
Community Gathering to Address Homelessness

Nuka Wellness and Learning Center
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Thank you to our hosts and partners:

- Office of Senator Tom Begich
- Southcentral Foundation, Nuka Wellness & Learning Center
- Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness
- United Way of Anchorage
- Municipality of Anchorage
- Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority



Welcome & Introductions

- Welcome from Katherine Gottlieb, CEO, Southcentral Foundation
- Take 5 minutes to introduce yourself to the people next to you at your table and share what brought you here today
- Opening remarks by Senator Tom Begich

Today's Agenda

9:00 to 9:30	Welcome from Katherine Gottlieb Introductions Opening Remarks by Senator Tom Begich
9:30 to 10:30	What's Happening Now? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Functional Zero? • Coordinated Entry System • Current Projects • Instructions for Small Groups
10:30 to 10:45	Break
10:45 to 11:30	Small Group Discussions
11:30 to Noon	Share Back: Themes & Closing Remarks

Our Vision

Homelessness is a rare, brief and one-time experience for Alaskans.



How do we get there?

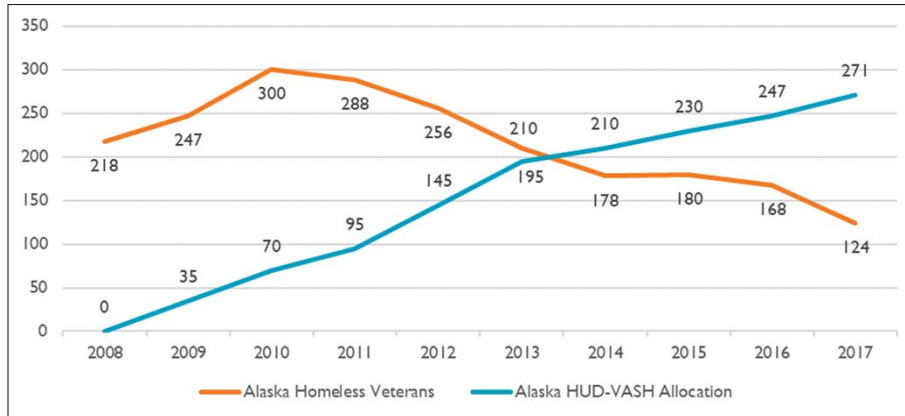
Getting to “Functional Zero”



[Youtube Video: Built for Zero, "By-name Lists and Functional Zero"](#)

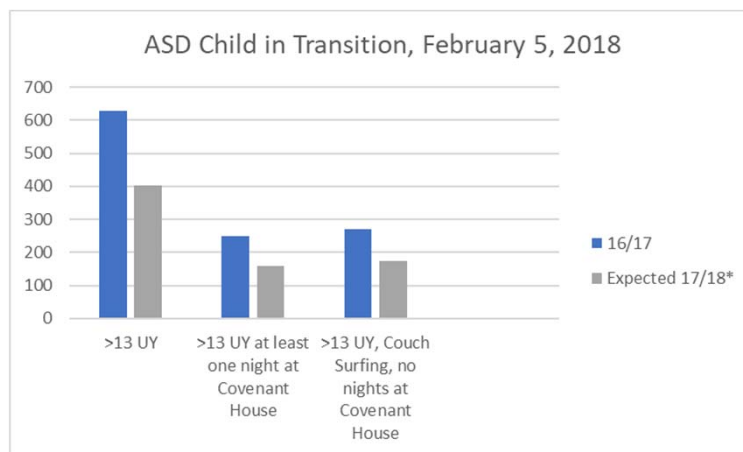
Success with Veteran Homelessness

Alaska Homeless Veterans and HUD-VASH Voucher Allocation, 2008 - 2017



Sources: Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness and Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness, Point in Time Count data, 2012 - 2017. Includes both Anchorage and Balance of State counts; HUD Exchange, HUD-VASH allocations, FY 2008 - FY 2016.

Progress with Rates of Child Homelessness



Approximately 20% decrease from previous year, consistent with Kenai Peninsula School District data

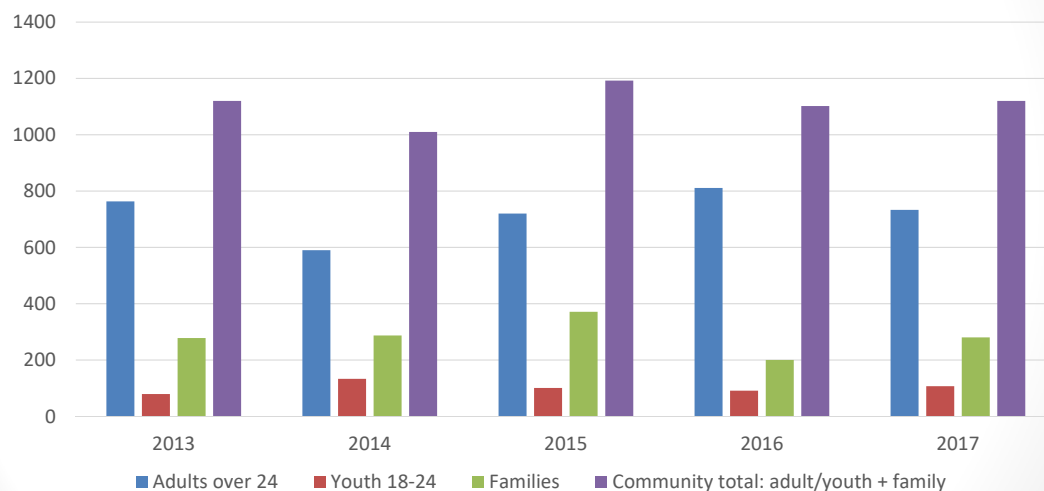
Measuring Progress: 2017 One-Day Count

During a few days in late January each year, communities across the U.S. conduct “point in time” counts with outreach to people who are homeless in the community. It is only one measure, but provides an annual snapshot of homelessness in the U.S. on some of the coldest days of the year.

Continuum of Care (CoC) Geographic Area	Total Population	January 2017 Point in Time (PIT) Count Homeless Population					
		Total of 2017 PIT Count	Individual Adults (Age 25+)	Family Households with Children	Population in Families with Children	Unaccompanied Youth (to Age 24)	Veterans
Municipality of Anchorage	299,037	1,128	733	87	280	115	69
Alaska Balance of State	440,791	717	499	78	211	47	55
State of Alaska Total	739,828	1,845	1,232	165	491	162	124

Sources: U.S. Census population estimate (2016); Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development (2016)
Point in Time Counts reported by Continuum of Care areas in selected geographic areas

Community Homeless Counts



How to Solve Homelessness

- How many people need housing?
- How do we connect them to housing?
- Who will provide the housing & services?
- How many housing units do we need?
- How much will it cost?
- How do we sustainably pay for this system?
- How do we measure and track our progress?

Coordinated Entry: System at a Glance

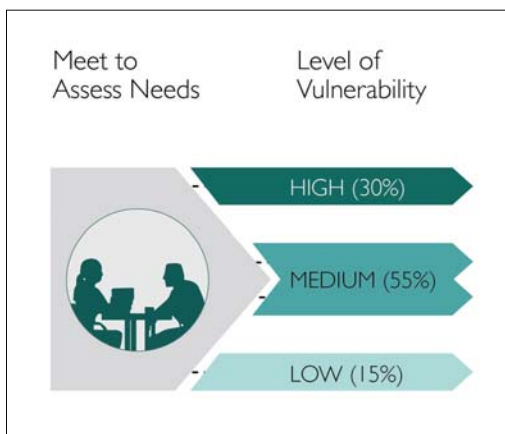


Coordinated Entry: Referral



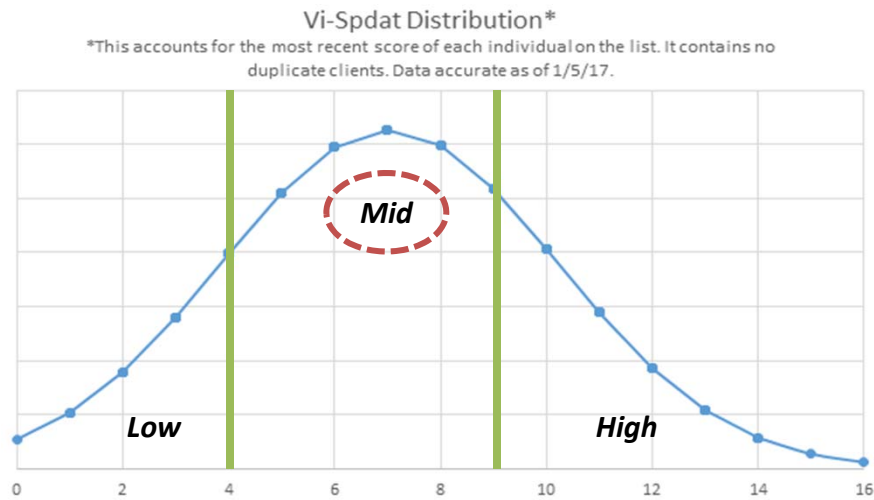
- Many points of entry
- We can all refer to Coordinated Entry
- Quantifies demand

Coordinated Entry: Assessment

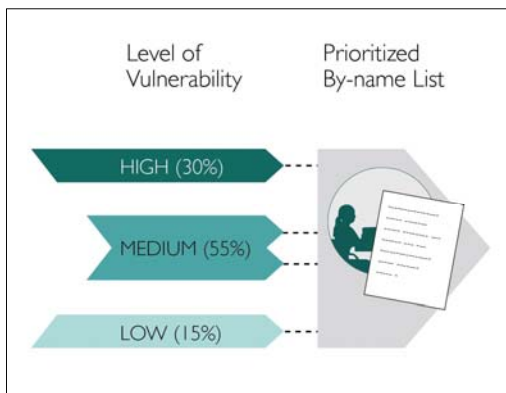


- Common assessment process
- Identifies level of vulnerability
- Most people have moderate vulnerability
- Type of housing and supports match the individual's needs

Most People Have Moderate Level of Need



Coordinated Entry: Prioritized By-name List



- Prioritized by length of time homeless and severity of service needs
- Allows matching to appropriate housing types, as available
- Helps to quantify demand for different types of units and identify gaps

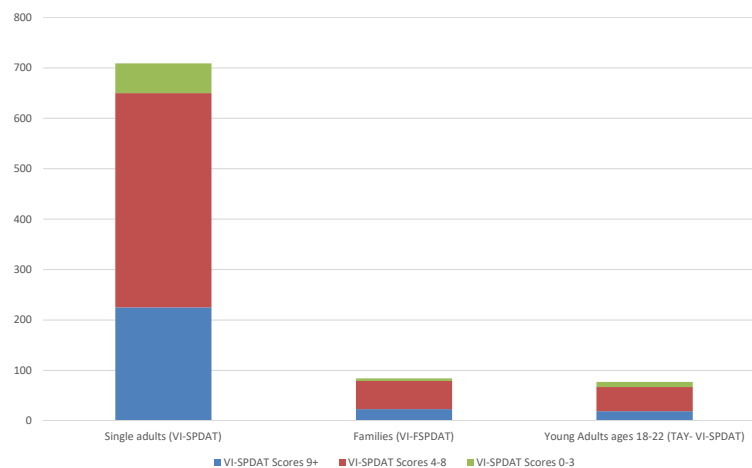
Coordinated Entry: Match with Housing and Supports



- Higher level of supports for higher vulnerability
- Moderate vulnerability may need time-limited help
- Others will need referrals for support to resolve one-time issues

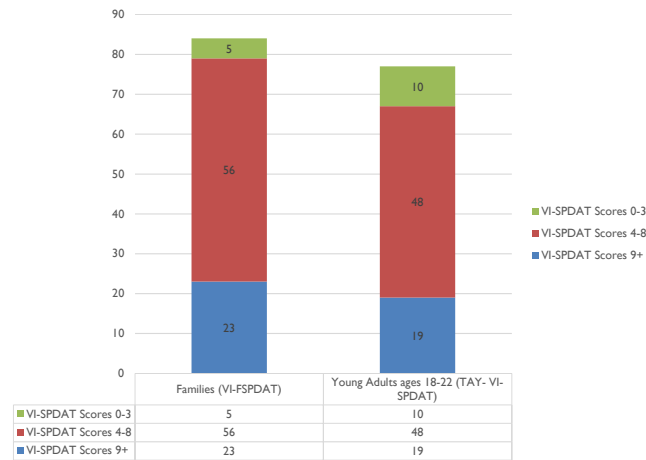
How Many Need Housing, and What Type?

November 2017 data from Coordinated Entry:



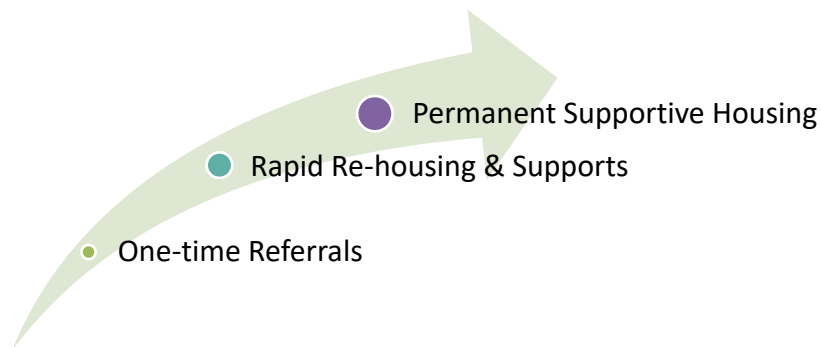
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November 2017 data from Coordinated Entry:



What do we mean by “Housing”?

- Not everyone needs the same intensity of supports.
- Some may need financial assistance or short-term services, while others need long-term supports.



Coordinated Entry: Match with Housing and Supports



- Permanent supportive housing, \$25,000 / unit per year, ongoing
- Rapid rehousing, \$7,500 / unit per year, time limited
- Referral to employment + supports, typically a short one-time service

Increasing Supply of Housing + Supports: Current Projects

- Pay for Success Demonstration project for adults involved with corrections
- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program for youth and young adults
- Community Housing Project: Rapid Re-Housing for families
- AHFC voucher programs: Moving Home, Returning Home
- Cook Inlet Housing Authority private landlord liaison
- Cook Inlet Tribal Council / Rural CAP street outreach
- DHSS: 1115 Medicaid waiver + other supportive housing efforts
- Human Capital Campaign: endowment for financing housing and supports
- Other statewide and local efforts: tiny homes, Veterans Village, many others

Measuring Success: Key Outcomes

- Length of time spent homeless
- Length of time between entering system and getting housed
- Number of re-entries to homeless system

Recap: How to Solve Homelessness

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Let's Discuss: Small Groups

- Split into four groups, each with a facilitator
- Identify note taker
- Take 20 minutes for each question
- Discussion Questions:
 - How do we generate public will to end homelessness?
 - How do we secure the resources to meet the needs?
- Identify your top two ideas to share, write them on the poster.

Share Back Discussion Themes

- Share back:
 - Review points from poster and top takeaways from discussions
 - What is one thing we might do to better align our resources?
 - What is one thing that you learned today that you didn't know before you came to this meeting?

Thank you for joining us
today!

