

NEWS BRIEFS

Evidence Keeps Mounting that Supportive Housing is Cost Effective

The Outcomes from Alameda County's own supportive housing program, HOST, run by Bonita House demonstrates what studies all across the country are proving: supportive housing reduces cost burdens on other systems of care such as criminal justice and hospitals. Just take a look at these numbers. Since the program's inception there has been a dramatic drop in hospitalizations and incarcerations for participants once they are housed.

- Number of partners with psychiatric hospitalizations decreased 81.8%
- Number of psychiatric hospital admissions decreased 92%
- Number of partners incarcerated decreased 53.3%
- Number of incarcerations decreased 81.1%

The Homeless Outreach and Stabilization Team (HOST), began in March 2007 and focuses on the Northern Alameda County

area from Hayward to Albany. Services provided by the HOST multidisciplinary team include:

- Housing subsidies and support so that chronically homeless people can enter and maintain safe, affordable, permanent housing.
- Supported employment services, with a range of paid and volunteer opportunities.
- Integrated primary care services, psychiatric services, wellness and recovery planning.
- Peer and family support services.
- Trauma-informed services to help homeless men and women cope with the traumas so common to life on the street.
- Benefits advocacy and payee services.
- 24/7 crisis intervention and support.

Thanks to Bonita House for sharing these encouraging outcomes and for operating such a dynamic program that has ended homelessness for 80 chronically homeless persons with serious mental illness.

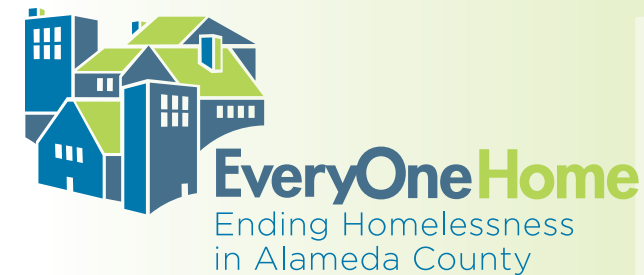
Read the complete article on our website!

EveryOne Home Partners Get Recognized

Individuals who participate in EveryOne Home committees, projects, community-wide meetings, and on the Leadership Board have plates spilling over with their own work, family, and personal commitments. They are generous people that contribute their time to EveryOne Home's mission to end homelessness by the year 2020. EveryOne Home is happy to see three of our dedicated partners be recognized for the excellence they uphold in their work.

Leadership Board and Executive Committee member, Suzanne Shenfil along with Resource Development & Public Relations Committee member, boona chema have both been recently inducted into the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame. Sam Cobbs played an important role in the EveryOne Home Performance Measurement Project as a member of the Outcomes Drafting Committee. He has recently been awarded a 2010 James Irvine Foundation Leadership award.

Read more and see videos of all three of these honorees on our website.



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News

Community approves Performance Measures & Year 1 Work Plan

On May 25th, EveryOne Home hosted its 2nd community-wide meeting of the year during which over 80 individuals representing service providers, public employees, faith-based organizations, consumers and advocates from throughout Alameda County reviewed the work of the Outcomes Drafting Committee.



Performance Measurement Project - Outcomes Drafting Committee from left to right: Kathie Barkow, Aspire Consulting LLC; Rick Wood, Rubicon Programs Inc.; Amy Davidson, City of Berkeley; Liz Varela, Building Futures w/ Women & Children; Jennifer Kriebel, Alameda Point Collaborative; Laura Escobar, United Way Bay Area; Susan Shelton, City of Oakland; Elaine de Coligny, EveryOne Home; Katharine Gale, Katharine Gale Consulting. Not pictured: Louis Chicoine, ABODE Services; Anne Culver, City of Hayward; and Sam Cobbs, First Place for Youth.

This committee received its mandate at the February Community meeting to develop performance measures for our system of care that will improve our capacity to end homelessness by the year 2020. Selected from a pool of volunteer applicants, the 10-member Committee had public and private funders and agency directors that represented the range of services delivered to homeless persons from permanent supportive housing, to shelter and prevention, as well as a range of populations and geography served. Their work was facilitated by the consulting team of Kathie Barkow and Katharine Gale.

The Drafting Committee developed four outcomes and three efficiency measures with different benchmarks for different parts of the system consistent with direction from the community. These outcomes are also in compliance with the HUD outcomes, HUD Annual Performance Report, the HEARTH ACT, and EveryOne Home outcomes.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES:

- Rate of permanent housing entry (for programs serving homeless) OR Length of stay in permanent housing (for

- permanent supportive housing and prevention programs)
- Reduced rates of people exiting to homelessness
- Income from employment
- Increase in adults exiting with an income

EFFICIENCY/PROCESS MEASURES:

- % exit to a known destination
- % occupancy on average monthly basis
- Length of time to acquire permanent housing OR
- Length of time to acquire permanent housing and employment (for employment programs)

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NEWS YOU CAN USE

EveryOne Home is hiring!

We are looking for a qualified Administrative Assistant to join our team. A job description and more information about how to apply can be found on our website.

Save The Date

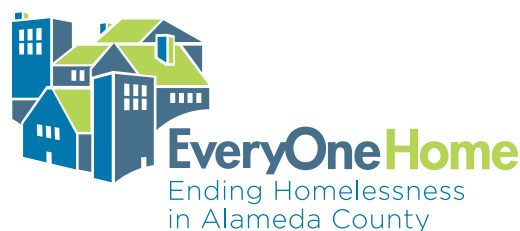
Community-wide Meeting
Wednesday, October 6th 2010
9:30AM-Noon
San Leandro Library
Karp Conference Room
300 Estudillo Avenue,
San Leandro 94577

EveryOne Home Unit Certificates Available

EveryOne Home would like to recognize any residential buildings that include EveryOne Home units. If you own or operate a residence with EveryOne Home units or need more information to determine if you do, please contact us.

Event Committee Needed

EveryOne Home is in search of 8-10 individuals to be part of an Event Committee that will organize this year's EveryOne Home movie event to be held at the beginning of December. Interested individuals can submit an Expression of interest through the end of July to everyonehome@acgov.org. The Committee will commence in September and decide the regularity of meetings & distribution of roles/tasks.



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Ending Homelessness in Alameda County



Announcing: EveryOne Home Unit Certificates

MAY 10, 2010 marked the first presentation of an EveryOne Home unit certificate. Congratulations to our partner, the Oakland Housing Authority on the occasion of the grand opening of Tassafaronga. Located on 7 1/2 acres at 975 85th Ave. in Oakland, Tassafaronga is a 157 unit residential complex with 63 EveryOne Home units. EveryOne Home units are housing opportunities that are permanent, affordable and accessible to individuals and families that are homeless or at-risk of homelessness, extremely low income households impacted by serious mental health issues, and extremely low income households living with HIV/AIDS. Learn more about EveryOne Home units on our website. Our plan calls for the creation of 15,000 unique EveryOne Home housing opportunities by 2020; in doing so we can effectively eliminate homelessness in Alameda County.

EveryOne Home also presented a certificate on June 7th to Resources for Community Development recognizing the 34 EveryOne Home units at Oxford Plaza. Oxford Plaza is located on the corner of Kittredge and Oxford Street in Berkeley. With a total of 97 units, the other 63 unit rents range in affordability from moderate to extremely low income.

EveryOne Home would like to recognize any residential buildings that include EveryOne Home units. If you own or operate a residence with EveryOne Home units or need more information to determine if you do, please contact us. This is one of the ways we would like to acknowledge and commend our partners that are working to end homelessness. Stop in to see all of the things that Tassafaronga and Oxford Plaza have to offer and keep an eye out for the EveryOne Home certificate!



EveryOne Home Co-chair, Daniel Sawislak presents an EH unit certificate to Oakland Housing Authority Executive Director, Jon Gresley for their 63 EH units at Tassafaronga



EveryOne Home (EH) Executive Director, Elaine deColigny presents an EH Unit Certificate to Resources for Community Development Executive Director, Daniel Sawislak for 34 EH units at Oxford Plaza

See the **News You Can Use** box on the cover page for information about requesting EveryOne Home Unit Certificates.

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PROGRESS MEASURE:

The expectation is to meet the standard numerical benchmarks stated for each outcome OR achieve progress of 10 percentage points from the current performance rate each year until reaching the standard performance benchmark.

Small groups reviewed the performance measures, the proposed benchmarks and the first year work plan. They discussed this project's impact on clients, providers and the system as a whole, and surfaced key issues to keep in mind as we move forward with implementation. For a complete set of materials distributed at this meeting including actual benchmarks and notes from the small group discussions visit our website. EveryOne Home encourages questions and comments about the measures, the benchmarks, the methodology, or the work plan. Just email us at everyonehome@acgov.org.

"It really feels like we are getting somewhere," said Brenda Goldstein, Supportive Housing Clinic Manager with Lifelong Medical Care, about the meeting. "There is an emerging consensus of what we need to do and to measure to keep ourselves moving in the right direction."



The performance measurement project is an ongoing effort that will be refined and improved over the course of several years. Please join us in this effort to become increasingly effective at solving homelessness. Save the date for our next community-wide meeting on 10/6/10 from 9:30 - Noon at the San Leandro Library.

Priority Home Partnership Makes Big Impact in First Six Months!

May 1st marked the six month anniversary of the Priority Home Partnership (PHP), the federally funded stimulus program which provides housing acquisition and eviction prevention services at eight Housing Resource Centers throughout Alameda County. In that time 3,226 homeless and at-risk households were screened at the 24-hour 211 hotline number and referred to one of the Housing Resource Centers that then further assessed the housing crisis and eligibility for the PHP program. One third of households have been eligible and able to produce the documentation that qualified them for housing stabilization services.



Priority Home Partnership has been recognized nationally for its comprehensive program design, innovation in its partnerships to leverage housing subsidy vouchers and additional financial assistance, collaborative ownership of the program by 33 service providers and government entities, and an Implementation and Learning Community to continue refining and improving the program. As you can see by the data, people all over the county from single adults to families are getting the help they need to retain their housing or move quickly into new permanent housing. Congratulations to all the PHP partners for their great work in this first six months.

BY THE DOLLARS

Prevention: \$572,436 spent in financial assistance for rent & utility payments toward obtaining or maintaining stable housing affordable to them (assisting those at greatest risk of being on the streets/shelter). Prevention services assisted 1,639 people (741 households.)

Rapid Rehousing: \$165,878 spent in financial assistance for rent, security deposit, utility payments, moving costs, or a hotel/motel voucher. Rapid Rehousing assisted 468 people (254 households) in obtaining housing that had been living on the streets, in a shelter, transitional housing, or escaping domestic violence.

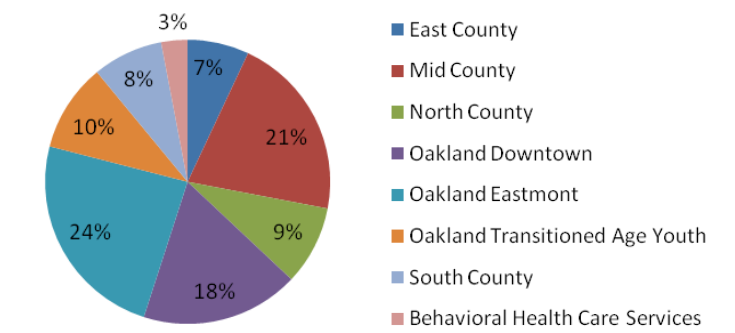
OUR COLLABORATIONS AT WORK

Leveraged resources in addition to the dollars above:

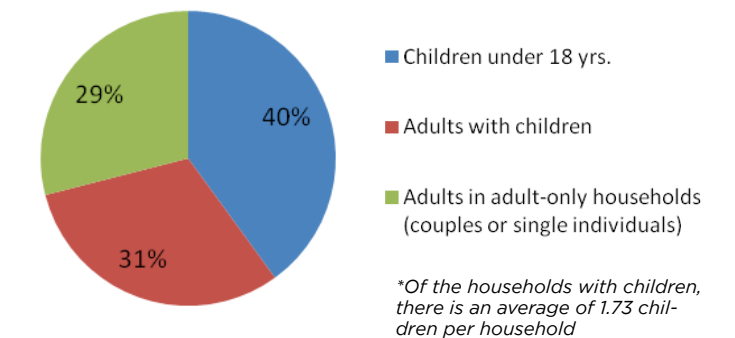
- 222 families received \$446,963 of financial assistance on their behalf in 507 payments for current rent, security deposits, delinquent rent, household items, and utility assistance funded by TANF Emergency Contingency Funds leveraged through Alameda County Social Services Agency.
- 7 households residing in outdoor encampments have moved into their own affordable permanent housing and received move-in assistance totaling \$4,656. PHP paid move-in assistance and case management. Ongoing rents will be paid through a partnership with the City of Oakland and the City of Oakland Housing Authority, which leveraged 50 housing subsidy vouchers to make these housing units permanently affordable at 30% of the residents' income.

For a list of PHP partners or more information on the program design see our website.

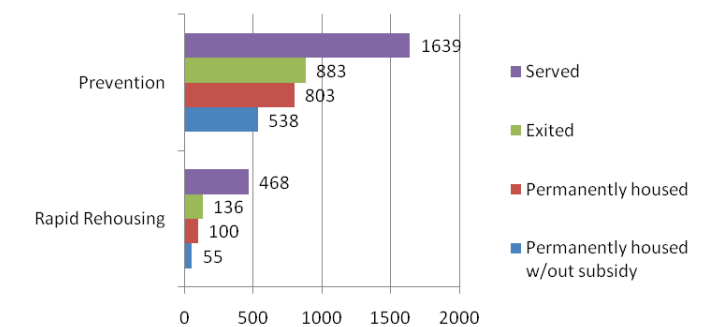
HOUSEHOLDS REFERRED TO HRCs



PEOPLE IN THE PHP HOUSING STABILIZATION PROGRAM



OUTCOMES - EXITS TO PERMANENT HOUSING



Approximately half of those served to date have exited the program. Of the 883 who exited the prevention program, 91% exited to permanent housing, 67% of those to unsubsidized housing. Of the 136 people who exited the rapid rehousing program, 74% exited to permanent housing, 55% of those to unsubsidized housing.