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Governor Releases State's Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness

Governor Mead announced the release of the state's initiative to end homelessness. The plan contains steps to identify where the homeless are located and what the state can do to remedy those things that contribute to

homelessness.

The Department of Family Services and the Wyoming Homeless Collaborative - a 125 member private-public partnership of government agencies and providers - developed the plan, entitled “A Home for Everyone.” The plan will be used to address homelessness in Wyoming over the next 10 years.

“There is no single cause or characterization for homelessness. Families, those who suffer mental health issues, veterans, an individual who made bad choices or just had bad luck are numbered among the homeless,” Governor Mead said. “‘A Home for Everyone’ is a plan to systematically identify and address the problem. I thank those involved for their work.”

The annual Homeless Point-in-Time Count conducted in January, 2014, tallied 757 people without a home in Wyoming - a figure the state believes is representative of a larger number.

“A Home for Everyone” is a first step in Wyoming’s effort to ensure all its citizens have a safe, secure place to call home.

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