

## TOM LORELLO'S BIO



Tom is the Executive Director of Heading Home (formerly Shelter, Inc.), an agency whose mission is to end homelessness in Greater Boston by providing housing in conjunction with effective support services to help change the conditions that create homelessness. Under his leadership, the agency has shifted its focus from providing emergency services to developing permanent supported housing options. Prior to holding this position, he was part of a National Homeless Technical Assistance Team with Advocates for Human Potential, providing training and consultation to HUD and PATH funded programs across the country. For eight years, he was the Director of Homeless Services at Tri-City Mental Health Center, overseeing the implementation of a statewide program of outreach to people experiencing severe mental illness, co-occurring disorders and homelessness. Under his leadership, the program tripled in size and developed a number of innovative components including a Safe Haven for women with co-occurring disorders in the Back Bay neighborhood of Boston, a health care access project to enroll people living outdoors onto publicly funded insurance and a multi-disciplinary outreach team serving multiple regions of Northeast Massachusetts.

Tom began his work with the homeless as a mental health clinician working on the streets and shelters of Cambridge and the South Shore of Massachusetts in the late 1980's.