



# Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

a joint powers authority of the city & county of los angeles

## 2009 Policy Priorities

An important part of LAHSA's efforts to support, create and sustain solutions to homelessness in the City & County of Los Angeles includes advocating for better programs, funding, and legislation at the federal, state and local levels.

The advocacy priorities listed below reflect the program goals of the largest source of federal funding for homelessness: the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development's (HUD) McKinney Homeless Assistance Program.

1. **Reduce chronic homelessness** by advocating for capital, operating and services funding to increase permanent supportive housing. Advocate for new programs and resources that move the most vulnerable individuals directly into housing.
2. **Decrease family homelessness** by advocating for programs and funding for homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing for homeless families, and mainstream benefits for low-income families.
3. **Increase housing stability** by advocating for new and ongoing funding for supportive services linked to housing and programs that better assure individuals and families stay in housing and do not cycle back into the more expensive emergency system of care.
6. **Increase employment outcomes** by advocating for resources to connect homeless individuals to educational and employment opportunities.
5. **Prevent homelessness** by advocating for funding and policy that preserves the net amount of affordable housing stock and reduces the number of people discharged into homelessness from public systems of care.
6. **Increase resources** for the Los Angeles Continuum of Care by advocating for an increased level of funding for Los Angeles area providers of housing and homeless services.