

2025 HAM Myths To Bust

Myths

1. Homelessness will never happen to me.
2. Housing First is expensive and ineffective.
3. Funding spent on homelessness is money wasted
4. Homeless people:
 - a. Are all single adults/single white men
 - b. Are Criminals
 - c. Are Uneducated
 - d. Are violent or Dangerous
 - e. Are lazy/don't want to work
 - f. Are homeless by choice
 - g. Are mentally ill or addicts
 - h. Are not from here
 - i. Are not interested in help
 - j. Are a burden on the economy/receive more than their fair share of government assistance/ don't pay taxes/ taking advantage of the system.
 - k. can't take care of themselves – so they shouldn't be allowed to have pets
5. It's Hopeless to Try to End Homelessness
 - a. Homelessness is a permanent problem
 - b. We will never solve homelessness
 - c. Nothing we're doing is helping
 - d. Homelessness is not preventable.
6. There's nothing I can do
7. There's nothing to help people experiencing homelessness