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I understand that people that are homeless have nowhere to go or in some instances refuse to go where they could receive help. No one should be allowed to camp wherever they want. The places that these tents are put up end up with garbage feces etc and after a period of time a park or where they have decided to camp become unusable for the general public. You need to keep working on designated areas that camping is allowed and not continue to encourage or allow people to setup camp wherever they please. We all need to follow rules and laws to remain a successful society. Some of the homeless are people who have walked away from services because they were given the right/choice to do so even though they do not have the mental capacity to make a safe decision for themselves. "Rights" in some cases has gone too far especially with DD and Mental health and I believe is part of the reason we have a bigger homeless problem. Mental health help in this State needs to become a priority. Maybe why we have as big of problem with homelessness that we do is because we are almost last out of all the States for Mental health services.