The Road to
Housing with a
Changing Economy and
Limited Funding

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3 Buckets

- Clients We cannot change this. We must adapt and work with them where they are.
- **Bureaucracy** This is self-induced. We need to find solutions and not put additional pressures onto ourselves.
- **Inventory** Work with community partners, property managers, and private landlords. Develop a relationship and trust that we will assist with stabilization and monitor the client (landlord incentives).

- Rise of homeless encampments.
- Humanitarian responsibility.
- Financial impact on public funds.
- A chronically homeless person costs the taxpayer an average of \$30,000-50,000 per year.
- Housing cost 49% less.
- Increasing rates of homeless seniors.
- Increase of the homeless population by 21% in 2019 and another 20% in 2022.
- Lack of affordable housing.
- Static fixed incomes for disabled adults/seniors.
- Increase in hospitalizations.

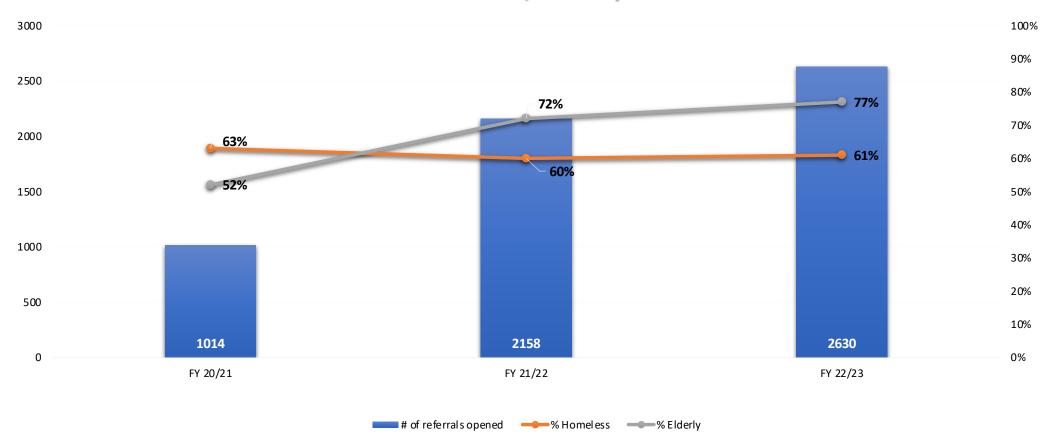


"The number of Americans ages 65 and older is projected to increase from 58 million in 2022 to 82 million by 2050 (a 47% increase), and the 65-and-older age group's share of the total population is projected to rise from 17% to 23%. The U.S population is older today than it has ever been."

*PRB.Org and US Bureau of Labor and Statistics

ASD's APS Homeless Program Overview

APS Referrals for Homeless/Unstably Housed Clients



Trauma Informed Care Principles

Trauma Informed Care (TIC) provides service in a way that does not retraumatize, instead it promotes empowerment. TIC aligns with APS guidelines.

- Safety: Ensure Emotional and Physical Safety
- Choice: Give client control in choices and plan
- Collaboration: Shared power in decision making
- Trustworthiness: Consistency and boundaries; establish rapport and trust
- Empowerment: Skill building and prioritize empowerment, highlight their strengths.
- Partnering with lived experience for insight.

ASD's Homeless Response

Referrals

All referrals for homeless seniors age 60+ and dependent adults come through the APS Hot line by calling: 1-800-491-7123

APS CRIS SSP Responds and Assesses

SSP assesses client for needs and risk. Completing VI-SPDAT, risk assessment, collect documentation, and determine best suitable temporary housing option.

Diversion

SSP facilitates diversion related services which include: Family reunification, bus ticket home, rental assistance, connection to affordable housing, etc.

Housing Crisis Resolved

Housing First Model

SSP provides client with temporary housing options that include shelters, room & boards, or motel. Linkage to PRK, Section 8, HHOPE, and link client to CF, MC, IHSS, etc.

Joint Meetings with Community Partners

Complete monthly MDT meeting with community partners and weekly meetings with HHPWS. Engage in health plans, SMART referrals, PHN referrals, PEARLS referral

Placement in Higher Level of Care

Board and Care, Sober Living, SNF, etc.

Determine Eligibility for Section 8

Ineligible for Section 8

Due to 290 offender, over income, and Section 8 fraud

Eligible for Section 8

APS SSP completes referral to Housing Authority for Section

Placement into Permanent Housing

APS assists client with move-in costs: security deposit, first months rent to ensure client is stable.

Follow-up Case Management

APS SSP submits referral to the Office on Aging Case Manager for continued support once housed for continuity of care when appropriate

APS

SSP assists client through the Section 8 application process and assists client with locating permanent housing. SSP assists client with the application process

Alternative Housing Options

Rooms for rent, Room & Boards, eviction and 290 friendly housing

Diversion / Emergency Housing

Diversion & Medical Collaborations

- Hospitalization for immediate healthcare needs
- LTC facilities
- Board and Care
- Relocations where support is located
- Friends

Emergency housing solutions include:

- Room and Boards / Sober Livings
- Board and Care / Long Term Care (ALF Contract)
- In-Patient Substance Abuse
- Hotel/Motel
- Shelters



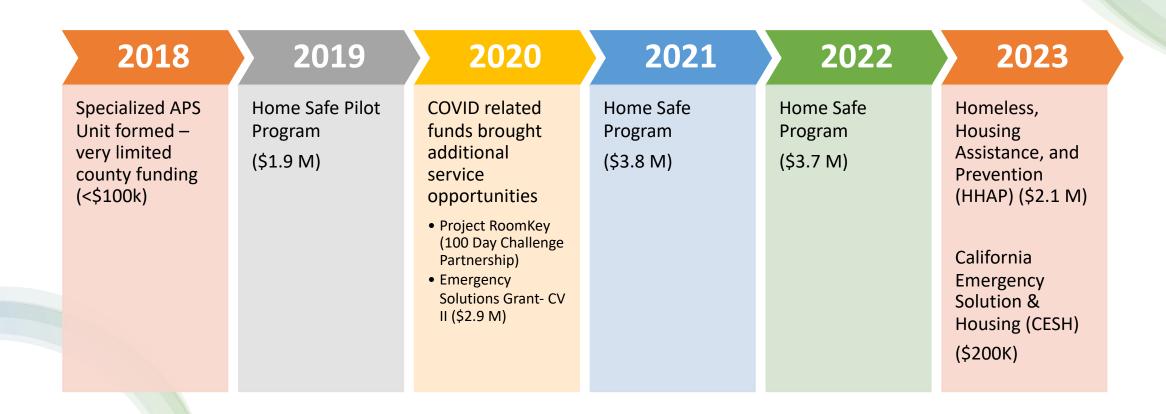
Case Management

- Enhanced case management requiring multiple monthly contacts.
- Case duration: 6-9 months or until stable. This decreases recidivism.
- Client secures permanent housing.
- Independent Living Services provided.

MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM

- Different government and community-based organizations joined forces to deliver enhanced case management and offer their supportive services.
- Members include medical professionals, politicians, legal aid professionals, and local interest groups.
- Homeless MDT meetings are conducted monthly with over 400 community members.
- Discuss complex cases to seek support/expertise to address client barriers.
- Interface with community partners to strengthen communication with other service providers to ensure the client is receiving wraparound services for long term stability.
- Follow-ups are presented.

Riverside County's APS Homeless Program Fiscal Overview





Blended Funding - funds are combined into a single pool without discerning their source or specific requirements

Braided Funding - funds from various sources are used to pay for various related services but tracking and accountability for each pot of money is maintained at an administrative level



Braided Funding in Riverside County

ASD Homeless Funding - Consolidated Budget/Strategic Spending Plan										
	FY 21/22 (Actuals)	FY 22/23 (Actuals)	FY 23/24 (Budget)	FY 24/25 (Budget)	FY 25/26 (Budget)					
HDAP (Vouchers)	\$ 736,315.96									
Safe Haven (motel vouchers)		\$ 96,087.71	\$ 110,781.00	\$ 120,751.29	\$ 131,618.91					
Home Safe (Staffing)	\$ 328,763.00	\$ 402,827.97	\$ 405,000.00	\$ -						
Home Safe (In-Home Safety/Prevention)			\$ 100,000.00							
Home Safe (Vouchers)	\$ 1,589,350.00	\$ 3,839,418.64	\$ 807,773.39	\$ -						
Emergency Shelter & RRH Direct Costs Vouchers)	\$ 1,073,950.00	\$ 10,454.00								
ESG-CV2 RRH Direct Costs (Staffing)	\$ 885,485.00	\$ 780,438.00	\$ 200,482.15							
HHAP (Admin Staffing)	1	\$ 21,784.00	\$ 56,557.00							
HHAP Vouchers	1	\$ 65,049.00	\$ 822,801.20	\$ 1,173,178.06						
CESH Vouchers	1		\$ 175,188.43							
	\$ 4,613,863.96	\$ 5,216,059.32	\$ 2,678,583.17	\$ 1,293,929.35	\$ 131,618.91					

Braided Funding in Riverside County

Fiscal YTD Paid by Assistance Type*

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	# of Vouchers	830	A/APS		ESG CV-II	ННАР	Home Safe		Safe Haven
Appliances & Furniture	62	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 74,063.03	\$	-
Damages	2	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 720.00	\$	-
Debt Pay Off	1	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 1,404.97	\$	-
Eviction Prevention/Rental Assistance	145	\$	-	\$	96,166.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 108,180.01	\$	-
Home Cleanup	26	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 47,758.22	\$	-
Home Repairs	4	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 5,733.51	\$	-
Hotel/Motel Stay	1257	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 54,654.00	\$ 2,687,936.43	\$	94,821.71
In-Home Safety	8	\$	1,200.00	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 74,160.00	\$	-
Landlord Incentive	1	\$	-	\$	1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
Licensed Board and Care	23	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 58,679.52	\$	-
Mortgage	1	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 3,825.00	\$	-
Moving Assistance	8	\$	-	\$	5,849.55	\$ -	\$ 7,388.92	\$	-
Rapid Rehousing/Rent/Security Deposit	194	\$	-	\$	128,568.09	\$ 3,840.00	\$ 290,328.20	\$	-
Room and Board	510	\$	-	\$	1,300.00	\$ 3,355.00	\$ 454,696.12	\$	1,266.00
Transportation (out of service area)	1	\$	248.00	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
Utility Payments	7	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 4,946.66	\$	-
Returned Funds ESG: #10703	0	\$	-	\$	1,295.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
Revolving Fund/DPSS	0	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 1,755.17	\$	-
Food Pantry	0	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 9,622.06	\$	-
Extended Stay America - Payment	0	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 12,321.67	\$	-
Vista Montana Senior Living Inc	0	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 8,190.00	\$	-
Non-Health Related - Emergency Shelter	0	\$	6,612.69	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
Total	2250	\$	8,060.69	\$	234,678.64	\$ 65,049.00	\$ 3,851,709.49	\$	96,087.71

LEVERAGING
ADDITIONAL
FUNDING/RESOURCES
(USING OTHER PEOPLE'S
MONEY)

MOUs/Formal Agreements

Housing Authority (Priority for Section 8 Vouchers)

Office on Aging (Ongoing Case Management/Stabilization)

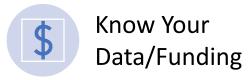
Managed Care Health Plans (Community Support Services)

Behavioral Health (Service Planning & Disability Verifications)

Assisted Living Provider (Clients w/Higher Level of Care)

Other Programs

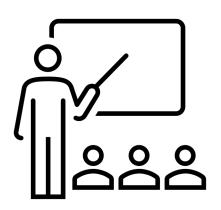
Housing Disability Advocacy Program Continuum of Care Projects





Seek Diversion Interventions

Lessons Learned





Involvement Of Clients In Their Service Plan



Client Contributes Some Monetary Amount



Resources Differ
Depending On
Rural Or Urban
Area



Have A Backup Plan



Prepare for a Rainy Day

Braided Funding Tools & Resources

- Fiscal Mapping
- https://www.chcs.org/resource/fiscal-mapping-forearly-childhood-services-how-to-guide-and-datacollection-tool/
- This <u>how-to guide</u> provides a framework and steps to complete a fiscal mapping process and is accompanied by a <u>data collection tool</u> that offers a template for gathering and documenting funding details through the fiscal mapping process. A <u>companion brief</u> is also available that examines implementation considerations for fiscal mapping based on the experience of two communities that used the mapping process.
- While these tools are geared toward applying fiscal mapping to early childhood services, the lessons herein are generalizable to any population.



Measures Of Success

Success can be measured in many ways:

- Know your data
- Recidivism
- Number of clients permanently housed with a lease
- Family Reunifications
- Appropriate Medical Placements for higher level of care

Have the correct information available

- Data systems
- Number of people housed and length of time to house
- Know your budget (10-20k per client with temporary housing, deposits, first months rent, application fees, etc.)
- Staff updates and accomplishments



Questions?

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