# **SOUTHERN INDIANA**





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### **ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN**

**KNOW Homelessness** is an ambitious campaign inspiring change in our understanding of homelessness and its effects in Louisville and Southern Indiana.

### **WHY FOCUS ON HOMELESSNESS?**

For many of us, homelessness feels like a problem that is too big, too complicated to address. We want to break through that fatigue with human connection, with attention, and with information. The common understandings and representations of homeless communities are incomplete. Together, let's bring to light the reality and scale of homelessness, dispel the myths, and make the issue visible. Let's make it knowable.

Because knowing is caring.

Even though the United States is experiencing a series of intersecting crises, each of which compounds the issue in complex ways, these three things remain central to understanding the causes of homelessness.

### **SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER**

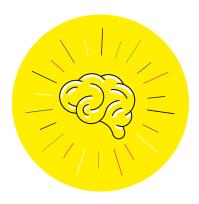
- It only takes a small series of sudden events in one's life to be without a home.
- Homelessness is an oftentimes temporary situation in which many people find themselves.
- We can end homelessness. It has been shown that providing "Housing First," followed by services promoting stability has lowered homelessness rates by 50% in many U.S. cities



## LISTEN. LEARN. SHARE.



### THREE THINGS YOU CAN DO



1. Keep an open mind and listen



Ask people who've experienced homelessness about their experience



3. Talk to your friends and family about what you learn

### **STATS**

The issue of current-day homelessness is broad and complicated, affecting too many of our neighbors and communities.



The 2019 Point In Time count shows that on a given night in Southern Indiana, 76 people are experiencing homelessness; a 55% increase from 2018.



15 - 20% of people experiencing homelessness in Southern Indiana are children.





In Floyd and Clark counties, there are over 1000 low-income households vulnerable to loss of housing, doubling up, or homelessness.

### **QUICK FACTS**

**80% of people experiencing homelessness** are temporarily homeless due to a sudden series of changes in their lives

50% of homeless women and children are fleeing domestic violence

45% of adults experiencing homelessness have worked in the last 30 days

Louisville's eviction rate is 2X the national average

**15-20% of the homeless population** in Southern Indiana are children