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I believe a solution towards the homeless should start with buying an older large building, turning it into a detox and training center, which includes a cafeteria and child care center. Those homeless with the ability could be taught a trade, their children could be cared for in the child care.

As they learned a skill, they could be starting to work, in job training in various local businesses.

All that depends on detoxing the drug people. No more endless handouts. Those whose mental abilities do not allow any training would need to be placed in some care support for those in too bad a shape to be productive.

But even many in this situation do work and are productive and proud of their contribution. Lebanon industries employ mentally compromised people, giving them a pride in working in a useful process and actually producing a useful result.

Throwing money at the homeless with no effort towards training them for jobs is a brainless approach. That would become an endless money pit, a total waste.

This effort does require setting up an old building as living quarters, the training and detox and housing is critical, along with possibly some child care.

may also be required.