

**ASSESSMENT OF THE LA HOPE INITIATIVE TO SERVE
CHRONICALLY MENTALLY-ILL HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS**

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Project Summary: When the federal government committed itself to ending chronic homelessness by 2012, it initiated several demonstration programs to help show how this might be accomplished. One such effort, identified as the HUD/DOL Ending Chronic Homelessness Through Employment and Housing Initiative (CHETA) focused on the combination of employment and housing with supportive services. In 2003 it funded five communities to develop pertinent projects: Boston, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Portland, Oregon. These grants began in 2003 and ran through 2008. LA's HOPE was one of these projects, with about 75 clients currently enrolled. Capital Research Corporation was a subcontractor to The Urban Institute on this short-term evaluation of the LA HOPE project. The evaluation effort included site visits to homeless shelters, mental health facilities, and one-stop career centers. Administrative data was collected and analyzed for both individuals involved in the LA HOPE intervention and a comparison group.

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