



## Responding to unsheltered homeless and offering a path toward stabilization and housing

Meeting people where they are – geographically, spiritually and emotionally – is the nature of our homeless outreach program.

We provide our community with a team of highly trained Outreach Specialists that move freely between the streets and shelter facilities. They offer services to unsheltered homeless persons living in encampments, parks, and throughout various communities.

From understanding individual challenges in each person's life, assessing symptoms of loss and trauma, to addressing root causes that contribute to homelessness – IHS Outreach Specialists develop relationships with unsheltered homeless and works to enhance a person's motivation to seek support, stabilization and identify pathways into housing. By consistently engaging unsheltered clients as frequently as necessary, and meeting simple, immediate needs for healthcare, food, or transportation; clients become more receptive to shelter and housing.

Our homeless outreach efforts have resulted in community leaders, businesses and residents reporting a reduction in visible homelessness, fewer negative interactions and complaints, and fewer arrests in various communities. With 40 years of experience; our "housing first" philosophy and 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.