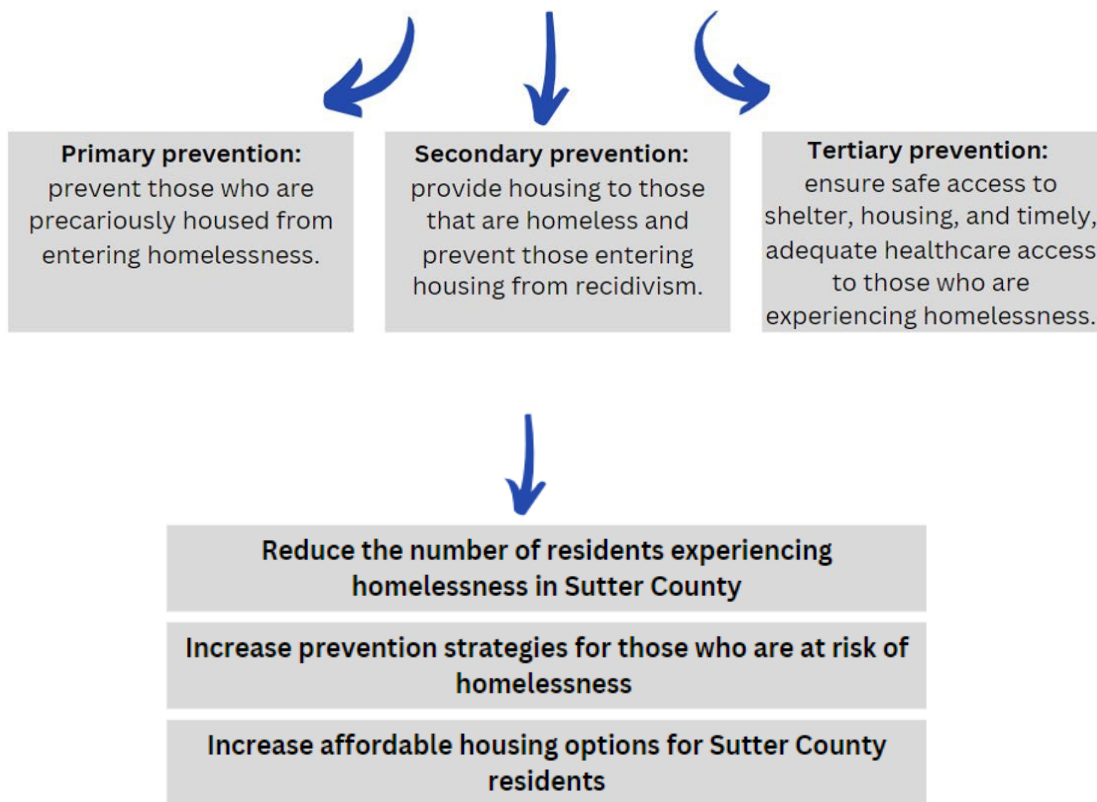# Addressing Homelessness Workgroup

The Sutter County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) health priority workgroup aimed at addressing homelessness in Sutter County convened Wednesday, January 25th, 2023. During this meeting community partners provided their thoughts and opinions on the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) analysis to addressing homelessness in our community. Additionally, this workgroup collectively developed draft overarching vision statements to make an impact in this community health priority area. Based on the information collected during this meeting and the prevention strategies below, the Sutter County Public Health Branch developed the following overarching vision statements:

Primary prevention: prevent those who are precariously housed from entering homelessness.

Secondary prevention: provide housing to those that are homeless and prevent those entering housing from recidivism.

Tertiary prevention: ensure safe access to shelter, housing, and timely, adequate healthcare access to those who are experiencing homelessness.

Reduce the number of residents experiencing homelessness in Sutter County

Increase prevention strategies for those who are at risk of homelessness

Increase affordable housing options for Sutter County residents

The next steps of the community health improvement process are to develop the measurable objectives, strategies, and actions this group will implement to achieve each overarching vision statement.

Objectives:
- Measurable statement of the specific desired change or end state
- Describe the steps that will take place to achieve the change(s) defined in the overarching vision

- Are SMART

Sample SMART Objectives:
Health priority: Addressing Homelessness
Goal: Reduce the number of residents experiencing homelessness in Sutter County.
Objectives:
- By December 31st, 2025 increase emergency shelter bed capacity in Sutter County by 20%.

Strategies:
- A general approach or collection of actions to achieve a desired goal or overarching vision.
- Provides a clear roadmap: smaller steps along the way to achieving an objective

Actions:
- Specific programmatic, policy or other action that implements or "operationalizes" the strategy.

What's Next?

During our next workgroup meeting we work collectively on the following topics:
- Review common themes and deliverables identified in the SWOT analysis during our last workgroup meeting and develop SMART objectives based on each overarching vision statement.
- Determine the strategies and actions this workgroup will implement to achieve each identified SMART objective.