



Humboldt Housing and Homeless Coalition HHHC



Continuum of Care

- ▶ Humboldt County planning body that coordinates housing and services funding for homeless families and individuals
- ▶ Streamlines funding application processes
- ▶ Encourages coordination of housing services & providers



4 Steps to the CoC

1. Outreach, Intake and Assessment
2. Emergency Shelter
3. Transitional Housing
4. Permanent and Permanent Supportive Housing



HHHC

Humboldt County's CoC works to ensure the CoC is meeting its obligations

- **HMIS**
- **Point in Time Count**
- **Joint application for funding**
- **Identifies service gaps to be addressed**



HHHC

Comprised of

- Service Providers
- Government Agencies
- Faith-based Organizations
- Community Members / Advocates
- Business Representatives



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PARTNERSHIP



Our mission

To provide advocacy for and services to the homeless and food insecure with compassion, dignity and empowerment

What We Do

Outreach
Intake
Assessment



Shelters
Transitional
Housing



Permanent
Supportive Housing
Rapid Re-Housing






Other Services

- Food Pantry
 - CalFresh Outreach
 - Gleaning
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One Stop / Outreach

- Engage people
 - Refer and connect people to services
 - Enter people into HMIS and CES
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Refer and Connect

- Medical – physical and mental health
- Substance use – detox, transitional housing, support groups
- Income – SS, SSD, Job Training, Jobs, GR
- Documents – id, birth certificate, etc.
- History – clean up evictions, debt, arrest etc.
- Shelter, housing prep and housing



Shelters – Family and Adult

- Family Shelter
- Adult Shelter
 - 24 hour low barrier shelter in Humboldt County funded through ESG
- Regional Extreme Weather Shelter



Housing


Permanent Supportive Housing

- 28 units

Rapid Rehousing

- currently housing 5 people
- 7 people who have moved through to permanent housing

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1. **Housing First Approach**
 2. **Safe & Appropriate Diversion**
 3. **Immediate & Low Barrier Access**
 4. **Housing Focused**
 5. **Data to Measure Performance**



Keys to Effective Shelter and Housing



Housing First Approach

Align shelter and housing eligibility criteria, policies and practices with a housing first approach so that anyone experiencing homelessness can access shelter or housing without prerequisites, make services voluntary, and assist people to access or maintain permanent housing as quickly as possible.



Safe & Appropriate Diversion

Provide diversion services to find safe and appropriate housing alternatives to entering shelter through problem-solving conversations, identifying community supports and offering lighter touch solutions.




Immediate & Low Barrier Access

Ensure immediate and easy access to shelter by lowering barriers to entry and staying open 24/7. Eliminate sobriety and income requirements and other policies that make it difficult to enter or stay in shelter or housing.



Housing Focused

Focus services on assisting people to access or maintain permanent housing options as quickly as possible.





Data to Measure Performance

Measure data on % of exits to housing, average length of stay in shelter, and returns to homelessness to evaluate the effectiveness of shelter and housing – and improve outcomes.




Challenges

- Staffing
 - Housing
 - Funding
 - Apathy
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We Are Successful Because:

- We partner with many agencies and service providers
 - We are part of an active CoC
 - We are not alone in the fight to end homelessness and hunger in our county
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How Can the Community Help?

- Volunteer
- Recognize the problem
- Donate your time and / or funds
- Demand that our elected officials do more
- Help people understand the changing face of the homeless (families, elders, working poor, people with mental and physical health concerns)