



Effects of Homelessness

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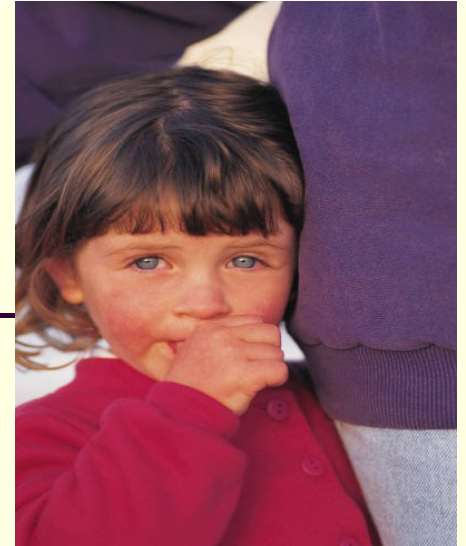
The Coalition

- Continuum of Care for V/F -- designated by HUD
- Lead Agency for V/F-- designated by State of Florida
- Grant writing for all Federal or State funds on behalf of agencies in Volusia/Flagler
- Client and agency data gathering
- Planning and coordination of all services for homeless -- fill gaps; eliminate duplication
- Information; Referral; Public education
- Discharge Planning – hospitals; jails; foster care
- Establish Standards of Care

Homeless -- the national numbers

- 1% of the U.S. population at any given time
- 2-3% of Americans (5-8 million) are homeless for at least 1 night per year
- 80% exit homelessness within 1 month
- 10% homeless 2 or more months
- 10% chronically homeless –
 - = 50% of those seeking emergency shelter each night

Homeless -- the numbers



- Women and children are the fastest growing segment of homeless population
- 1/3 of the homeless work --
- Median monthly income for homeless is \$300
- No. of affordable housing units fell by 760,000 between 1999 and 2001
- 66% have mental health needs and/or substance abuse issues

Data from National Resource Center on Homelessness

Homeless – local numbers

- 2,690 homeless in Volusia/Flagler Co
- 1,722 homeless Volusia school children
- 23% are Veterans
- 26% have acute health problems, such as TB
- 46% have chronic health conditions, such as diabetes
- 80% of homeless women are victims of physical or sexual abuse

Economics of Homelessness

- Shelter in Atlanta -- \$11/day
 - Shelter in San Francisco -- \$28/day
 - Jail in Atlanta -- \$53/day
 - Jail in San Francisco -- \$94/day
 - Jail Booking costs in Central Florida \$764
(Sheriff Rutherford, Duval Co.)
 - \$1,278 for a day in the hospital
 - \$? Lost economic development
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- Homelessness has a cost -- it's cheaper to help.



HAC Vision

- One location as a portal to services
- Meals as the “hansel and gretel bread-crumbs trail” to bring clients to the resource
- Resolving issues –
 - Clothes; Laundry; Showers; Haircuts
 - Basic health care
 - Job connections
 - Counseling and referral – no more “ant trails”
 - Connection with all service providers

Plan to get them off the street



- 36 general emergency shelter beds to serve Volusia and Flagler Counties
- 85 beds for families with children
- 9 medically needy beds
- 57 Domestic Violence beds
- 385 Treatment/Transitional beds
- 54 Permanent Shelter
- 81% of Volusia/Flagler homeless are without beds

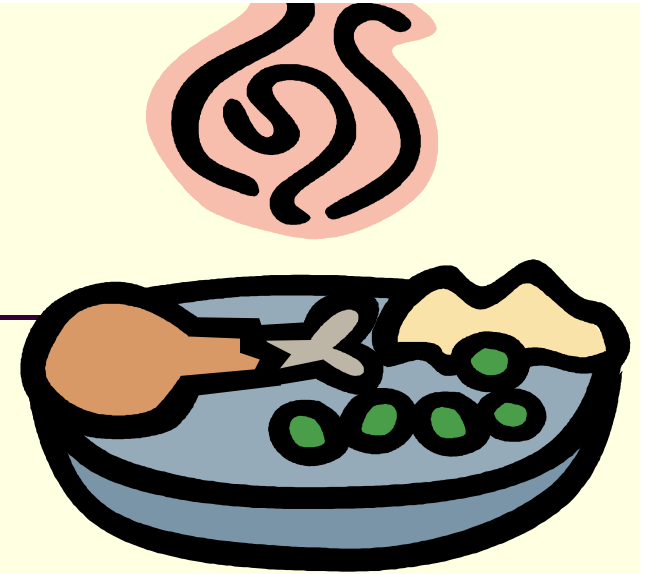
Partnering

■ Halifax Community Health Care

- Full time nurse case manager; patient triage
- Full time psychiatric ARNP; psychiatric evaluation; prescribes medications
- Full time licensed mental health counselor for individual and group counseling
- Full time mental health case manager to provide linkage to necessary community services
- Medications for psychiatric and medical needs (filled at Dunn Ave Health Center)
- Family Practice Residency Program providing regularly scheduled medical clinics
- Automatic eligibility for Patient Assistance at Halifax if recipient of services at HAC – covers primary care health centers; prescriptions and necessary hospital-based services

Partnering

- Halifax Urban Ministries
 - 13,000 meals per month
 - 400 volunteers per month
- One Stop Career Center
 - Full time staff on site for FSET
 - Computer lab
 - Carpentry program
- Serenity House
 - Three full time case managers
 - Assessments and referrals



Partnering

- University of Central Florida
School of Nursing
 - Nursing instructor and students 1-2 days/week during school year
 - Wound care
 - General health evaluation
 - Health education – “Banana Day”

Invest in Success

- Limited resources
- Strategic targeting of expenditures
- Outcome measures
- Quantifiable results
- Design test for “avoided costs” to ensure service for most severely ill and needy

