



The Burnes Center at the University of Denver's Graduate School of Social Work is a community partner leading public discourse on issues of poverty and homelessness.

Evaluation

- Program Evaluation
- Systems Mapping
- Participatory approach
- Sophisticated analysis tools
- Increasing the capacity and impact of community partners

Policy Research

- Analyzing and interpreting data on poverty and homelessness
- Issue Briefs on diverse topics related to the social and economic injustice of homelessness

Public Education

- Data-driven dialogue with policymakers, practitioners and the general public
- Addressing stereotypes associated with homelessness
- Understanding and facilitating best practices



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Burnes Center on Poverty and Homelessness

Our Mission

To **inform** policymakers and practitioners about issues related to homelessness, to **impact** policies and practices, and to **transform** the lives of people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Our Vision

Through the work of the Institute, people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness are empowered to live full lives of their choosing.

Our Values

- Everyone deserves a home and access to needed services.
- Improving policy and practice to maximize opportunities for improved lives requires outcomes-based and data-driven information.
- Identifying and utilizing best and evidence-based practices are impossible without quality data and evaluation.
- Policy makers and practitioners need to be able to utilize data-driven information.



Inform



Impact



Transform

"Even if there is only one person experiencing homelessness, that's one too many!"

Founder and Board Chair Donald W. Burnes from *Ending Homelessness: Why We Haven't, How We Can*