

# HOMELESSNESS IN CENTRAL OREGON

Effective solutions require understanding....



# Overview

- What is homelessness?
- Who are the families and individuals experiencing homelessness in Central Oregon?
- Existing Services : Shelters & Behavioral Health
- Missing Services
- Discussion

# What is homelessness?

- **Literal Homelessness:** families and individuals living in a place not meant for habitation (including streets or in a car), an emergency shelter, in transitional housing or in a hotel paid for by government or charitable organization
- **Imminent Risk of Homelessness:** families and individuals who will lose their primary nighttime residence within 14 days and has no other support to obtain permanent housing. I.e. Staying with friends
- **Other**
  - Youth and Families with children that do not have a lease and have moved 2 or more times in the last 60 months
  - Those who are fleeing violence and have no other resources to obtain permanent housing

# Who are those experiencing homelessness in Central Oregon?

- **We had 969 people experiencing homelessness in January 2020...**

## *Homelessness in Central Oregon in 2020...*

**203** children  
under 18

**54** unaccompanied  
youth or children

**10%** increase  
from 2019

**59** unsheltered  
veterans

**360** households  
with children

\*The data is always a severe undercount, especially for families and children. For example, in Bend-La Pine School District, 2018/19, 397 students, or about 2% of total enrollment were homeless (ODE).