Goals: The landscape assessment study is designed to provide a comprehensive analysis of California’s homelessness response system, in response to the California state legislature’s request (Assembly Bill No. 140, SEC. 27, Section 8257.1). The study will identify how the major state programs are being used, who is accessing services and housing provided by those programs, and how the different programs are delivered at the local level. The final report will inform ways to increase the effectiveness of the full continuum of strategies to end homelessness in California.

Partners: The study is a collaboration between California’s Interagency Council on Homelessness, UC Berkeley’s Terner Center for Housing Innovation and Goldman School of Public Policy, UCSF’s Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative, and Abt Associates.

Timeline: The study will be completed by the end of 2022.

Research questions:
- **Sources and Uses of Funding:** What are the programs that the State funds and administers that serve people experiencing or at risk of homelessness?
- **Services Provided and Population Served:** What interventions and services are funded by the state? Who do these interventions serve?
- **Coordination and Effectiveness of Care:** How do organizations collaborate within and between jurisdictions and systems (e.g., housing, social services, healthcare)? How do people experiencing or at risk of homelessness navigate service systems?

Data sources:
- **Administrative data** from California’s Homeless Data Integration System (HDIS) and other centrally collected sources on homelessness program funding and services
- **Interviews** with Continuum of Care (CoC) leadership and staff, participating local governments, public agencies, non-profit homelessness service organizations, housing developers, community groups, and people with lived experience of homelessness
- **Surveys** of organizations directly providing homeless services

The California Homelessness Landscape Assessment Study will collect data from all of California’s Continuums of Care, including the counties and cities within them. The study seeks to represent experiences and perspectives from all parts of the state, ensuring the report and recommendations consider the diverse needs of different places throughout California.

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