

# SOCIAL POLICIES FOR HOMELESSNESS FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF PROFESSIONALS AND HOMELESS PEOPLE: AN ANALYSIS BASED ON SOCIAL OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

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# RESEARCH QUESTION & FRAME

- **Homelessness, Public Policy & Occupational Therapy:**

- Homelessness is shaped by social structure, policies and everyday service practices

- Policies organize access to services, daily life, and social participation

- **Research question:**

- How do professionals and people experiencing homelessness perceive and experience homelessness policies in everyday practice?



# APPROACH & METHODS

- **Social Occupational Therapy Approach**
  - Grounded in social occupational therapy
  - Historical-dialectical materialist perspective
  - Focus on everyday life and structural conditions
  - Participatory workshops with:
    - People experiencing homelessness
    - Professionals across homelessness services
- Analysis guided by a comprehensive perspective of social reality



# KEY INSIGHTS & CONTRIBUTIONS TO OT

- **Why This Research Matters for Occupational Therapy**

- Homelessness involves precarious access to citizenship
- Everyday practices may contradict rights-based policies
- Punitive approaches limit participation and everyday life

- **Contribution to Occupational Therapy :**

- Critically examine homelessness policies
- Support social participation and rights-based practice
- Strengthen occupational therapy's role in social justice



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