

Housing First

City's Coordinated Approach to Addressing Chronic Homelessness
Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness on Oahu

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City Program

- The Department of Community Services is the pass-through of Federal Funds for traditional homeless programs
- Annually approx \$9.5 million of federal dollars goes to programs that support homeless individuals and families
- These funds support Oahu's Continuum of Care known as **PARTNERS IN CARE**

Homelessness Nationally

According to the US Department of Urban Development (HUD):

- 2013 National Point-In-Time Count (January 22, 2013)
- 610,042 people experience homelessness on any given night
- 222,197 people are in families
- 387,845 are individuals

Oahu's Homeless

Each year, service providers and community volunteers perform the annual Homeless Point-In-Time count as required by the US Department of Urban Housing

- On Oahu, January 25, 2015
- 4,903 Homeless Individuals
- 1,939 Unsheltered Homeless
- 644 Chronically Homeless Individuals

Oahu's Homeless

Not just numbers. They are

- women
- men
- children
- families

The Model:
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The diagram illustrates the Housing First model as a continuum of care. At the top, a yellow banner reads "Housing First". Below it, an arrow points from "Streets" (represented by a tent icon) to "Permanent Supportive Housing" (represented by a house icon). Below this, a section titled "Continuum of Care" shows a cycle of four stages: "Streets" (tent icon), "Shelter" (bed icon), "Transitional" (apartment building icon), and "Permanent Supportive Housing" (house icon). Red arrows indicate the flow between these stages in a clockwise direction.

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What is HOUSING FIRST?

- Nationally recognized best practice
- Proven to be the most effective and efficient approach to getting chronically homeless people off of the streets
- Tenants hold leases and pay rent
- The lease does not require participation in supportive services

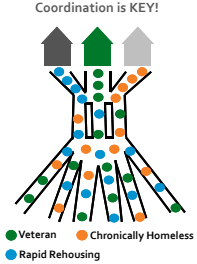
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How does it work?

- Housing and services are coordinated
- Agreements exist between the property manager and supportive service providers
- Service and property management strategies are coordinated to address issues that may threaten housing stability

The Importance of Coordination

Coordination is KEY!



● Veteran ● Chronically Homeless
● Rapid Rehousing

Without Coordination



Coordination

HALE O MALAMA
+
25 Cities
+
Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness

- HALE O MALAMA
- CITY, STATE, FEDERAL, and SERVICE PROVIDERS
- In conjunction with the Federal push known as the 25 Cities Initiative (HUD, VA, USICH)
- Mayors Challenge – End Homelessness for Veterans on the island of Oahu by December 2015 (HUD, VA, Community)
- Goal: to align funding and programmatic goals AND efficiently and effectively bring our homeless into housing!

Mayor’s Plan

- 2013 Mayor’s Homeless Action Plan (set the stage)
 - Focus on 3 major areas: Leeward Coast, Chinatown, Waikiki
- June 2014 (Fiscal Year 2015) the City passed
 - \$3 Million in General Funds
 - \$12.2 Million in AHF for Housing First Development
 - ~\$32 Million in Bond Financing
- June 2015 (Fiscal Year 2016) the City passed
 - \$5 Million in General Funds to continue the Housing First Program AND house an additional 100 households (minimum 215 by end of 2016)
 - \$32 Million in Bond Financing

Currently
(8/14/2015)

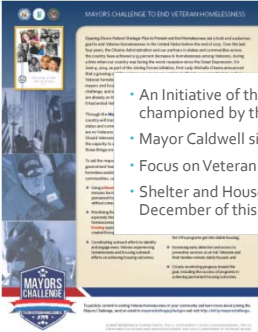
Contract for the City is with IHS for \$2 Million

Goal: House 115 Households
3 Priority Areas

- Waikiki
- Downtown / Chinatown
- Waianae Coast

Current total: Housed 90 Households which equals 122 individuals!

Mayors Challenge



Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness

- An Initiative of the White House, championed by the First Lady herself
- Mayor Caldwell signed on earlier this year
- Focus on Veteran Homelessness
- Shelter and House Veterans by the end of December of this year - 2015

Mayors Challenge

- Working with HUD and the VA
- In coordination with Service Providers
- Federal Government has provided housing resources
 - HUD-VASH vouchers to the County
 - SSVF for Oahu
 - Community Resources will pick up the slack

For more information

- Find out more about the issue of homelessness by visiting service providers

Groups like *Family Promise, Institute for Human Services, Next Step Shelter, Waianae Civic Center, River of Life, Care-A-Van*

For more information

Visit the Office of Housing website:
www.honolulu.gov/housing



Question + Answer

Please Email or
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Mahalo!