

Understanding Racial Disparities in Homelessness

Tuesday, May 9th, 2023

Start: 12:00 PM ET **End:** 2:15 PM ET

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In recent years, the United States has begun to place greater emphasis on racial equity as a key component to ending homelessness. For decades, racial and ethnic minorities, especially Black and Indigenous persons, have experienced homelessness at much higher rates than their white counterparts. This disproportionate burden has a long history rooted in racialized policies that continue to affect people experiencing homelessness today. In this training, we will explore this history while examining the structural and individual factors driving the racialization of homelessness. Presenters will identify ways that our current service delivery system reinforces racial disparities, placing an emphasis on the need to move toward equity, rather than equality, in the homeless services system.

Learning objectives:

When attendees return to the workplace, they will be able to:

- Explore the current state of homelessness through the lens of race and ethnicity at a national and local level
- Explain key structural and individual factors that disproportionately impact racial minorities experiencing homelessness
- Identify the ways that current service delivery systems reproduce and reinforce racial disparities

Target Audience: Social service providers and helping professionals working with individuals experiencing homelessness and/or BIPOC communities, policy-makers, government workers, agency administrators, CoC leads, or anyone invested in ending homelessness in their community.

Social Work Practice Level: This course is appropriate for beginner, intermediate, or advanced BSW/ MSW learners.

Content Level: This course covers intermediate level material.

Course Delivery Format: Live webinar

Interactivity: This course will offer 15 minutes of Q&A time.

Social Work Credit Hours Offered: 2 CE credits*

Fees: \$20 general registration; additional \$5 for registration with social work CE credit

Registration includes access to the live event and recording, PDF of slides, and relevant training tip sheets/resources.

To register, please submit payment to: <https://bit.ly/3TaGRf0>

Upon receipt of payment, attendees will receive a receipt via email with the link to finalize their course registration with Zoom. Information for accessing the live webinar will then be sent directly from Zoom.

Registration deadline: Individuals may register up until the start time of the event.

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Course completion requirements: Attendees must attend the entirety of the virtual session with system video and audio enabled to participate and respond to all poll questions and activities. Certificates will be distributed to participants via email within two weeks of the course's conclusion. Attendees must complete a course evaluation via Google Forms to receive a certificate. Course evaluation links will be distributed during the session and via email immediately following the training. Individuals must attend the live webinar in order to receive a certificate of completion.

System requirements: Webinar participants must have to access to a computer, tablet, or smart phone with high speed Internet, microphone, speakers, and a (free) Zoom video conferencing account.

Session Facilitators:



Ryan Villagran, LSW (they/them), joined Housing First University in June 2021 as a Training Specialist. Ryan holds a Master of Social Work from Temple University with a concentration in Communities & Policy. His clinical background includes delivering psychiatric rehabilitation services in the mental health recovery model at a Community Integrated Recovery Center. Ryan also developed and coordinated a training program in a university setting for social workers serving transitional-aged youth and later taught a Human Behavior in the Social Environment course for graduate social work students. Ryan is involved in organizing efforts around ending mass incarceration and believes in the power of our collective imagination to dream of a better future centered around the most vulnerable members of our community.



Khalil Martin, LSW (he/him), joined Pathways to Housing PA in 2021 and currently works as a Team Leader on an ACT team for individuals with Opioid Use Disorder. Before this, Khalil worked as a Behavioral Health Therapist at runaway & homeless youth shelters throughout the tri-state area. Khalil also worked for Project HOME and assisted in the creation of the Gloria Casarez Residence which is the first permanent supportive housing for LGBTQ+ young adults in Pennsylvania. Drawing from principles of feminist theory, Khalil uses a strength-based and person-centered approach to assist individuals in understanding and navigating various forms of oppression and how these systems impact one's personal and interpersonal experiences. Khalil received his Master's degree in clinical social work from The University of Pennsylvania.

Schedule	
11:45-12:00 PM	Virtual training room opens
12:00-12:10 PM	Welcome & introductions
12:10-12:25 PM	Review recent statistics about race & homelessness
12:25-12:50 PM	Define racism & structural racism
12:50-12:55 PM	Break
12:55-1:30 PM	Structural & interpersonal factors; Barriers within the homeless service system
1:30-1:55 PM	Systems-level & individual-level approaches to addressing racism in homelessness
1:55-2:15 PM	Closing remarks, Q & A

For questions or concerns, please contact: Andrew Spiers, LSW
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