Implications for practice include the following:

- It is imperative that programs developed to serve homeless males address the multidimensional needs, including housing, use of support services, job training and placement, treatment for mental illness and substance abuse.

- For programs targeting homeless males to be effective, they must support the return to functioning within the mainstream society by providing skills, strengthening values, and by reestablishing and reinforcing a positive social network within the community.

Understanding homeless males’ pathway into homelessness is fundamental to creating strategies and programs to get them out of homelessness. Understanding the path into homelessness can help program developers and programs program manager understand homelessness as a process rather than a random occurrence.

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