Should there be a regional approach to homelessness?

In Denver Metro, people experiencing homelessness include:

- **12,879** k-12 students
- **5,755** unhoused on a single night in January 2020
- **31,000** people who sought help with homelessness between Jun 2019 and June 2020

To answer DRCOG’s inquiry about the need for a regional approach, the students and Dr. Makarewicz:

- interviewed 29 city and county staff and managers about their current responses to homelessness and interest in a regional approach.
- researched national and international best practices for regional approaches
- presented initial and final findings and recommendations to DRCOG’s City & County Managers.

Dr. Makarewicz is working on a tentative joint release of a final report with DRCOG and subsequent work with Housing Colorado on affordable housing needs throughout the region and state.