Engaging and Housing Chronically Homeless: How Orange County Plans to End Homelessness

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2015 Point in Time

2015 Point in Time Count Results

Total Homeless Persons
- 15,291 annual incidents of homelessness

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2015 Point in Time Count Results
Total Homeless Veterans

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- 12% of the homeless population
Chronically Homeless Focus on 580 – Most vulnerable

Bonus Round - $2.5 million to house 106 of OC’s homeless population
- Rental subsidies - $1.8 million
- Supportive services - $700,000

Collaborative: Mercy House Living Centers, Friendship Shelter, Colette’s Children’s Home, Orangewood Children’s Foundation and Share Ourselves
Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)

- Prop 63 passed 10 years ago
- Current annual budget in Orange County - $160 million

Housing Program = $33 million for Orange County

- Goal 1: Create 185 units for clients with serious and persistent mental illness.
- Goal 2: Ensure success for residents = stability
Who resides in MHSA units?

Adults • Older Adults • Transitional Age Youth
What is Permanent Supportive Housing

- Decent, safe and affordable community-based housing that provides tenants with the rights of tenancy under state and local landlord-tenant laws and is linked to voluntary and flexible support and services designed to meet tenants’ needs and preferences.
What is Permanent Supportive Housing?

- Permanent supportive housing makes housing affordable to someone on SSI (either through rental assistance or housing development)
- It provides sufficient wraparound supports to allow people with significant support needs to remain in the housing they have chosen.
Jackson Aisle, Midway City

- 29 apartments for homeless mentally ill clients
- Onsite case & property manager
- Community room for social events and group meetings
- Residents pay less than 30% of income towards rent

- Less than $300 a month on an income of $860 per month
Located in the city of Irvine
- 20 one and two bedroom units
- Housing for families with an adult member with mental illness
- Onsite Resident Services
Lincoln Avenue Apartments, Anaheim (opening Summer 2016)

- 70 apartment homes for 140 individuals and families
- 15 one bedroom apartments for homeless mentally ill clients
- Onsite case & property manager
- Community room for social events and group meetings
- Residents will pay less than 30% of income towards rent
- 48 Project Based Vouchers for families with children considered

homeless by Anaheim schools
Diamond Apartment Homes, Anaheim

- Onsite Resident Services
- Located in the city of Anaheim
- 25 one and two bedroom units
- Housing for families with an adult member with mental illness
Outcomes

- Based on Portland, ME
- Show reduction in ER Use
- Shelter Use
- Jail Time
Psychiatric Hospitalizations

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Partner Clients

- N = 687
Outcomes

- Diamond Aisle Outcomes Report
- 88% of residents maintained housing with needed services in the year. 100% in the first quarter.
- 69% were regularly engaged in employment, volunteer, education or on site meaningful activities during the year.
- 73% agreed that they had greater self determination and ability to deal more effectively with daily problems.
• 6 Houses – 31 residents
• 3 Apartment Communities –
  82 residents (and growing)
• We are providing housing for over 140 mentally ill and formerly homeless residents of Orange County.
• 2016 – 246 more housed:
• 140 at Lincoln Avenue Apartments
• 106 by Collaborative