Homelessness in The Province of Saskatchewan, Canada

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Homelessness in Canada has increased dramatically in the previous years. While homelessness was originally a problem of the urban cities, the crisis has extended to suburbs requiring allocation of resources and new services. The demography of the homeless people is also fast changing. While in the previous year’s men population comprised the significant percentage of people without homes, children have followed suit with many littering in the streets. This paper will look at the homelessness in in the province of Saskatchewan, Canada with a view understanding the causes, the implications and the best solutions for the crisis.

While men comprised the largest population of homeless people in Saskatchewan, children and women are following the suit with much more at the risk of homelessness. According to the Canadian government and that of Saskatchewan increase in poverty levels owing to rising unemployment levels is the primary cause of homelessness (Roseland, 2012). Lack of appropriate measures to support people who are vulnerable to homelessness also forms a substantial cause of the crisis.

According to Padgett, Henwood & Tsemberis (2016), homelessness has the social impact of damaging self-esteem, self-confidence, and leads to feel of isolation. Besides, homelessness has economic implications on the tax-payer in the endeavor by the government in finding both short and long term solutions of addressing the population crisis. According to Sweeney (2015), the best long-term solution is in threefold; prevention, systems response and early intervention. Prevention minimizes entry into homelessness, system response streamlines the necessary support to homeless people, while early intervention ensures people get into housing schemes as soon as possible.
Conclusively, homelessness is a crisis that continues to ail the society. A thorough study on the causes of the crisis can help deduce the implications of homelessness on the society and thereby identify best solutions to the problem of homelessness in Saskatchewan Province.