# Ways to help people get out of homelessness

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### **Unmet Needs**

- <u>Problem Statement</u>: A way to improve lack of technology
  - knowledge for underprivileged people in order to improve chances of getting a job.
- Homelessness & covids economic valley
- People being laid off, financially unstable
- Terrible hygiene, causing diseases
- Lack of information about resume building and applying

#### Solution

- Prior to Phase 3, our focus was the lack of hygiene in the homeless population of Seattle
  - Our team planned to distribute hygiene kits (soap, hand sanitizer, shampoo, etc.) to a local homeless shelter
  - Our team's goals switched due to feedback given by officials at the shelter and we no longer focused on problems regarding hygiene
  - During Phase 3, our team designed a more non-traditional approach to continue assisting the homeless
    - We collectively agreed on setting up resume training classes within the shelter
    - We would be the ones volunteering and helping the homeless write resumes.



### **Implementation**

- Contacted many shelters
- Had few sessions
- Talked to the manager about other need such as hygiene
- Continued with resume and email building

## Personal Background Example







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### **Future Plans**

- We need to find out what are the needs in this population because we ended up with the wrong ones.
- Find more location to spread and combine many shelter in one event.
- Filter out people who are ready for it.



#### **Partner Commitment**

- During Phase One, we had to contact multiple stakeholders and make connections with them so that we could contact them and ask them for the information and experiences they have had with this subject.
- Similarly, during Phase Three, we had to build trust between us and nearby shelters so that we could go and meet with the unhoused population that lived there.
- Despite our best efforts, we were unable to get many calls from stakeholders or many shelter location to allow us to meet with their unhoused population.
- A couple stakeholders and shelters were able to make time for us and that was able to bring our project that much closer to completion.

## Reflections

- ❖ I think our solution was very beneficial and creative however overall results could have been a little bit better
- Some challenges arose when it was time to have the appointments. Some of these challenges were:
  - ➤ Lack of interest from target population
  - Scheduling problem (finding a time that works)
  - Hard to understand directions for some
  - > Etc.
- Basically, in our appointments we were not able to find as many people as we would have liked but nevertheless some progress was still made
- Having one on one individual meetings rather than being group focused, probably would have made end product better

Overall while the results were not as positive as we wanted I still think there is lots of potential with this solution can still be beneficial if more of the outside factors went to plan.

