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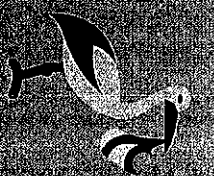
Veterans

Veterans experiencing homelessness
12% reduction since 2017

1,351

Unaccompanied Youth

Youth with no parent or guardian
present were experiencing
homelessness



1,919

Households with children

Decrease of 11% from 2017



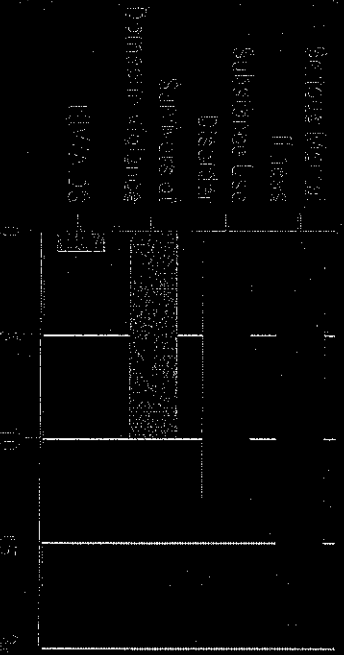
24 Hours in Texas

Point-In-Time Count, January 2019

25,848 People Counted

43%

Adults had some barrier to housing.

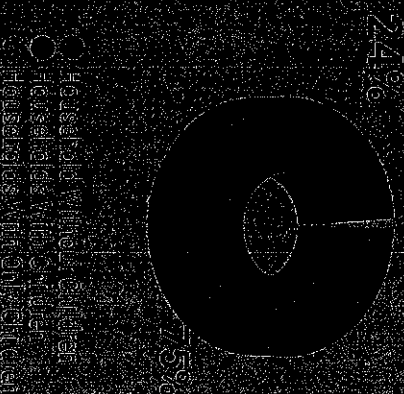


16%

DECREASE in
people who
are
Chronically
Homeless
since 2015

(3,610 total CH in 2019)

Homelessness by Household type





Embracing Veterans Experiencing Homelessness back into the workforce

“Embracing Veterans experiencing homelessness back into the workforce,” is a proposed program that would work with rural and mid-sized communities that have or that are working on effectively ending Veteran homelessness. The goal would be to use the funds to deploy a VISTA member in the community to build a network of volunteers to assist Veterans to gain employment and secure or maintain housing. The volunteer-based community support network will use the tools created by our VISTA members to guide their work connecting Workforce Centers with LHCs. Also, they will use community mentoring practices to support Veterans. The project’s goals in each community would be to:

1. Create or strengthen a workforce - CoC/Local Homeless Coalition/VA collaboration to serve people experiencing homelessness, specifically Veterans for this project.
2. Develop a community support network from various community systems (Veteran advocates, VFW
 - a. Develop pathways to employment through collaboration with local employers through connection building, job readiness programs, educational opportunities, etc.
 - b. Offer direct assistance through employment navigation services.
3. House or assist Veterans in maintaining housing through completion of the final project report.

HHSC Mental Health Programs, Planning, and Policy Quarterly Housing Updates

	Description	Updates
<p>Supportive Housing Rental Assistance Program (SHR)</p>	<p>HHSC currently contracts with twenty of the thirty-nine Local Mental Health Authorities and Local Behavioral Health Authorities (Centers) to provide direct rental and utility assistance to clients. Data since 2016 consistently shows a reduction in psychiatric crisis episodes and hospitalization for participants enrolled in SHR.</p>	<p>SHR will be expanding to sixteen more Centers beginning September 1, 2019.</p>
<p>Healthy Community Collaborative (HCC) Program</p>	<p>HCC fosters collaboration among public and private stakeholders to assist individuals with a mental illness and/or a substance use disorder experiencing homelessness. HCC providers are required to reach self-sustaining status within seven years. The primary goal of HCC is to empower and catalyze an individual's transition from homelessness to integration in the community by engaging and assisting participants with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Securing housing; • Obtaining work; and • Achieving sustained recovery from their medical, mental, and substance use disorders. 	<p>H.B. 4468 will go into effect on September 1, 2019 and will change the match requirement from a private cash match for the total grant amount to allowing private in-kind match. Counties with a population under 100,000 can utilize a private cash match for 25 percent of the grant amount instead of 100 percent of the grant amount.</p>

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<p>Project Access Pilot Program</p>	<p>The Project Access Pilot is funded by the Texas Department of Community and Housing Affairs (TDHCA) to assist individuals with housing needs who are currently in a state hospital, or who have been discharged from a state hospital in the last sixty days, have a permanent disability, and meet the Housing Choice Voucher or local public housing authority eligibility. Originally implemented in Bexar and Travis counties, this housing opportunity is being implemented statewide.</p> <p>HHSC has partnered with TDHCA since 2012 to provide technical assistance and support to the state hospital and Center staff.</p>	<p>HHSC has begun developing and providing training opportunities for Centers and State Hospital staff to learn about Project Access. The goal is to increase representation from other parts of the state on the Project Access Pilot waitlist.</p>
<p>811 PRA Program</p>	<p>The Section 811 Project Rental Assistance program (PRA) provides project-based rental assistance for extremely low-income, non-elderly persons with disabilities linked with long term services.</p> <p>HHSC provides coordination between Centers, managed care organizations, and TDHCA through the referral process and technical assistance to these agencies to support participants in retaining their housing.</p>	<p>Recovery Managers under the Home and Community Based Services-Adult Mental Health Medicaid program will now begin completing the online 811 PRA training to become referral agents.</p>