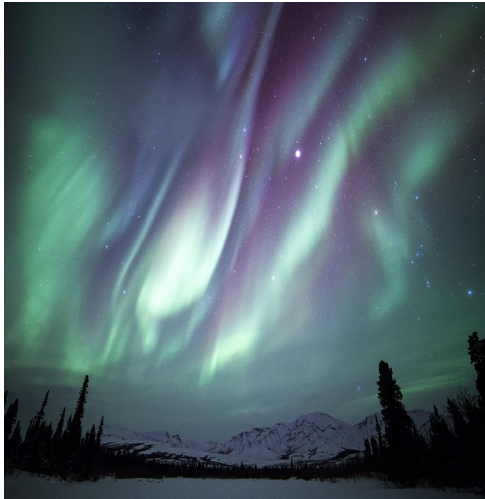
# Build Community Around Homelessness Solutions

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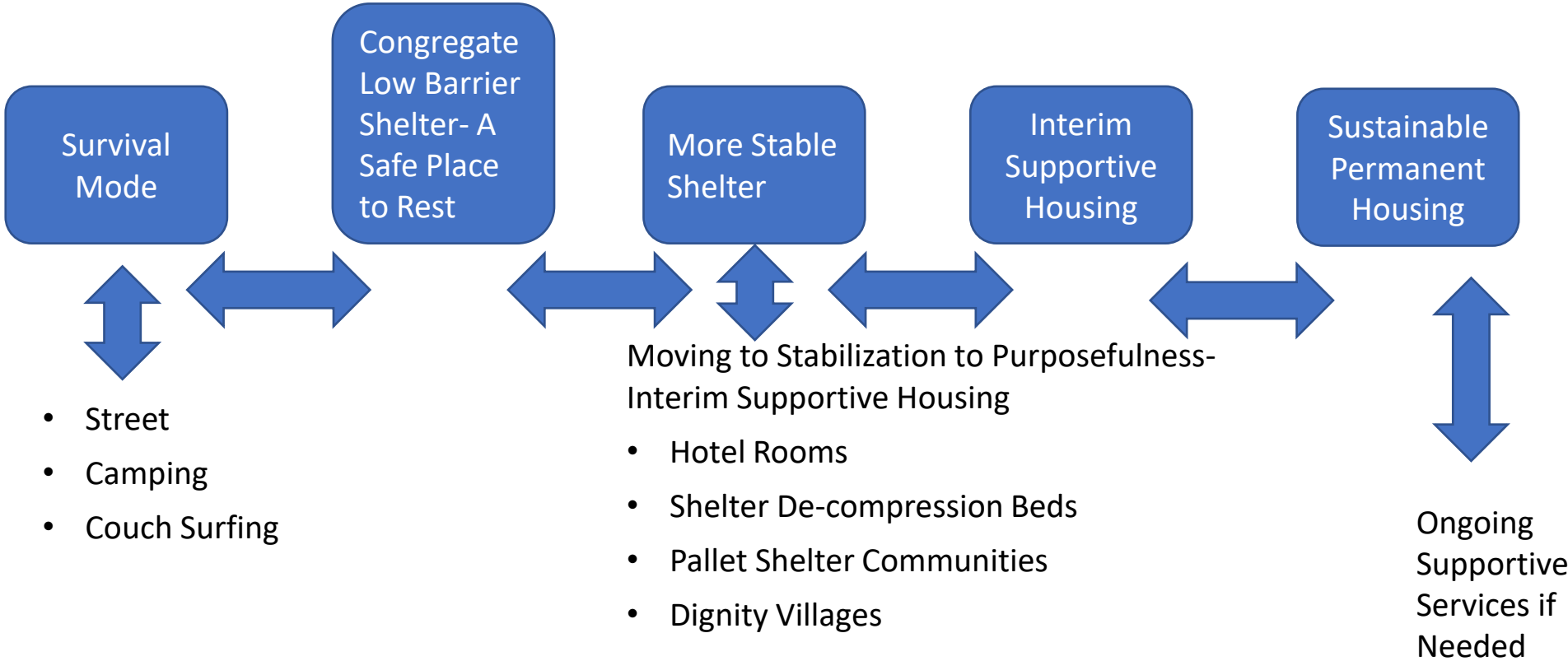
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# The Current Challenge of Homelessness in the U.S.

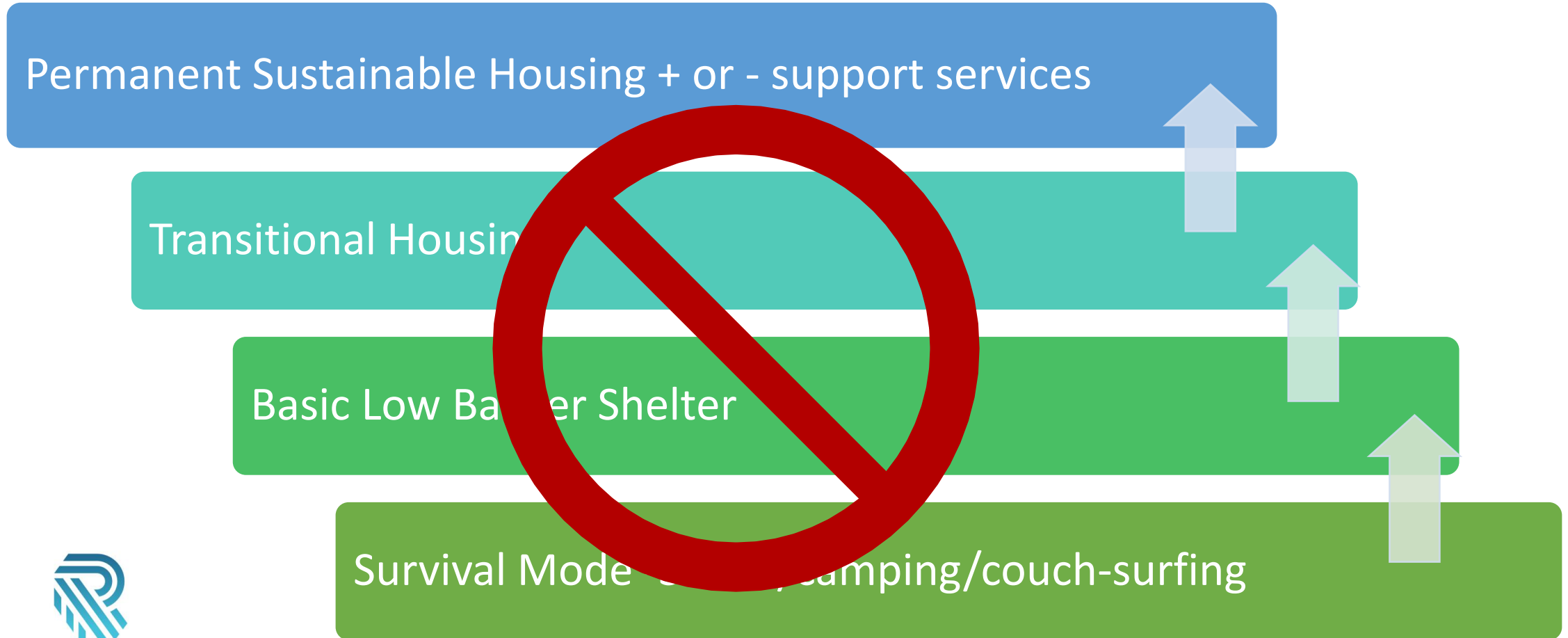
- Right now, there are about 600,000 people experiencing homelessness in the U.S.
- About 20% of these people have unsheltered chronic homelessness.
- Existing infrastructure and system gaps hinder progress in providing coordinated and collaborated support and housing to those in need.



# An Integrated Homeless Response Recognizes the Complexity of People's Lives and Moves Between Survival, Stabilization and Sustainability



# A Homeless Response is NOT a Linear Path



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# An Integrated Homeless Response Matches Client Need with Level of Service

The Elevator Goes Up and Down



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# An Integrated Homeless Response System

Our Solution: RRS offers an integrated and collaborative approach to address homelessness. We focus on implementation and prioritize the following key components:

- **Triage and Communication:** Implementing an effective triage system that works in real-time, ensuring individuals receive immediate support and fostering collaboration and information sharing among service providers.
- **Integrated Services:** Matching client needs with the appropriate level of service, including year-round low barrier shelters, interim supportive housing and sustainable supportive housing for people if necessary.
- **Coordinated Resource Network:** Establishing a system that coordinates resources, incentivizes collaboration, and delivers measurable results through data-driven decision-making.
- **Fundability and Feasibility:** RRS is results driven and doesn't let perfect be the enemy of good.



# Stages of an Integrated Response

- **Survival**- Persons experiencing homelessness need a place to rest. This need must be addressed at a minimum with year-round Low Barrier Shelters in our urban areas.
- **Stabilization**- As people feel more secure, they need a more stable shelter situation, including privacy, safety, and access to supportive services. Interim supportive housing gives individuals the opportunity to build more agency.
- **Sustainable**- All people experiencing homelessness deserve "housing first" but simultaneously their changing needs must be met with appropriate level of service.





# How to Build an Integrated Homeless Response System

- Phase I
  - Step 1 Admit what we are doing isn't working
  - Step 2 Throw out the the old concepts about the way we think about homeless services
  - Step 3 Secure agreement on approach and outcomes
- Phase II
  - Step 4 Identify existing assets and coordinate them
  - Step 5 Identify gaps and in a timely way fix them
  - Step 6 If complete fix not possible start with short term fix
- Phase III
  - Step 7 Build foundations of integrated system
  - Step 8 Enhance what we have and encourage innovation
  - Step 9 Continue to be bold and proactive!
- Phase IV
  - Step 10 Sustain integrated system and improve it



# What We Do



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- A System Approach
- Initiate Pilot Projects
- Financing Solutions
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Oversight
- Build A Collaborative Network

# What We Do- A System Approach

- We evaluate assets and gaps and implement an integrated and collaborative system of support and housing, providing comprehensive services and real-time solutions in partnership with individuals in need.
  - A system approach to homelessness means good triage of individuals experiencing homelessness, **so the right service is provided at the right time to the right person.**
  - A system approach to homelessness means integrated access to basic client data to build long term relationships and support. Solving homelessness requires meeting individual's needs in real time.
  - A system approach to homelessness requires housing and service providers to be incentivized to actively collaborate.



# The 5 stages of Homelessness Used in Expedited triage:

1. Situationally Homeless. Able to resolve with minimum support.
2. Working, work ready and/or purpose-driven. Able to exit emergency shelter with minimum to medium supports.
3. Homeless as a result of substance abuse, unresolved trauma, lack of stable supports, etc. Able to exit emergency shelter with medium to high-medium supports. 3.5 Need high support to resolve homelessness.
4. Chronically unstable; those who live with significant health and/or mental health challenges and need ongoing support.
5. Homeless and in survival mode and not willing or able to leave the lifestyle. 5+ Homeless, in survival mode and have significant health and mental health challenges.

# What We Do- Initiate Pilot Projects

- We work to initiate scalable pilot solutions to homelessness like interim supportive housing projects. This includes:
  - Work with landowners, public and private, to find land that we can “borrow”. Any time that a parcel of land is underutilized or vacant is a waste of a precious resource.
  - Work with government to enact emergency building and zoning codes, so that the response can be timely.
  - Use of modular and prefabricated housing materials, that are less expensive and can be moved, like “Pallet Shelters”,
  - Building communities, not just rooms. Community is vital to supportive housing pilot success. We actively collaborate with community service providers.



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# What We Do- Financing Solutions

- We build financial resources for homelessness solutions that combines government funding, traditional nonprofit philanthropy, and the for-profit sector. Public-private partnerships draw in more resources, from more directions.
- We are fast and flexible relationship-builders, creating pathways for companies, government agencies, and social impact investors to contribute to homelessness solutions.



# What We Do- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Oversight

- We provide 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Oversight of Homeless Services and Programs
  - 360 Assessment of homeless services, gaps and recommendations to fix gaps after contract initiation.
  - Establishment of open conduits for collaboration and communication of all stakeholders, including government, nonprofit and for-profit service providers and funders.
  - Using consensus with stakeholders, development of plan of Action Items.
  - Regular reports on Actions Items based on plan.
  - Refinement of Action Items as needed.
  - Regular meetings with stakeholders on progress on Action Items.
  - Final 360 Assessment with results report
  - Summary meeting with stakeholders.



# What We Do- Build A Collaborative Network

- We operationalize an integrated homeless response systems through direct communication and development of collaboration conduits with all stakeholders.
  - Homelessness is complicated and requires a multifaceted response that includes not only traditional homelessness providers, but also healthcare organizations, reentry organizations, addiction and sobriety care, mental health care and other housing and services organizations working together.
  - RRS builds relationships and communication conduits in a non-partisan solution-based way.
  - RRS is an implementor- we don't just talk about how to do it, we actually do



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# Evidence of Execution

- RRS is deeply committed to provide open, clear, consistent information to all stakeholders. What we report to one is reported to all. We have built our reputation on being clear headed, honest about what we see, and unafraid to speak truth.
- RRS is committed to work with integrity to collaborate with all stakeholders.
- Alaska's response to homelessness requires a nimble, experienced team, not afraid to take risks and to work hard. RRS is that team.





We passionately believe that an integrated homeless response system is necessary as we move forward to address homelessness in Alaska. Please contact us with questions, proposals or ideas.

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