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Santa Barbara County

Homelessness
Santa Barbara County
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• What is homelessness?
• Who is homeless in Santa Barbara County?
• What are the key factors that lead to homelessness?
• What is the current state of homelessness in Santa Barbara County?
• How can homelessness be solved?
• How you can get involved?

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What is homelessness?

• Risk of Homelessness
• Imminent Risk of Homelessness
• Literally Homeless
• Homeless Under Other Federal Statute
• Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence
• Chronically Homeless

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What is homelessness?

– Risk of Homelessness

• Annual income below 30% of median family income for the area and does not have sufficient resources or support networks immediacy available to prevent them from becoming literally homeless. And there are other characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness.
What is homelessness?

– Imminent Risk of Homelessness

• Will imminently lose their primary night time residence, provided that residence will be lost within 14 days; no subsequent residence has been identified; and lacks resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent supportive housing.
What is homelessness?

– Literally Homeless
  • Lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence.
What is homelessness?

– Literally Homeless

• Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation;

• Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs); or

• Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.
What is homelessness?

– Homeless Under Other Federal Statute

- **Example:** Unaccompanied youth and homeless families with children and youth defined as homeless under other Federal statutes who have experienced a long-term period without living independently in permanent housing, have experienced persistent instability as measured by frequent moves over such period, and can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic disabilities, chronic physical health or mental health conditions, substance addiction, histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse, the presence of a child or youth with a disability, or multiple barriers to employment.
What is homelessness?

– Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence
  • Any individual or family who is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, has no other residence; and lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing.
What is homelessness?

– Chronically Homeless

• Homeless individual with a disability who lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter; and has been homeless continuously for at least 12 months or on at least 4 separate occasions in the last 3 years where the combined occasions must total at least 12 months.
### Who is homeless in Santa Barbara County?

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### Who is homeless in Santa Barbara County?

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64% of 2015 survey respondents self-report mental illness, and 48% self-report severe mental illness.

• Observe high levels of self-reported alcohol abuse across all survey data.

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• What are the key factors that lead to homelessness?
  – “Homelessness In America: The Big Picture”
    • Throughout our country’s history, war, natural disaster, and poverty have been the root causes of homelessness. (Center For Social Innovation)
• What are the key factors that lead to homelessness?

- National Law Center On Homelessness and Poverty Identifies These Top Causes:
  • Lack of affordable housing
  • Unemployment
  • Poverty
  • Mental health needs and the lack of needed services
  • Substance use disorder and the lack of needed services
• What are the key factors that lead to homelessness?
  – Trauma's Impact on Homelessness
    – Domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking are leading cause of homelessness. (Substance Abuse And Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Highlights Trauma’s Impact on Homelessness)
    – Homeless Iraq and Afghanistan veterans are more likely to be haunted by PTSD than homeless vets of previous eras. (American Psychological Association)
What are the key factors that lead to homelessness?

- SPARC Report Addresses Race and Homelessness

“People of color are dramatically more likely than White people to experience homelessness in the United States. This is no accident; it is the result of centuries of structural racism that have excluded historically oppressed people—particularly Black and Native Americans—from equal access to housing, community supports, and opportunities for economic mobility.”
• What are the key factors that lead to homelessness?
  – Why do young people become homeless? (Homeless HUB)
    • Physical, Sexual and Emotional Abuse
    • Involvement with the child welfare system
    • Discrimination
    • Homophobia
    • Poverty
• What is the current state of homelessness in Santa Barbara County?
  – Coordinated Entry System
Home For Good Santa Barbara County supports a Coordinated Entry System, a no-wrong door, countywide system that engages and connects individuals and families experiencing homelessness to the optimal resources for their needs. We believe that everyone deserves a safe place to call home for good.

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Pre-Screening
Emergency Services
Diversion
Prevention
Referral
Assessment
Coordinated Entry Happens At
• Regional Entry Points & Coordinated Outreach
Coordinated Entry System Data Year One

- **22 +** Partners are helping people move back home and create stable lives.
- **1419** People have been interviewed by outreach teams that connect individuals to housing and supportive services.
- **565** People recommended for Permanent Supportive Housing
- **597** People recommended for Rapid Re-Housing
In 2019 We Will

- Move people home, permanently
- Prevent people from becoming homeless
- Approve supportive housing
Living on the streets long-term is deadly.

Studies show that chronically homeless people are more vulnerable and 2-3 times more likely to succumb to preventable illnesses than the general population.

Their life expectancy is 42-52.
• How can homelessness be solved?
  – Housing First
  • **Orientation**: An approach to quickly and successfully connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness to permanent housing without preconditions and barriers to entry, such as sobriety, treatment or service participation requirements. (HUD)
  • **Specific Intervention**: An Evidence Based Intervention that requires an Intensive Case Management Model (ACT or CTI) to serve those with the most complex, co-occurring needs in accessing and maintaining housing. (OrgCode)
• How can homelessness be solved?
  – Prevention
  – Diversion
  – Outreach
  – Emergency Shelter
  – Transitional Housing
  – Rapid Re-Housing
  – Permanent Supportive Housing
How can homelessness be solved?

– Prevention

• Prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless.
How can homelessness be solved?

– Diversion

- Is a strategy that prevents homelessness for people seeking shelter by helping them identify immediate alternate housing arrangements and, if necessary, connecting them with services and financial assistance to help them return to permanent housing.
• **How can homelessness be solved?**
  
  – Outreach
  
  • Essential Services related to reaching out to unsheltered homeless individuals and families, connecting them with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services, and providing them with urgent, non-facility-based care. Eligible costs include engagement, case management, emergency health and mental health services, transportation, and services for special populations.

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• **How can homelessness be solved?**
  – **Emergency Shelter**

  • Any facility, the primary purpose of which is to provide temporary or transitional shelter for the homeless in general or for specific populations of the homeless.
• How can homelessness be solved?
  – Transitional Housing
    • Designed to provide homeless individuals and families with the interim stability and support to successfully move to and maintain permanent housing. Transitional housing may be used to cover the costs of up to 24 months of housing with accompanying supportive services. Program participants must have a lease (or sublease) or occupancy agreement in place when residing in transitional housing.
• How can homelessness be solved?
  – Rapid Re-Housing
    • Help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized. Rapid re-housing is an intervention designed to help individuals and families that don't need intensive and ongoing supports to quickly exit homelessness and return to permanent.
• **How can homelessness be solved?**
  – Permanent Supportive Housing
    • Permanent housing with indefinite leasing or rental assistance paired with supportive services to assist homeless persons with a disability or families with an adult or child member with a disability achieve housing stability.
• How can homelessness be solved?

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• **How can homelessness be solved?**
  
  – Home For Good Santa Barbara County Funders Collaborative
    
    • Provide a common table for the leading policymakers and funders in Santa Barbara County to navigate and develop strategies, test ideas, and coordinate efforts.
    
    • The Collaborative can be a line of sight to emerging opportunities in private and public funding, where private philanthropic and public resources are discussed and aligned toward permanent solutions to homelessness.
How can homelessness be solved?

- **Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool (FHSP)**
  - Individuals experiencing homelessness are often among the highest utilizers of expensive health care services. The Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool (FHSP) will provide a rental housing subsidy that is paired with support services for Santa Barbara County’s most vulnerable homeless populations. A wide body of research shows that this combination is the best, most cost-effective solution to chronic homelessness and dollars saved from “band-aid” solution costs such as hospital stays can be used as rental subsidies that provide people a stable home.
  - To be launched in March 2019 by the United Way of Northern Santa Barbara County, with funds from the Homeless Emergency Aid Program, the FHSP is financed through a combination of public and private funding.
How can homelessness be solved

– Conclusion:

• Units + Subsidy + Services
• Government funding dedicated to homelessness is necessary but not sufficient to achieve permanent solutions to homelessness.
• How you can get involved?

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LIVE UNITED
GIVE.

MAKE UNITED WAY YOUR INVESTMENT PARTNER.
YOUR CONTRIBUTION SUPPORTS THE BUILDING BLOCKS FOR BETTER LIVES AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES.
• **GIVE.**
  – Donate
  – **Organize a Fundraiser or Sock & Supply Drive**
    • Sock will be used for outreach during the Point-in-Time Count!
    • New socks are essential, especially in the winter months.
    • They are one of the least donated, but most needed items.
• ADVOCATE.

HELP INSPIRE HOPE AND CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR A BETTER TOMORROW.
ADVOCATE IN A LIVE UNITED WORLD.
DO IT PUBLIC.
BE VISBILE.
BE LOUD.
• **ADVOCATE.**
  
  – Homelessness is not an isolated issue. Everyone across Santa Barbara County must pitch in to help. We need you to talk to your neighbors, encourage lawmakers to keep their promise to build supportive housing, and help people move off the streets.

  • Sign up for Action Alerts
    – www.HomeForGoodSBC.org
• VOLUNTEER.
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  – Many non-profits with volunteer needs
  – Home For Good Santa Barbara County
    AmeriCorps and Common Ground Santa
    Barbara County Volunteer Programs
    • www.SBCAmeriCorps.org
• VOLUNTEER.
  – Point-In-Time Count
• Thank you!
  – Join our campaign to ensure longterm solutions to homelessness.

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