VISION
No one should experience homelessness—no one should be without a safe, stable place to call home.

GOALS
- Prevent and end homelessness among Veterans in 2015
- Finish the job of ending chronic homelessness in 2017
- Prevent and end homelessness for families, youth, and children in 2020
- Set a path to ending all types of homelessness

THEMES

Increase Leadership, Collaboration, and Civic Engagement
Objective 1: Provide and promote collaborative leadership at all levels of government and across all sectors to inspire and energize Americans to commit to preventing and ending homelessness
Objective 2: Strengthen the capacity of public and private organizations by increasing knowledge about collaboration, homelessness, and successful interventions to prevent and end homelessness

Increase Access to Stable and Affordable Housing
Objective 3: Provide affordable housing to people experiencing or most at risk of homelessness
Objective 4: Provide permanent supportive housing to prevent and end chronic homelessness

Increase Economic Security
Objective 5: Improve access to education and increase meaningful and sustainable employment for people experiencing or most at risk of homelessness
Objective 6: Improve access to mainstream programs and services to reduce people’s financial vulnerability to homelessness

Improve Health and Stability
Objective 7: Integrate primary and behavioral health care services with homeless assistance programs and housing to reduce people’s vulnerability to and the impacts of homelessness
Objective 8: Advance health and housing stability for unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness and youth aging out of systems such as foster care and juvenile justice
Objective 9: Advance health and housing stability for people experiencing homelessness who have frequent contact with hospitals and criminal justice

Retool the Homeless Crisis Response System
Objective 10: Transform homeless services to crisis response systems that prevent homelessness and rapidly return people who experience homelessness to stable housing

Operational Definition of an End to Homelessness

Progress in communities and across the nation over the last few years has affirmed that an end to homelessness is an achievable goal and can be measured. A clear definition of what an end to homelessness means, supported by specific metrics, will ensure that Federal, state, and local partners are working towards a shared vision and goal.

Definition:
An end to homelessness does not mean that no one will ever experience a housing crisis again. Changing economic realities, the unpredictability of life, and unsafe or unwelcoming family environments may create situations where individuals, families, or youth could experience, re-experience, or be at risk of homelessness. An end to homelessness means that every community will have a systematic response in place that ensures homelessness is prevented whenever possible or is otherwise a rare, brief, and non-recurring experience.

Specifically, every community will have the capacity to:
- Quickly identify and engage people at risk of and experiencing homelessness.
- Intervene to prevent the loss of housing and divert people from entering the homelessness services system.
- Provide immediate access to shelter and crisis services, without barriers to entry, while permanent stable housing and appropriate supports are being secured.
- When homelessness does occur, quickly connect people to housing assistance and services—tailored to their unique needs and strengths—to help them achieve and maintain stable housing.