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Ending Homelessness in Southern Nevada

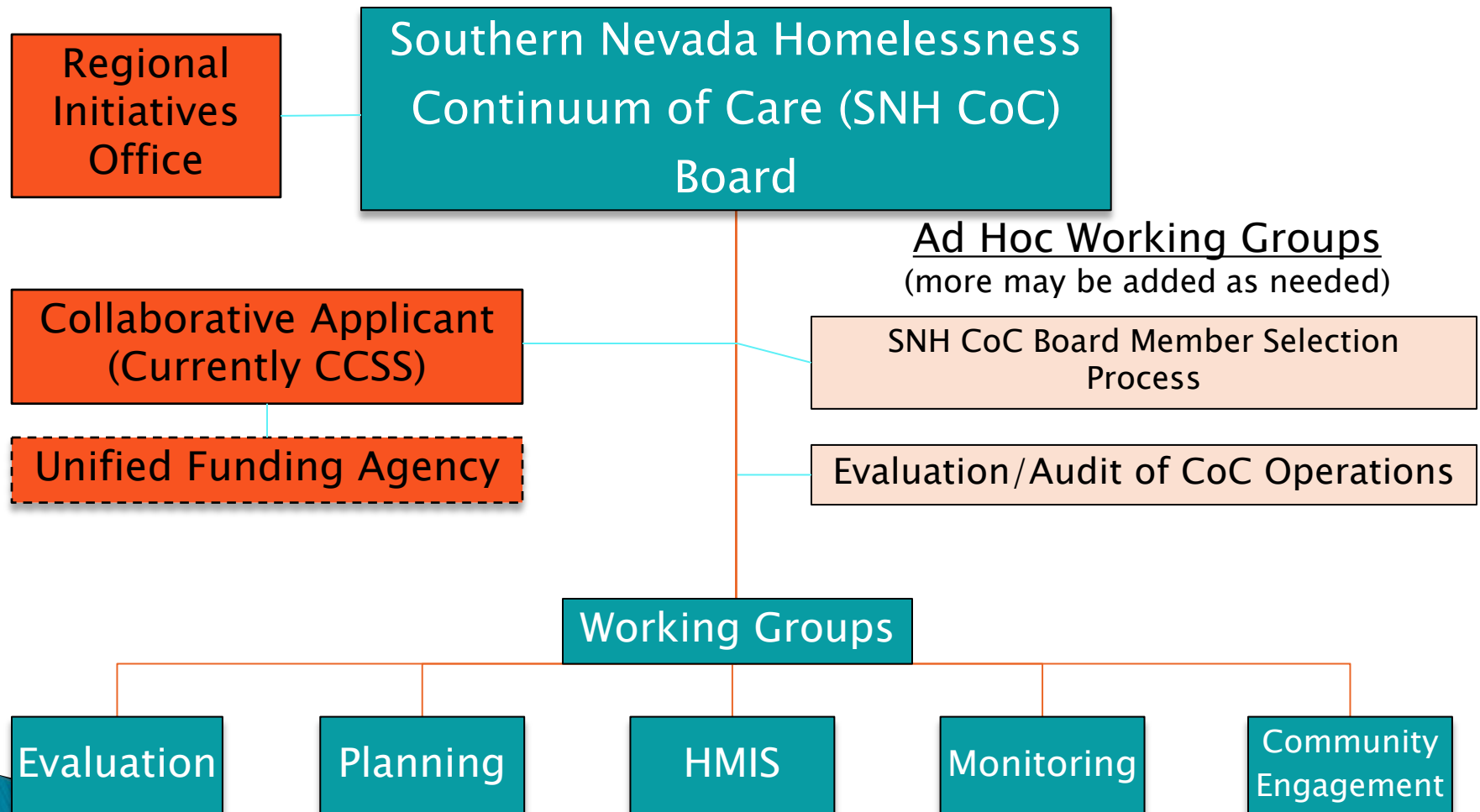
Homelessness 101

What is a Continuum of Care (CoC)?

A Continuum of Care is an entity that implements the HUD CoC program and includes all who elect to participate and are concerned with and/or providing services to the various homeless subpopulations, furthering the direction of the HEARTH Act.

- ▶ The CoC helps the community plan for and provide a full range of services for the homeless regardless of funding source.

Continuum of Care



Guiding Documents

- ▶ www.helphopehome.org
- ▶ Southern Nevada's Regional Plan to End Homelessness
 - Business Case
 - Implementation Plan
- ▶ Opening Doors: The Federal Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness
- ▶ HEARTH Act
- ▶ Local Homeless Definitions
- ▶ Acronym Glossary

Opening Doors: The Federal Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

- ▶ End Veteran Homelessness by 2015
- ▶ End Chronic Homelessness by 2016
- ▶ End Family and Youth Homelessness by 2020
- ▶ Chart the course toward ending all homelessness by 2020

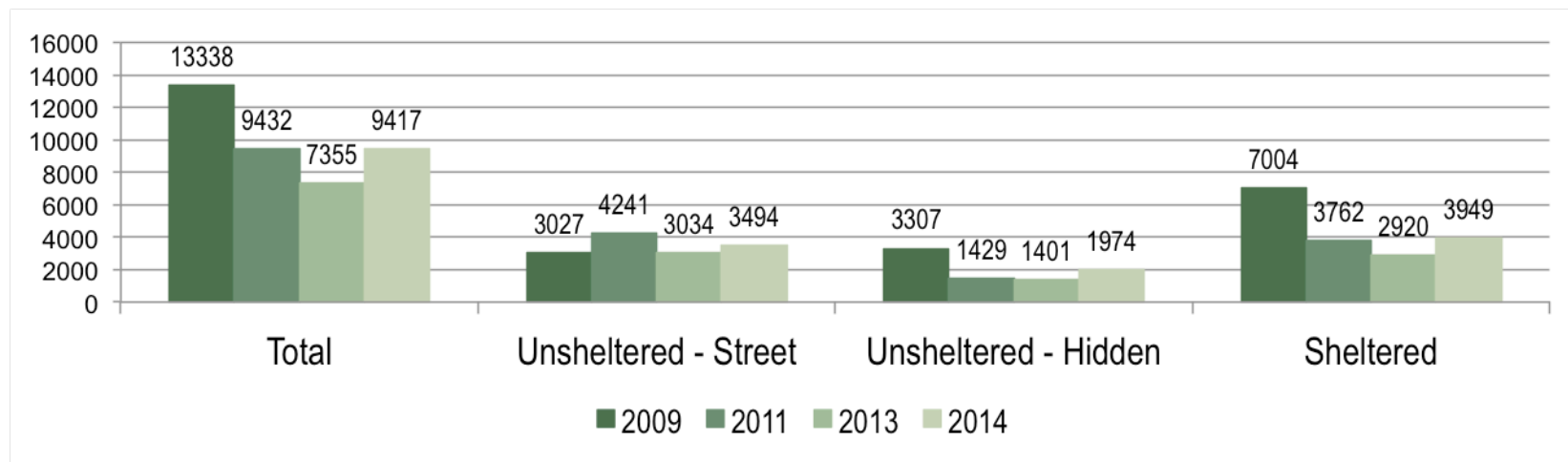
Homeless Census--Purpose

- ▶ HUD mandate to conduct a Point in Time (PIT) Sheltered and Unsheltered Census and Survey every year.
- ▶ Track progress toward ending homelessness in Southern Nevada

Homeless Census--Methodology

- ▶ HUD approved methodology
- ▶ PIT Count
 - Sheltered Count
 - Unsheltered Count
 - Urban canvassing
 - Rural canvassing
 - Hidden Homeless
 - Specialty teams (tunnels, youth)
 - School District Report
- ▶ Street and Shelter Survey

Street and Shelter Count



- There were **355** homeless families identified in **2014**, which represents **1,091** individuals.
- **767** unaccompanied homeless children under the age of **18** were counted in the street and shelter count. There were an additional **1,679** homeless youth (between the ages of **18-24**) identified.

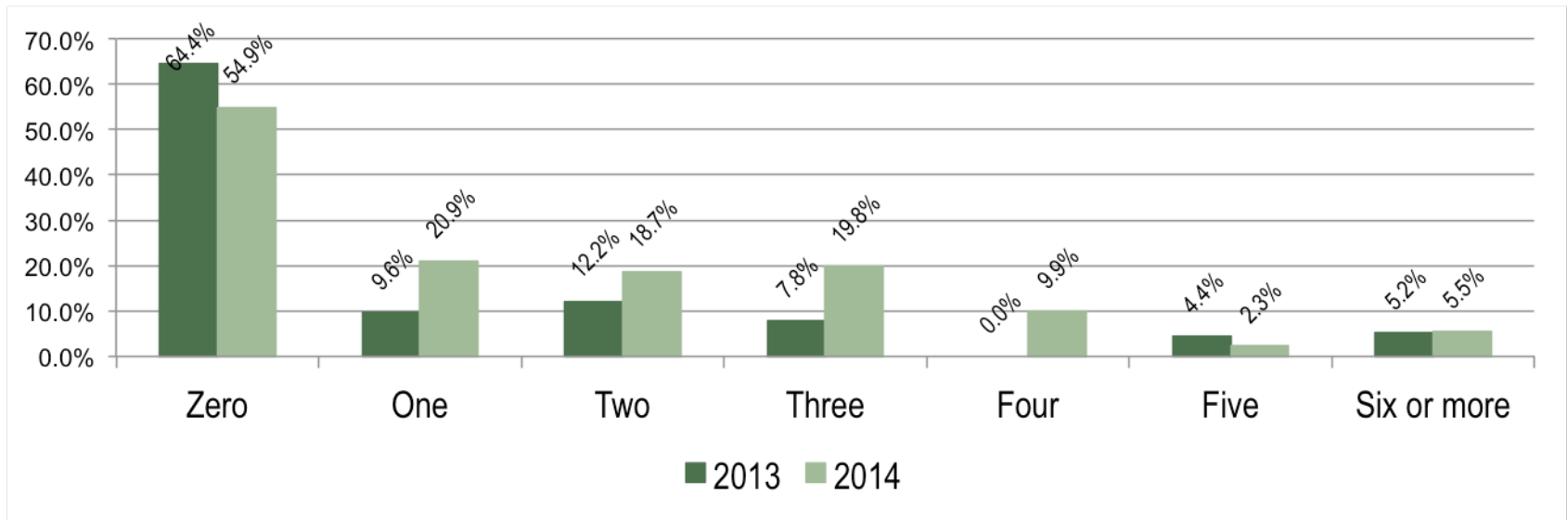
Homeless Subpopulations

Homeless Subpopulation	Sheltered & Unsheltered Total Amounts				Net Change 2013-2014	Percent Change 2013-2014
	2009	2011	2013	2014		
Chronically Homeless Individuals	2,211	1,579	695	760	65	9.4%
Chronically Homeless Families	NA	6	0	1	1	100%
People in Chronically Homeless Families	NA	NA	0	2	1	100%
Adults with Serious Mental Illness**	3,374	2,581	1,811	2,033	222	12.3%
Adults with Substance Use Disorder	3,652	1,882	669	843	174	26.0%
Adults with HIV/AIDs	150	44	71	62	-9	-12.7%
Victims of Domestic Violence	1,137	664	777	815	38	4.9%

Note: Homeless Veterans were not included in the Homeless Sub-populations in 2014 per HUD. They are now included in the HUD-defined Households enumerated in the PIT Count

Survey Results: Disabling Conditions

Number of Disabling Conditions Among All Homeless Respondents, 2013 & 2014



Physical Disabilities

31% of 2014 respondents reported physical disabilities; 4.4% decrease since 2013.

Developmental Disabilities

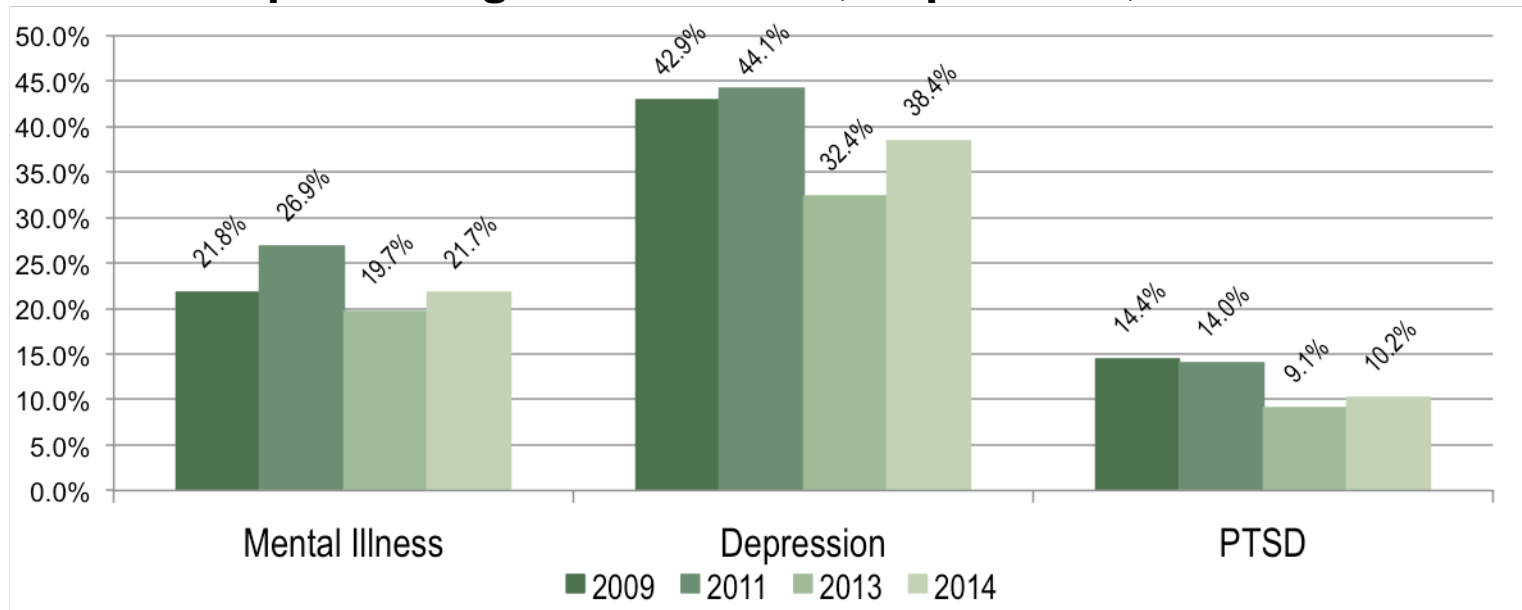
6.3% of 2014 respondents reported development disabilities; 1% increase since 2013.

Homeless Veterans PIT Count Data

- ▶ 1,230 Veterans (sheltered and unsheltered)
 - 209 female
 - 1,011 male
 - 10 transgender.
- ▶ 1 Veteran household with children = 6 persons
 - In emergency shelter
- ▶ Discharge Status
 - 71.3% Honorable Discharge
 - 10.8% Dishonorable or Other Than Honorable
 - 17.9% did not answer

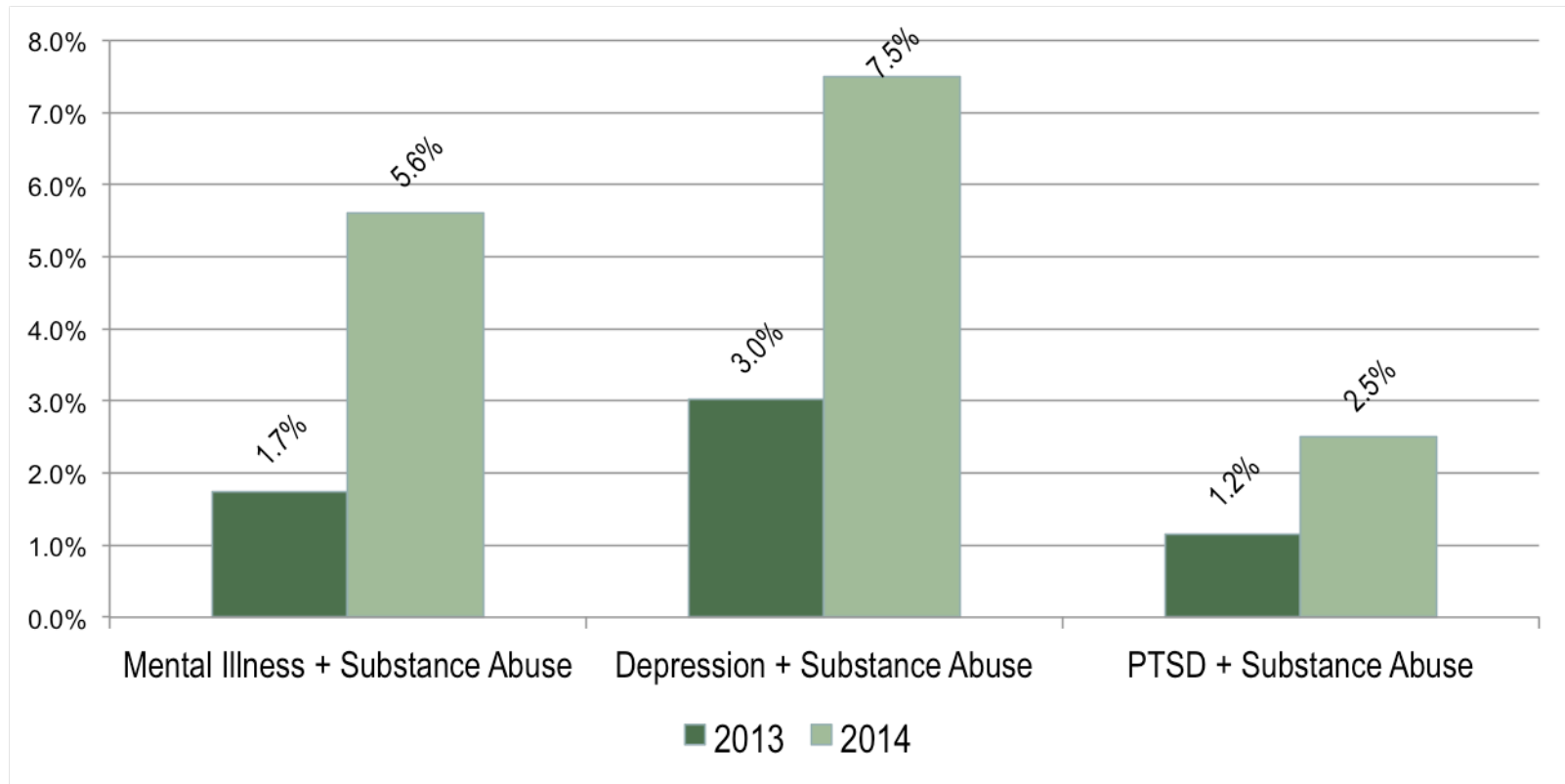
Homeless Subpopulations: Severely Mentally Ill

Percentage Of Respondents Who Were Currently Experiencing Mental Illness, Depression, and PTSD



Overall, 45% survey respondents reported experiencing mental illness, depression, or PTSD, or any possible variation thereof. This is higher than 2013 (38%)

Survey Results: Co-Occurring Disorders – Disabling, 2013 & 2014



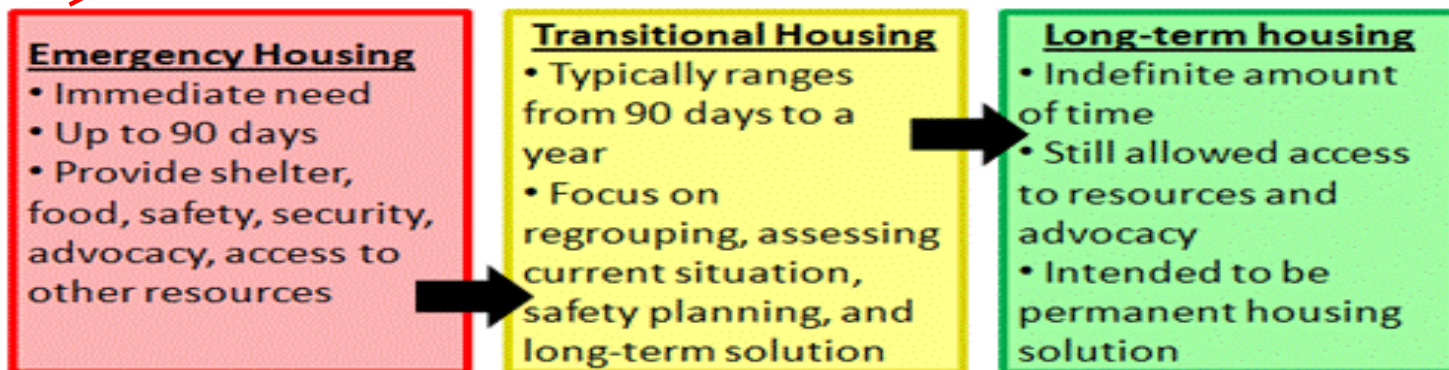
NOTE: For the purposes of this figure, 'Disabling' is defined as a condition that prevents the respondent from getting work or housing

Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System

- ▶ Key step in assessing the needs of the homeless requesting assistance
- ▶ Matching the needs of those households to the most appropriate housing and service options
- ▶ Required by HUD as designated by the HEARTH Act

OLD

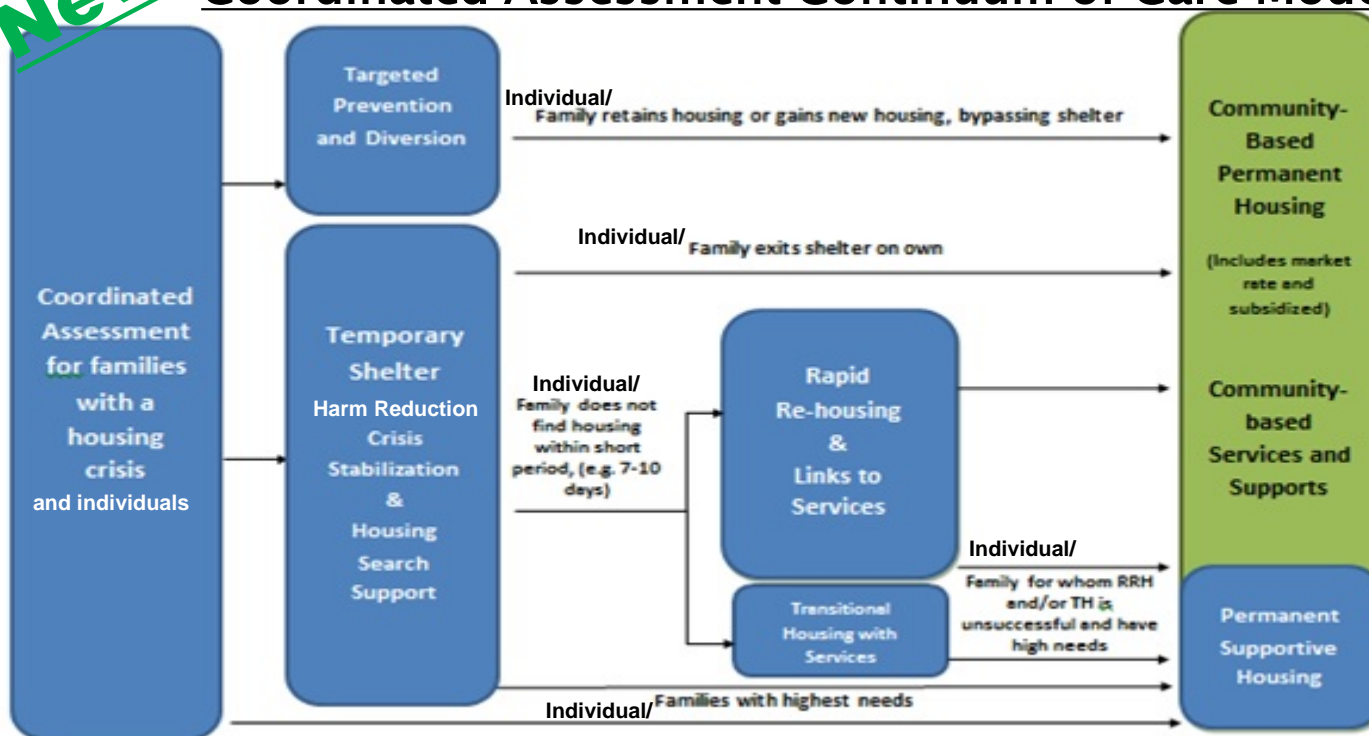
Continuum of Care Model

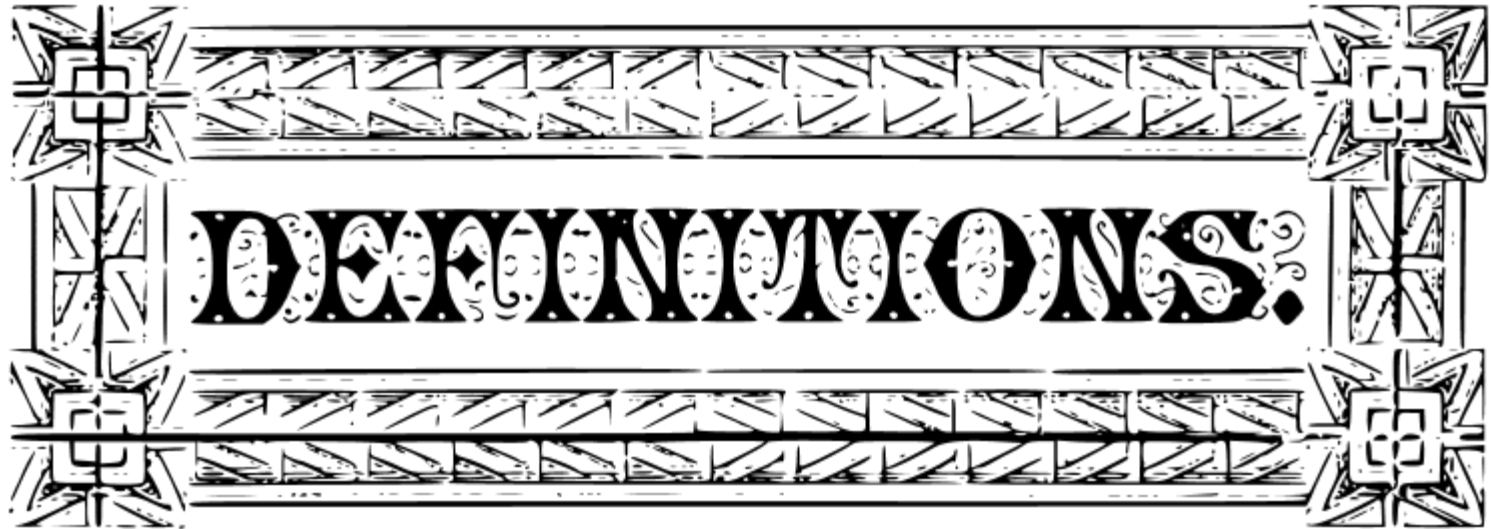


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New

Coordinated Assessment Continuum of Care Model





HOMELESS

- ▶ a person or family unit
 - sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g. living on the streets); or
 - in an emergency shelter; or
 - a person or family unit in transitional housing for homeless persons who originally came from the street or an emergency shelter.

CHRONIC HOMELESS

- ▶ An unaccompanied homeless individual **with** a disabling condition OR
 - ▶ A family unit with at least one adult with a disabling condition
 - ▶ Who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more
- OR
- ▶ Has had at least four (4) episodes of homelessness in the past three(3) years.

Housing First

- ▶ A model of housing assistance that is offered without:
 - preconditions (such as sobriety or a minimum income threshold) or
 - service participation requirements, and
 - permanent housing
- effective for the chronically homeless with mental health and substance abuse disorders

Housing First Program Model

- ▶ Assessment-based targeting of Housing First services
- ▶ Assistance locating rental housing, relationship development with private market landlords, and lease negotiation
- ▶ Housing assistance – ranging from security deposit and one month's rent to provision of a long-term housing subsidy
- ▶ A housing placement that is not time-limited
- ▶ Case management to coordinate services (time-limited or long-term) that follow a housing placement.

Functional Zero

Functional zero is when a homeless system is robust with programs available to serve any homeless individual and/or family with a housing option if and when they so choose to seek those services.



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Housing Types

- ▶ Prevention
- ▶ Diversion
- ▶ Emergency Shelter/Housing
- ▶ Bridge Housing
- ▶ Safe HAVEN
- ▶ Transitional Housing
- ▶ Rapid Rehousing
- ▶ Permanent Supportive Housing
- ▶ Permanent Housing

Funding Sources



- ▶ Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)
 - Clark County, Las Vegas, N. Las Vegas
- ▶ HUD Continuum of Care (CoC)
 - Regional
- ▶ Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME, Low Income Housing Trust Fund (LIHTF), General Funds
 - All jurisdictions
- ▶ Outside Agency Grant (OAG)
 - Clark County
- ▶ Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP)
 - United Way
- ▶ RDA Set Aside–Affordable Housing
 - City of Las Vegas
- ▶ Additional Programs (FAS, WSAP, Step Up)
 - Clark County Social Service



Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

- ▶ Functions
 - Eligibility
 - Bed availability
 - Bed placement
 - Referrals
 - Service tracking
 - SOAR tracking
- ▶ Assessment
 - VI-SPDAT



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QUESTIONS?