We seek out those in need

IHS, The Institute for Human Services' outreach philosophy is to meet people wherever they are. That translates to their geographic location, their spiritual place and emotional condition. Our team of highly trained Outreach Specialists establish relationships and offer services to people who live in encampments, parks, under highways and a wide array of places.

We take the time to understand an individual's challenges, assess symptoms of loss and trauma and address root causes that contribute to homelessness. This is how we identify a person's motivation to seek support, stabilization and identify pathways into housing. By meeting simple, immediate needs for healthcare, food and transportation, clients begin to trust us.

Our homeless outreach efforts have resulted in community leaders, businesses and residents reporting a reduction in homelessness, fewer negative interactions and complaints, and fewer arrests. Our "housing first" approach has resulted in a reduction of considerable costs to our medical, public safety, health and human services systems overall, in addition to improving health, well-being and stability of formerly homeless clients.

Learn more about our outreach initiatives here.