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# Rural/Frontier Implementation Facilitated Discussion

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# DHCS Welcome

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# Who is Here?

Share your:

- Name
- County
- Why did you pick this session to attend? -or- What do you hope to hear from others in this space?



## Moderators:

- » Sherri Downing
- » Michael Helmick



# Rural Homelessness

1. About 80% of California's land mass is rural, but home to only about 6% of Californians
2. 39% of the U.S. population of unsheltered families with children are rural
3. Nationally, rural CoCs had the highest percentage of unaccompanied youth (under 18) experiencing homelessness (12%)
4. Overall lack of resources including health care, transportation, employment & education
5. Intergenerational roots to the community





## Discussion points

1. What does homelessness look like in your community?
2. What are your community strengths?
3. What are the challenges?
4. What are the strategies you will use to implement BHBH?
5. What outcomes do you expect?

# Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Resource Library

The screenshot shows the website's header with the logo on the left and a navigation menu on the right. The main content area features a dark blue banner with the word "Resources" in white. Below this is a "Search the Library" section with a search bar and a descriptive paragraph. The "Featured Resources" section displays three resource cards: "Reimagining Interim Housing", "ACTION PLAN for Preventing and Ending Homelessness in California", and "Whole-Person Care for People Experiencing Homelessness and Opioid Use Disorder: Toolkit Part 2".

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## Resources

### Search the Library

This library contains documents that may be useful to counties and/or Tribal entities as they design and implement behavioral health bridge housing. The search function allows you to search by keyword and resource type. Although BHBH staff has reviewed all resources for relevance to behavioral health bridge housing and to categorize them by topic, please note that external links and resources may not fully reflect the views of DHCS or AHP.

Search Keyword Here ..

### Featured Resources

- Reimagining Interim Housing**  
Stages and Action Areas for Transforming Approaches to Sheltering People Experiencing Homelessness  
December 2022
- ACTION PLAN**  
for Preventing and Ending Homelessness in California
- Whole-Person Care for People Experiencing Homelessness and Opioid Use Disorder: Toolkit Part 2**  
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