



FORT BEND

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Homelessness 101 & the Homeless System

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Homelessness 101

- 50% of homelessness is caused by an economic crisis (job loss, bills become higher than earnings, natural disasters, economic downturn).
- Contrary to stereotype, less than 10% of homelessness is caused by substance use.

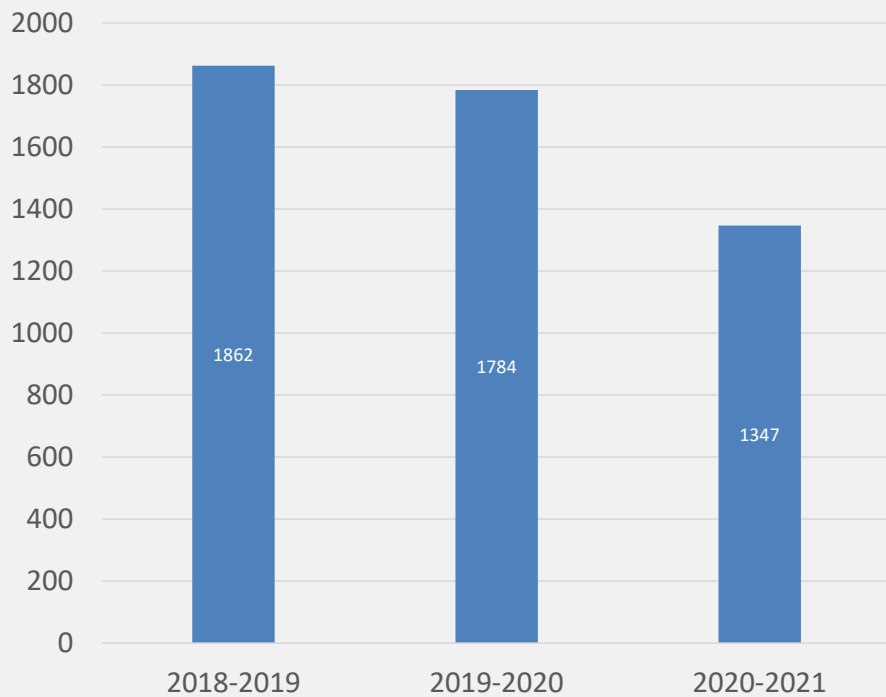


Definitions

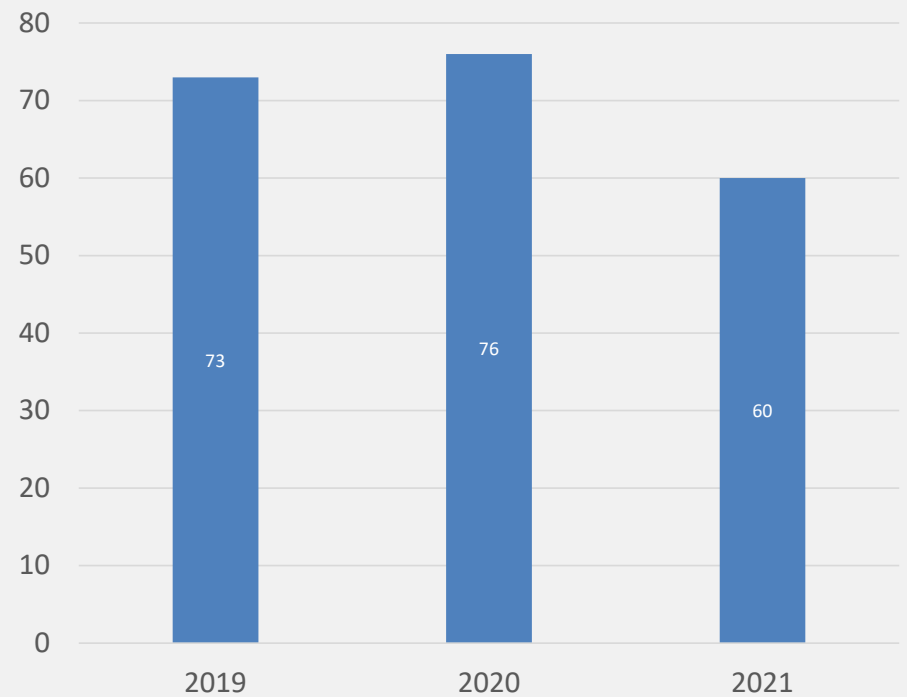
- Department of Education
 - McKinney-Vento Act
 - Homeless – an individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence (included being doubled up)
- Department of Housing & Urban Development
 - HEARTH Act
 - Literal Homeless – a person living in a place not meant for human habitation, or an emergency shelter (does not include being doubled up)
 - Chronic Homelessness – a person with a disability that has either been (1) continually homeless for a year or more OR (2) had 4 or more occasions of homelessness in the last 3 years

Homelessness in Fort Bend

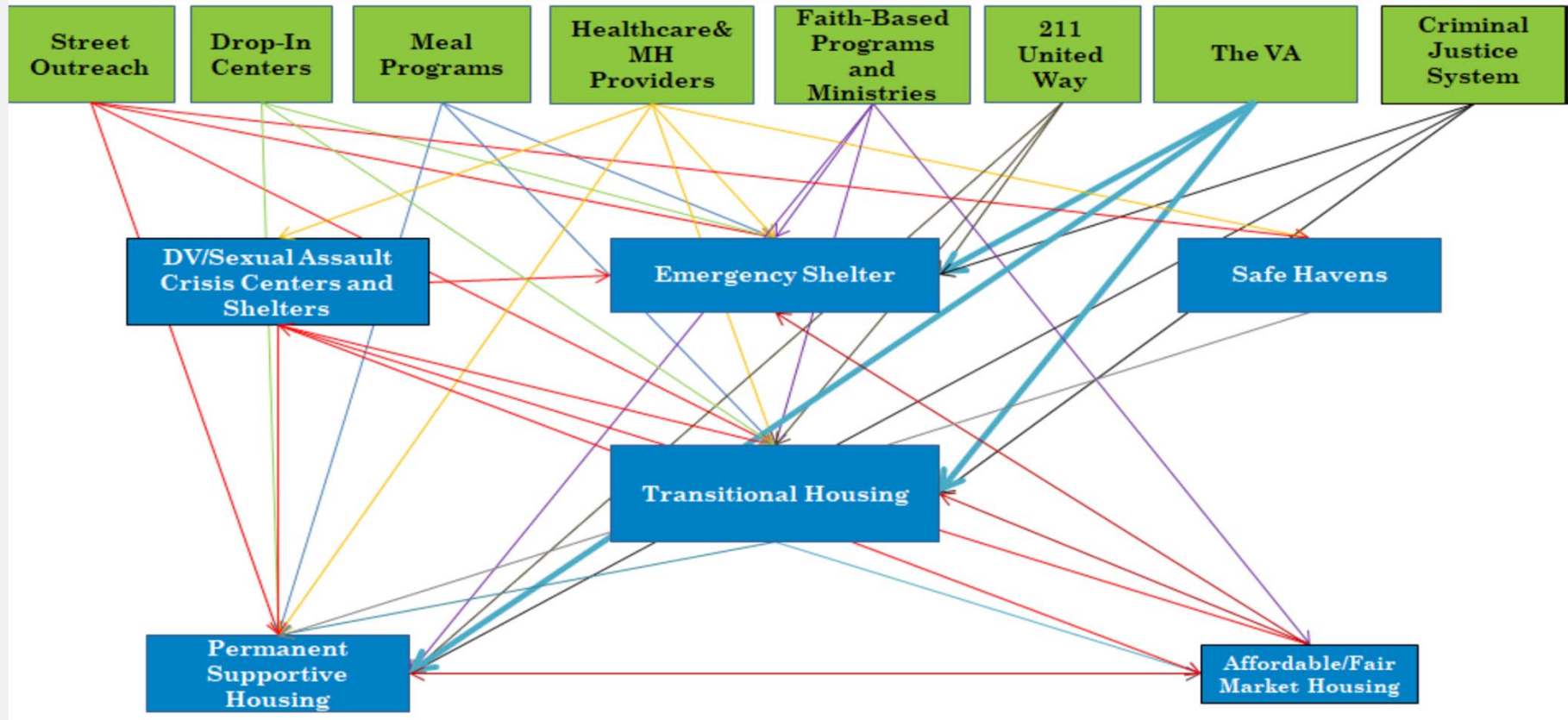
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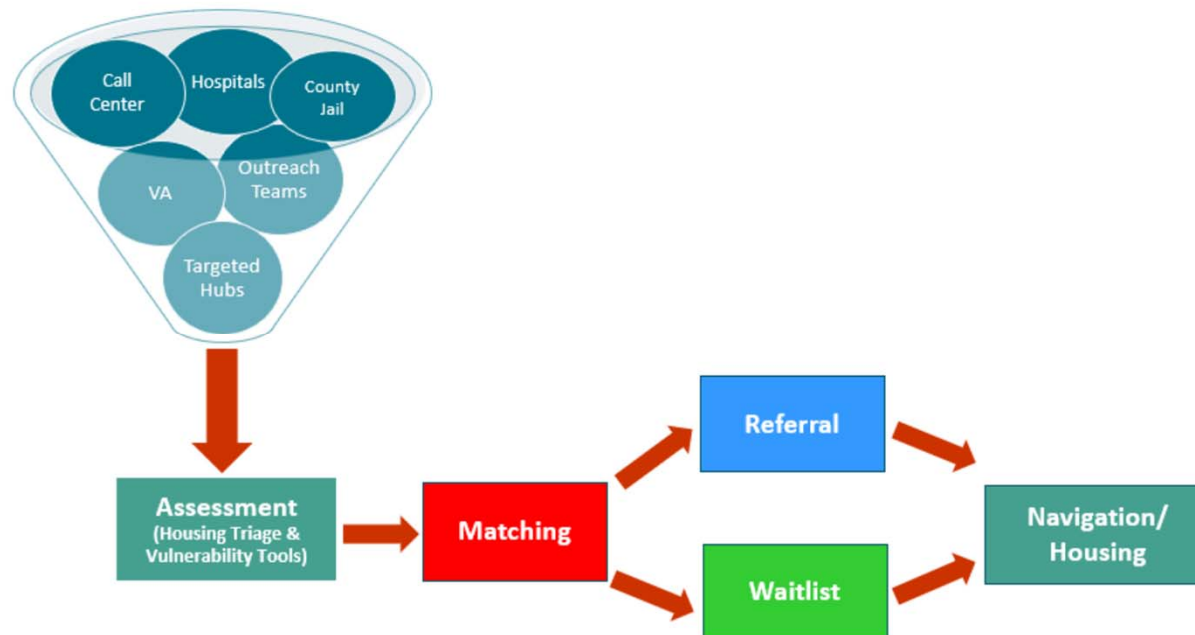
Literally Homeless at Point-in-Time



Homeless System



Homeless System



Homeless System: Coordinated Access

Coordinated Access is a centralized, standardized process designed to:

- Coordinate program participant intake, assessment, & referrals
- Cover the CoC geographic area
- Be easily accessible by individuals/families seeking housing or services
- Identify the most vulnerable in the CoC using a standardized assessment tool

Coordinated Access (CA) can be accessed by:

- Visiting one the several CA Assessment Hubs
- Visit the Help-Card on the Coalition's website and scroll down to Coordinated Access for locations.
- **Calling 2-1-1**
- **Calling the CA Intake Line: 832-531-6041**
- Available Monday -Friday 9 a.m. -1 p.m.

Who can access?

- Any client living within our CoC can access CA

For more information on CA, you can download the CA Fact Sheet or email hmis@homelesshouston.org

Homeless System: Types of Services

Intervention Used	Housing Situation	Services Provided
Prevention	Can not pay bills/has an eviction notice	Rental and utility assistance
Diversion	On the verge of actual eviction/about to be at the shelter door (within 14 days)	Short-term case management & possibly some financial assistance (no more than 3 months)
Rapid Re-Housing	Literally homeless	Case management & up to 1 year of rental assistance
Permanent Supportive Housing	Chronically homeless	Intensive on-going case management & rental assistance

Homeless System: Fort Bend

- Prevention services are not coordinated and typically first come, first served
- Diversion services are not available in Fort Bend County
- Only 2 shelters in FBC, for Domestic Violence and for Youth
- VERY limited Rapid Re-Housing services in Fort Bend County
- NO permanent supportive housing in Fort Bend County

Community Health Assessment (CHA)

- **What:** process involving the community to identify and analyze community health needs and assets, prioritize those needs and then implement a plan to address significant unmet needs
- **Why:** public health best practice, help to inform our work, need it for accreditation
- **How:** secondary data collection, community surveys, key informant interviews
- **Who:** Fort Bend residents and leaders
- **When:** Now!



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