



Consolidated Plan Insights

For the LIP Committee

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Ideas from BIPOC Focus Groups

- **Culturally-related housing barriers** are drivers of homelessness
 - Discrimination, immigration status, lack of credit history, complexity of application, language, criminal history/racialized policing practices
- **Culturally-appropriate services needed**
 - Culturally-related sources of trauma and stress, microaggressions, need for mental health services
 - Home is multigenerational and expansive in meaning
 - May affect optimal service setting
 - Importance of family/social networks and cultural institutions in service provision
 - How disability is viewed within specific cultures
 - Role of family, religious/cultural beliefs



Ideas from Special Needs Focus Groups

- **Homeless adults** (9 participants)
 - Showers, hygiene opportunities, storage for belongings, gas cards, healthier food
 - Full spectrum of housing options, with range of services; intensive treatment, 60 days of guaranteed shelter to get on their feet
- **At-risk and homeless youth** (9 participants)
 - Housing options with range of independence/support, options for couples, peer families, people with babies/kids
 - Service needs include tenant readiness, independent living skills, job readiness
- **Residents with mental illness** (10 participants)
 - Importance of relationship with case manager. Want trauma-informed care & skill building in working with people with mental illness for caregivers



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