

# Rural De-Criminalization Efforts

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# Effective Partnerships

Lessons from a convening with 10 cities suggest that effective partnerships between law enforcement and homelessness service providers can be achieved through the following strategies:

- 1. Develop shared goals, clearly define roles, and engage other critical stakeholders;
- 2. Use data to understand local need and assess progress;
- 3. Review and align local laws and ordinances to support the goals of the partnership;
- 4. Equip law enforcement officers and their homelessness services system counterparts with protocols and training; and
- 5. Divert people from the criminal justice system while supporting long-term stabilization

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- Develop Shared Goals
- Clearly Define Roles
- Engage Other Critical Stakeholders
- Lead the way on this

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# Police Relationships

- At least one within each department
- Homeless Liaison officer?
- Do your police know about homeless services/housing programs?

# Street Outreach Location Partner Checklist

Do you have working relationships with these entities in your communities? Do people in these roles know when and when not to call you? Do you have easy contact information? Do you regularly touch base with these partners?

- Law Enforcement
- Meal Sites
- Drop Ins
- Warming Centers
- Libraries
- Clothing Pantries
- Food Pantries
- Community Champions



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- Divert people from the criminal justice system while supporting long-term stabilization
  - LE Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)
  - Mental Health Mobile Response?
  - Crisis Center/Crisis Stabilization Unit?

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