

# **Benjamin Henwood**

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Los Angeles, CA, US

Expert on housing and integrative support for homeless individuals

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## **Biography**

Dr. Henwood is a licensed clinical social worker who has served as an administrator, clinician and researcher for organizations serving adults experiencing homelessness and serious health conditions, including mental illness, physical disease and addiction. He helped start and served as the clinical director for Pathways to Housing, Inc., a Housing First agency in Philadelphia, where he also served as the principal investigator of clinical research that sought to develop more effective models of integrating primary and behavioral health care.

Dr. Henwood received a dissertation-training grant from the National Institute of Mental Health and is a co-investigator of the five-year, NIMH-funded New York Recovery Study of homeless adults with serious mental illness and co-occurring substance abuse. He is also the lead evaluator of a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration grant to expand Housing First services in the state of Vermont.

As an assistant professor at the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work, Dr. Henwood will continue his ongoing research agenda on the complex service environment for individuals with serious mental illnesses who have experienced homelessness. He is currently involved in the evaluation of Los Angeles County's integrated physical and behavioral health care initiative, where his task is to develop a measure of integration that can be used across diverse organizational settings.

To reference the work of Benjamin Henwood online, we ask that you directly quote their work where possible and attribute it to "Benjamin Henwood, a faculty at the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work" (LINK: <https://dworakpeck.usc.edu>)

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## **Industry Expertise**

Program Development, Health Care - Services, Health Care - Facilities, Education/Learning, Research, Health and Wellness, Health Care - Providers, Public Policy

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Serious Mental Illness, Housing First, homelessness, permanent supportive housing, Integrated behavioral and primary healthcare

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## **Education**

New York University  
PhD Social Work

**New York University**  
MSW Social Work

**University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee**  
MA Philosophy

**Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania**  
BA Philosophy

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## **Accomplishments**

**New Investigator Award,**  
Awarded by the National Institute of Mental Health

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