

# HMIS Data to System Planning Information

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We believe the HEARTH Act and Opening Doors lead the way to finally ending homelessness.

## **ABOUT FOCUS STRATEGIES**



No one homeless more than 30 days

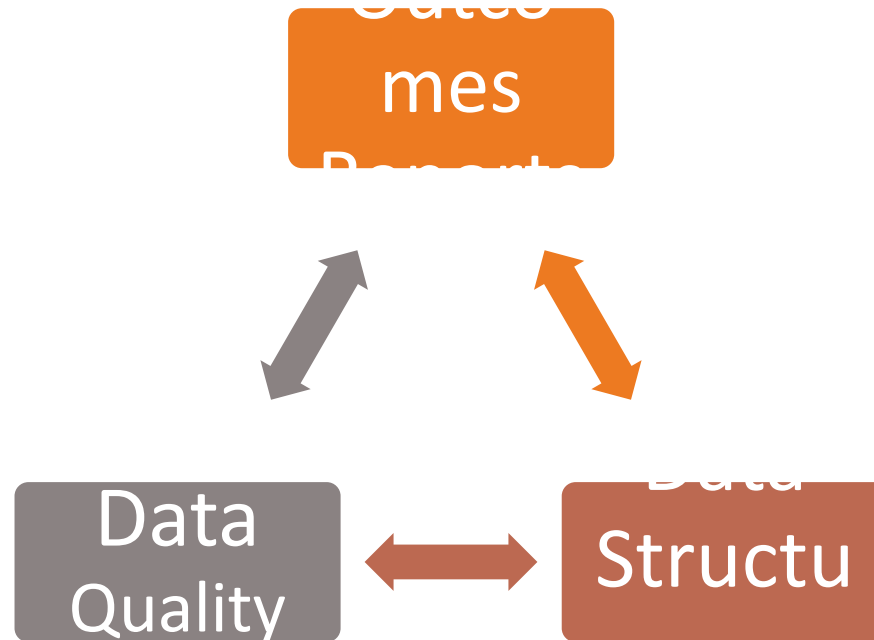
## **RIGHT-SIZED SYSTEM**



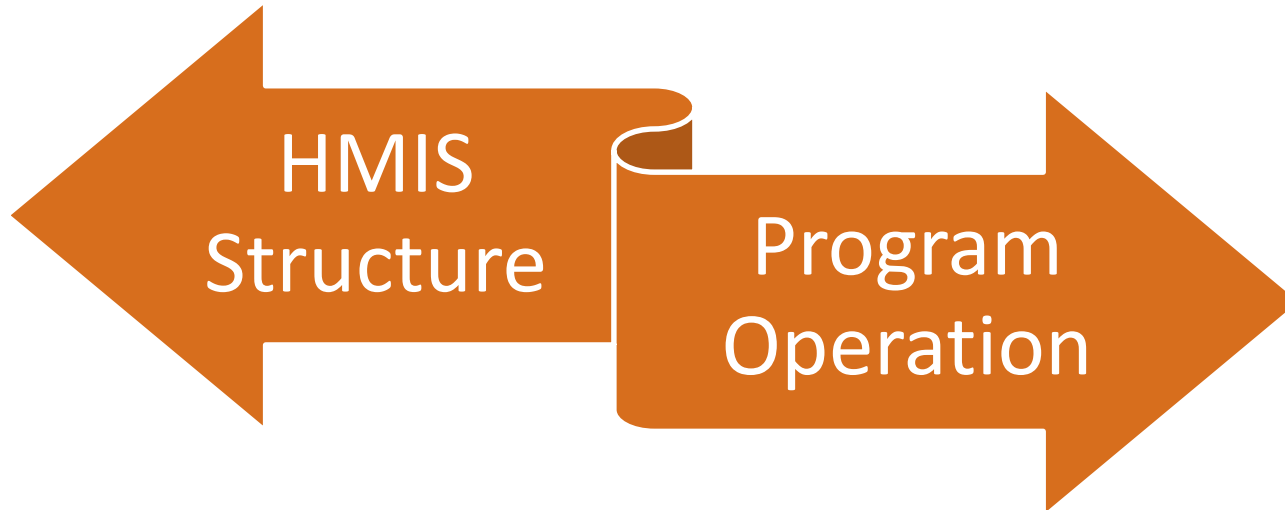
# Right-Sizing:

- Diverts people from becoming homeless
- Quickly engages households in the least expensive intervention to end their homelessness
- Reduces lengths of stay
- Increases permanent housing exits
- Maximizes cost-effectiveness - right type of each program type
- Uses data to achieve continuous improvement

# Data-Informed System Decisions

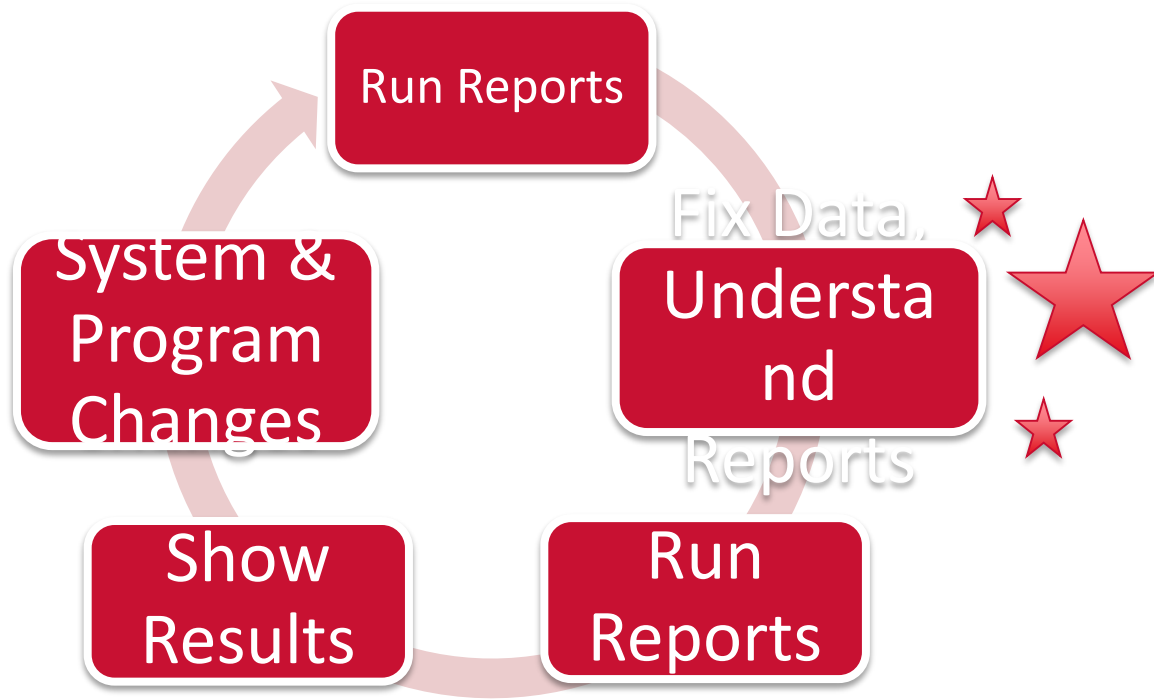


# Data Structure



The “data people” AND the “system people”  
AND the “program people” need to  
understand these relationships.

# Process for Using Data



# Achieving the Right Amount of Each Intervention

## Required data:

- What you have now (or could, from PIT, HIC, HMIS, budgets)
  - Capacity, inventory, and performance
  - Current investments
- What you need to meet the housing needs (SWAP tools)
  - Gap between actual homeless population and who the system is serving



System-Wide Analytics & Projection – SWAP

# NEW TOOLS



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# SWAP: Base Year Calculator

## Uses:

- HIC Data
- HMIS Data
- PIT Data
- Program Budget Data

# SWAP: Base Year Calculator

Produces:

- Analysis of HMIS data quality
- Cost Effectiveness by project
- Project performance
- Data to Transfer to SWAP: System Performance Predictor

# SWAP: System Performance Predictor

- Uses data points from the BYC
- Models changes up to 5 years to all key elements of homeless system dynamics:
  - Population size – including new entries
  - Investment / capacity changes
  - Program performance

# Q & A

