

## Homeless Services Statistics

- Point-in-Time Count captured the number of Texas considered homeless at the specific point in time. Based on results from the 2012 count, the Texas Homeless Network found the highest rates of homelessness per 10,000 people were: Amarillo (27.5%), Beaumont/Port Arthur (26.79%), San Antonio (22.03%) and Austin (21.89%).
- In 2012 there were 2,244 homeless individuals and families in Austin. Thirty-three percent met the criteria for chronically homeless, 17% reported having a mental health problem and/or another 17% reported having a substance use issue (Ending Community Homeless Coalition, ECHO, Point-in-Time Count).
- From September 2009 to July 2012, the number of ATCIC clients assessed with housing instability or literally homelessness was between 486 – 845 (From the Texas Department of State Health Services Mental Retardation and Behavioral Health Outpatient Warehouse (MBOW), UM Adult Assessment Profile).
- The Austin/Travis County Corporation for Supportive Housing Texas Re-entry Project conservatively identified 1,088 persons who were homeless or near homeless, 67% were assessed to have co-occurring disorders, 35% were assessed with not having the ability to attend to their daily basic needs and 19% reported that they had experienced 4+ psychiatric hospital admissions in one year or 6+ in 2 years.
- The persons identified by the Austin/Travis County Corporation for Supportive Housing Texas Re-entry Project used 54,774 jail bed days in 2008 resulting in jail costs of over \$3 million (Funding Strategies for Permanent Supportive Housing for a Re-entry Population, Re-Entry Roundtable, July 2010).
- Austin has 739 units of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) (ECHO, Community Data on Shelter, Housing and Services, week ending 9/15/12).

## ATCIC Housing and Homeless Services

- Partnership with both local housing authorities to administer and manage 4 Shelter Plus Care (S+C) grants funded by HUD. Currently these grants allow us to provide tenant-based rental assistance and supportive services to 225 individuals and families who are homeless with mental illness and/or co-occurring substance use disorders.
- ATCIC is a part of the Home Front Collaboration with Front Steps to provide the first Housing First program in Austin. High utilizers of the ARCH are identified as frequent users (over 200 nights in the emergency shelter) and screened to identify the most vulnerable chronically homeless individuals (those with mental illness, substance use issues, chronic health conditions) and place them into PSH. The program provides permanent housing through a mix of Housing Choice vouchers and Master Leases in partnership with HATC, Green Doors and the PALMS.
- Partner on the Money Follows the Person Behavioral Health Pilot in Austin and works closely with UTHSC, Arcil, Amerigroup and United Behavioral Health, to

provide intensive in-home services to those with mental illness, substance use issues and chronic health conditions who want to move out of nursing facilities and remain stable in the community. The program provides tenant based rental assistance through HACA.

- ATCIC operates 8 HUD 811 apartment complexes that are owned by New Milestone Foundation and funded through HUD. Total: 86 units
- ATCIC manages 5 Co-Op Housing projects. These programs are independent community living settings. Total: 28 units.
- ATCIC operates Alameda House a 15 bed transitional living facility that provides rehabilitative skills training to mentally ill residents within the priority population diagnosis (Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective, Bipolar, or Major Depression).
- Safe Haven a 16 bed low-demand shelter staffed to address the special needs of individuals who are homeless, disenfranchised, and SMI or co-occurring disorder.
- PATH/ Access outreach team

### **Statistics in our housing programs**

- Fifty percent meet HUD's definition of Chronically Homeless where an individual or family was either homeless continuously for a year or more (living on the streets, in emergency shelter or places not meant for human habitation) or experienced 4 or more episodes of homelessness in the last 3 years.
- Participants who enter the Shelter Plus Care program struggle with a variety of housing barriers and challenges. In the last 3 years, 75 adults entered the program; 75% had a criminal record, 59% had a co-occurring substance use disorder in various stages of recovery, and 49% did not have any income source.

### **Outcomes**

- Housing: During the operating year (2011 to 2012) 93% achieved housing stability for 7 months or longer and 84% achieved housing stability for over a year. During this same time period, 70% of participants who entered with zero income saw their household budgets increase through employment or SSI / SSDI awards.
- PATH/ Access: From October – December 2012 803 homeless individuals received outreach services, 438 were enrolled in services and 55% linked to mental health services
- Safe Haven: From October- December 2012 23 homeless individuals received services, 6 individuals were successfully discharged for completing the program and 83% had permanent housing

### **Wait List**

- 96 people on Co-op wait list
- 93 people on HUD 811 wait list

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**Texas Homeless Network – <http://www.thn.org/kb/>**

**Ending Community Homeless Coalition (ECHO) – [www.austinecho.org](http://www.austinecho.org)**

**Re-Entry Roundtable - <http://reentryroundtable.net/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Final-Funding-Brief-6-10.pdf>**