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Berwyn Police Officer Describes Relationship with BEDS Plus Care Homelessness Prevention Agency in New Video

Community partnerships are important in the effort to treat and prevent homelessness. **Berwyn Police Department Community Relations Officer, Juan Macias**, recently spoke in a **BEDS Plus Care video** about how the city's partnership with the non-profit helps Berwyn respond to those experiencing homelessness. This partnership helps to free up municipality resources and ensures emergency responders like the police and fire departments can focus on more pressing needs.

"(BEDS Plus) can help people if they choose to be helped," Macias said. "We tell them about all the resources available through BEDS Plus," Officer Macias continued. "When BEDS Plus arrives, they can take over and we can go about our patrol duties."

City of Berwyn Mayor Robert J. Lovero also stated, "Bed Plus is a valued partner in our city and the Berwyn Street Outreach team an important support system not only for persons with housing stability needs, but also our first responders who rely on social agencies to fill in the gaps of emergency services. It takes teamwork."

The *BEDS Plus Care* Street Outreach team regularly visits areas within Berwyn where those experiencing homelessness tend to gather. The social workers respond to those who are experiencing homelessness, offering shelter to those who will accept it, plus food and other necessities.

***BEDS Plus* aims to work in partnership with the communities it serves.** For example, BEDS works with local municipalities to provide information about its services, which include emergency shelter, homelessness prevention services, food programs and much more. There are available case workers who are bilingual and speak Spanish, Polish and Arabic. The BEDS Plus team maintains regular contact with those who are experiencing homelessness, with the goal of helping them to get off the streets and into housing.

For more information about BEDS Plus Care, visit our website at www.beds-plus.org.