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1- The homeless make up a growing percentage of America's population.

\_\_\_\_\_ homelessness has reached such proportions that local governments can't possibly \_\_\_\_\_.

To help homeless people \_\_\_\_\_ independence, the federal government must support job training programs, \_\_\_\_\_ the minimum wage, and fund more low-cost housing.

2- \_\_\_\_\_ everyone agrees on the number of Americans who are homeless.

Estimates \_\_\_\_\_ anywhere from 600,000 to 3 million.

\_\_\_\_\_ the figure may vary, analysts do agree on another matter: that the number of the homeless is \_\_\_\_\_.

One of the federal government's studies \_\_\_\_\_ that the number of the homeless will reach nearly 19 million by the end of this decade.

3- Finding ways to \_\_\_\_\_ this growing homeless population has become increasingly difficult.

\_\_\_\_\_ when homeless individuals manage to find a \_\_\_\_\_ that will give them three meals a day and a place to sleep at night, a good number still spend the bulk of each day \_\_\_\_\_ the street.

Part of the problem is that many homeless adults are addicted to alcohol or drugs.

And a significant number of the homeless have serious mental disorders.

Many others, \_\_\_\_\_ not addicted or mentally ill, simply lack the everyday \_\_\_\_\_ skills needed to turn their lives \_\_\_\_\_.

*Boston Globe* reporter Chris Reidy notes that the situation will improve only when there are \_\_\_\_\_ programs that address the many needs of the homeless.

\_\_\_\_\_ Edward Zlotkowski, director of community service at Bentley College in Massachusetts, \_\_\_\_\_ it, "There has to be \_\_\_\_\_ of programs. What's needed is a package deal."