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## **Articles**

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<https://journals.plos.org/plosmedicine/article?id=10.1371/journal.pmed.1003750>

This article studies the prevalence of mental health disorders amongst the homeless population in the areas of higher income.

<https://ojs.lib.uwo.ca/index.php/wupj/article/view/11040>

This article explores the interventions done by religious programs and facilities to tend to the homeless population.

Tracy Donaldson

A social determinant influencing health is housing; one's quality of life may suffer without a place to live. Those who are homeless face substantial issues with substance misuse, mental health, and physical health. They can encounter significant obstacles when attempting to receive health services, and they are known to be more likely to experience adverse health outcomes and premature mortality than those who are housed (Carmichael et al., 2023). Many times, a person experiencing homelessness will put the necessities of living, such as a roof over their head and food, as more important than preventative health care (Carmichael et al., 2023).

The experience of homelessness can worsen the health status of those who are homeless (Carmichael et al., 2023). For example, social isolation during homelessness can worsen mental health, and neglecting long-term health conditions might result in more serious complications (Carmichael et al., 2023). Other obstacles to receiving healthcare include not having a fixed residence or photo identity and finding it difficult to keep appointments because of a lack of a mobile phone or email (Carmichael et al., 2023).

According to Onapa et al. (2021), there is a crisis with an estimated 150 million homeless individuals and 1.8 billion people without proper shelter. With additional volunteers, organizations that offer support services, like The Dwelling Place in Danville, Illinois, could be able to assist the homeless population further. Two potential ways are a nighttime shelter to give people experiencing displacement a safer place to stay and access to more specialized care.

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<https://ojs.lib.uwo.ca/index.php/ijoh/article/view/13651>

This article explores the various needs of people who are experiencing homelessness. The participants who participated also gave input on challenges they face and possible solutions that may help develop more efficient services and care.

<https://ojs.lib.uwo.ca/index.php/ijoh/article/view/14785?articlesBySimilarityPage=11#articlesBySimilarity>

This article explores how accepting communities are to homeless shelters and homeless-servicing facilities being set up in their neighborhood. It also explores how these communities view the homeless population and the beliefs that they have.

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