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Steps:

Housing:

- Rapid rehousing: trying to find housing for people who are evicted, cheaper than sheltering; pays 1st month rent down payment and get utilities connected
- Sheltering: Days inn, motels, shelters. \$1000 per two weeks; not as efficient as rapid rehousing
- Preventative help: Pay rent and utilities for people about to be evicted

Energy:

- Can pay bills if water, electric is turned off to get them caught up

Work Skills:

- Youth programs to help with 18-24 year olds who may be homeless or who may need work skills (resume, work ethic, job searches)
- Adult Program: same as above but for 25 and over
- Older adult program: over 55 helps with job discrimination
- Recycling plant for disabled

Women and children:

- Special funding for women and children
- WYOP: made up of 18 yrs who got out of foster systems and young women with children; work to provide kids and moms with apartments or homes and find a job and work to get them on their feet
- Help Kids in foster system understand that they don't have to be homeless at 18; other option that the foster care can pay for 18 yrs to get on their feet; many don't know this exist
- Informs young moms about temporary assistance for needy families (TANF)
 - Monetary and non monetary for limited time for families trying to work towards self sufficiency