



# Overview of *Ending Homelessness Before It Starts*: A Federal Homelessness Prevention Framework

“We end homelessness every day for thousands of people. But for every person housed, more lose their homes. To end homelessness in the United States, we must close this revolving door and stop homelessness before it starts.”

— USICH Director Jeff Olivet

*Ending Homelessness Before It Starts* is the federal government’s first-ever framework for preventing homelessness. It was informed by people with lived experience and developed in collaboration with federal agencies that make up the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH).

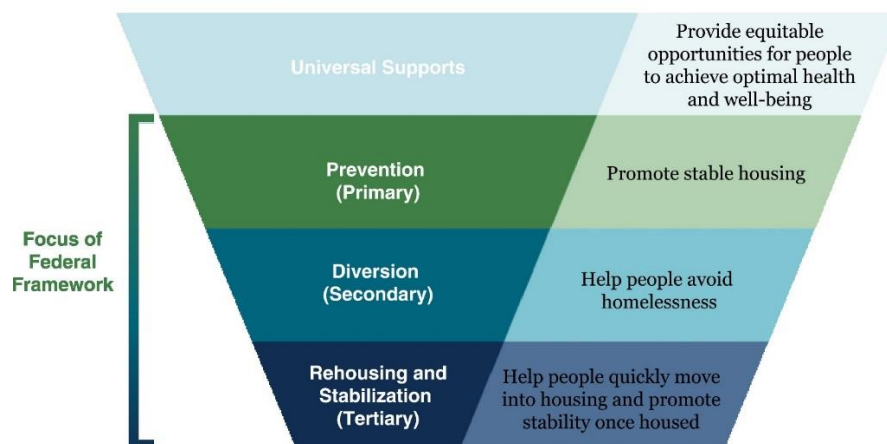
The framework will help governments, nonprofits, funders, systems, providers, and advocates of housing, health, human services, justice, education, employment, child welfare, and emergency services:

- ✓ **Develop cross-system approaches**
- ✓ **Use promising practices**
- ✓ **Understand federal resources**

“Homelessness can be deadly—but it is also preventable. [This] framework builds on the lessons learned from investments during the pandemic and recent innovative policy actions to help communities keep people in their homes.”

— HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra

## Categories of Homelessness Prevention



**Access the full document at [usich.gov/prevention](https://usich.gov/prevention)**

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