



## Root Causes for Drug Abuse and Homelessness

Politicians want to address homelessness; however, the only solution discussed is housing. Yes, people need housing but that will not **prevent** drug abuse or homelessness. We must start a discussion on the root causes that have created 550,000 people on our streets. (Source: National Alliance to End Homelessness.)

### What are the causes and what can we do?

The primary causes that created drug abuse and homelessness are child abuse and neglect which costs American taxpayers \$220 million **a day**. The two critical issues that need to be discussed and addressed are:

1. **BREAKDOWN OF THE FAMILY:** Many children don't know how to overcome adversity to develop courage, character and a self-protective conscience. Many adults are failing to teach children how to live by their inner power which can keep them safe and healthy.
2. **BREAKDOWN OF CONNECTED NEIGHBORS:** Children who grow up with child abuse and neglect don't see healthy family role models. They often learn to bully or become victims based on their family dynamics. These children can become fearful or angry with little self-worth. They don't know how to develop healthy relationships. They may blame themselves or others and turn to drugs to escape emotional pain. Without support, they may become homeless or violent.

Since politicians alone cannot create change, let's discuss what concerned Americans can do to prevent drug abuse and homelessness.

**RESOURCES AVAILABLE:** Check out this professional Online Book Club Review about, "Empowerment Parenting: How to raise resilient children who become happy, self-reliant adults." (<https://forums.onlinebookclub.org/viewtopic.php?f=24&t=128689>) It will take informed, involved citizens to prevent drug abuse and homelessness. Together, we can strengthen families and children. Work with one child or a group of preteens.

Politicians can bring cities together by hiring and training "Save Our Planet" Experts who look like and speak the language of the community. (<https://safekidsnow.com/free-downloads/>) Time to discuss how to strengthen families and neighborhoods which can make our cities safer, healthier places for everyone.

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