



Changing Homelessness does not condone injustice in any form and stands proudly with those committed to social justice, equality, and ensuring human rights for all. It is not difficult to see that people across the nation are fearful, disappointed, angry, hurt, and grieving. The effects of injustice surrounding the tragic death of George Floyd and countless others, demands we have honest conversations with family members, colleagues, friends, and our children, as it is our responsibility to explain to them what is happening and why Black lives matter.

We recognize the long-standing history racial inequity has in homelessness and housing, and cannot achieve our vision of ending homelessness without addressing these disparities. According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, “Most minority groups in the United States experience homelessness at higher rates than Whites, and therefore make up a disproportionate share of the homeless population.” In 2018, the Northeast Florida Continuum of Care (CoC) conducted a preliminary racial assessment of the homeless services community which showed Blacks or African Americans represented more than 50% of the homeless population while representing only 25% of the general population. Then in 2019, it completed a Racial and Ethnic Disparities Analysis to better understand the overrepresentation of people of color among the homeless population and how that translates into our community.

At Changing Homelessness, we put front and center the most vulnerable people in our region, insisting on their worth and dignity. Every day we see people facing grim facts, yet choosing to go with hope. We stand firm in our commitment to realize a healthy and housed Jacksonville where everyone thrives, and we will not stop working until that is a reality.

Pray for peace. Work for justice. Demand equality.

With our hearts and minds of one accord, together, we can bring about systemic change for the good of all our neighbors.

[FL-510 2018 Racial Disparities Preliminary Assessment](#)
[FL-510 2019 Racial and Ethnic Disparities Analysis](#)

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