Making enumeration count:
Conducting a joint Point-in-Time Count / Registry Week

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Hamilton Profile

- Located on the traditional territories of the Mississauga and Haudenosaunee nations
- 10th largest municipality in Canada
- Population approx. 540,000

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Housing & Homelessness

42% of renter households spend 30% of their income on housing

14,600 social housing rental units

5,964 households on the social housing waitlist

255 emergency shelter beds and **20** family units

96% shelter occupancy rate in 2016

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Homelessness Enumeration

Aboriginal Point-in-Time Count (2015)
131 people surveyed

20K Homes Pilot Community (2015)
Registry Week
454 people surveyed

1st National PITC (2016)
Combined PITC / Registry Week
504 people surveyed

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Hamilton's Enumeration Objectives

✓ Connect with as many people as possible experiencing homelessness

✓ Understand the scope of need in our community and the levels of vulnerability

✓ Inform planning and prioritization of appropriate responses

Why Combine PITC & Registry Week?

PITC requires considerable community effort to obtain an accurate census of those experiencing homelessness.

Why not collect information that can be used to help individuals get housed while you're at it?

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Advantages of a joint PITC/RW

- Person-specific data is the key to ending homelessness

- Driver for:
  - ✓ Urgent and immediate action to house
  - ✓ Transformational change at systems level

- Ability to prioritize individuals for housing based on current system resources and work towards the ideal

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How does a Joint PITR / RW differ?

Surveys take a little longer to complete (10-15 minutes total)

You may need to recruit more **volunteers** and provide additional training

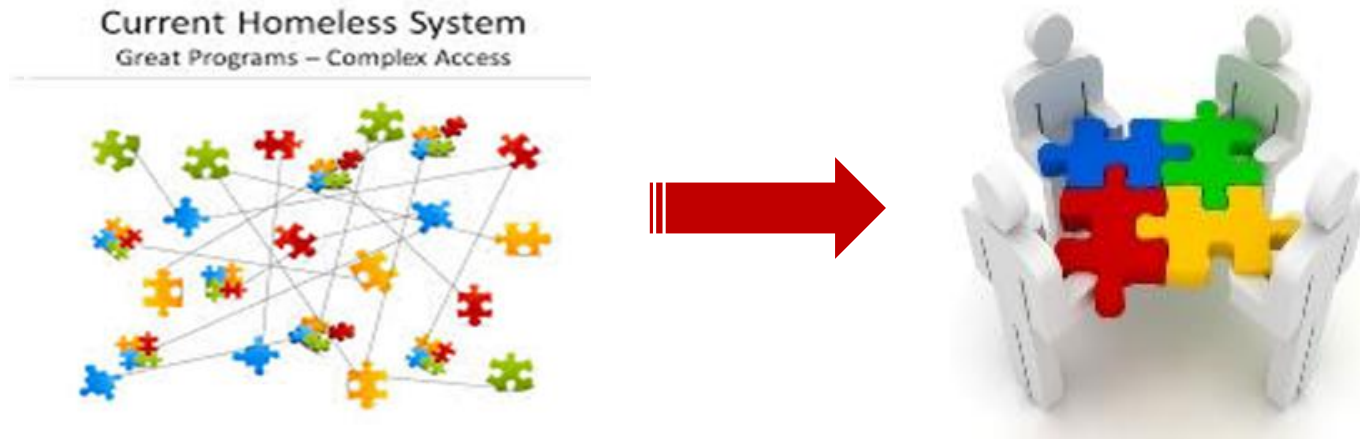Additional **data** to enter and analyse

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Hamilton's Urgent & Immediate Action to House

- **504** individuals surveyed

- Commitment to house **138** high acuity individuals experiencing chronic/episodic homelessness in 2016

  ✓ **220** housed

Building a Coordinated System

Current Homeless System
Great Programs – Complex Access

As a community we are working to build:

✓ An intentional, coordinated, suite of services that is centrally managed, avoids duplication and tracks how components contribute to overall outcomes.

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Re-thinking our System

Since PITC/Registry Week

- ✓ Community Self Assessment tool
- ✓ Housing First Housing Allowances
- ✓ Implementation of SPDAT
- ✓ Housing-based Case Management
- ✓ The role of the emergency shelter system
- ✓ Shelter Diversion

What's Next?

- ➢ Integrated priority list
- ➢ Building a system of care model
- ➢ Coordinated Intake and Assessment
- ➢ Rapid Rehousing

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Getting Started

No need to start from scratch!

Request support from communities who have conducted a joint PITC / Registry Week

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Thank you

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