

Housing and Support Services Division

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### **Mission**

"Helping families, changing lives"

### **History**

53 years of service in Arizona.

### **Impact**

40 programs across the Valley 23,792 community members served last year.



### **Sexual & Domestic Violence Services**

#### **Emergency Shelter**

- Autumn House
- Faith House
- Alliance Shelter
- DVSTOP

### **Transitional Housing**

- Faith House
- Rapid Re-Housing

### **Support & Healing**

- Court Advocacy
- Counseling
- REACH Center
- Education & Resources





## **Financial Empowerment Services**

#### **Financial Assistance & Services**

- MesaCAN Community Action Program
- Assets to Opportunity
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

### **Workforce & Economic Development**

- Job Coaching
- Small Business Development





# **Family Support**

#### **Education**

- Early Childhood Education
- After School Programming

#### **Foster Care**

Licensing & Support

#### **Behavioral Health**

Counseling







## **Housing & Shelter Services**

#### **Emergency Shelter**

- East Valley Men's Center
- La Mesita Family Shelter
- West Valley Family Shelter

#### **Bridge Housing**

- Mesa Bridge to Housing
- Opening 2025 East Valley Men's Center

#### **Housing Subsidy Programs**

- Rapid Re-Housing
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance

#### **Permanent Housing**

- La Mesita Community
- Desert Leaf
- Artspace Lofts

### **Homeward Bound – Merger 2024**





### Housing and Support Services Division

- Programs
  - Maricopa Housing
    - 2 TBRA Programs
    - 4 RRH Programs
  - Pinal Housing
    - 1 TBRA Programs
    - 2 RRH Programs
  - Support Services
    - La Mesita Apartments
    - Desert Leaf Apartments
    - ART Space Lofts
  - Avondale Housing Navigation
  - NEW- Exit Follow up for RRH/TBRA



**Support Services-** provides ongoing supports for those in low income / affordable housing to ensure they can maintain their housing and increase their self-sufficiency to secure long term housing stability

- La Mesita Apartments
- Desert Leaf Apartments
- ART Space Lofts





## More about each Site

#### La Mesita Apartments- 110 units

58 Project Based Vouchers through the City

Targets: Those that are Chronically homeless with a Disability

52 units of Affordable Housing

Targets: Low income families and individuals

#### **Desert Leaf Apartments-** 19 units

Target population: Veterans, Families, and those diagnosed SMI

#### ART Space Lofts- 50 units

Target population: Low income artists



# What do we provide

- Classes, Events, Activities, and Coaching are tailored to meet the needs of those served at the different sites to include:
  - Community Events
  - Coaching / Case Management
  - Classes for living skills, cooking, cleaning, how to be a good tenant
  - Financial Coaching Workshops
  - Benefit Connection
  - Youth Services / Activities
  - And so much more





# How do we provide the services

- All services are voluntary
- 2 Tier system in all projects
- Tier 1- Participation in all classes and events ONLY
- Tier 2- Everything in Tier 1 AND ongoing coaching
- Incentives to participate in Tier 2 include connection to benefits, goal setting, budgeting and financial coaching, landlord mediation, transportation assistance, and so much more



### What is RRH?

# RRH or Rapid Rehousing is a short term subsidy program to assist those currently experiencing homelessness

Provides assistance with locating units

Provides up to 12 months of rent and utility assistance

- All move in costs
- 3 months at 100% then assistance is determined based on month to month case management evaluation

Ongoing Case Management to stabilize in housing





### What is TBRA?

TBRA or Tenant Based Rental Assistance offers a longer subsidy to help people who are currently experiencing homeless to stabilize in housing

Provides assistance with locating units

Provides up to 24 months of rent and utility assistance

- All move in costs
- 30% of the clients income towards rent and the program pays the difference

Ongoing Case Management to stabilize in housing







### Services Provided

- Assistance with locating an affordable and appropriate unit
- Ongoing Case Management to include
  - Connection to local resources
  - Connection to Long Term supports
  - Landlord Mediation
  - Education on Rights and Responsibility of being a tenant
  - Life Skills
  - Budgeting / Financial Coaching





# How do we provide the services

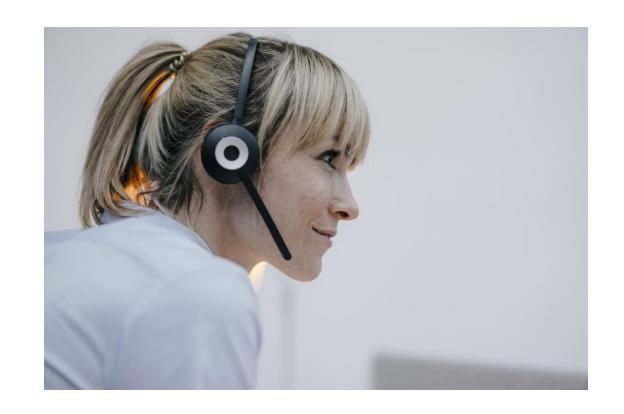
- Unique workflow
  - Intake Specialists manage all referrals, intakes, and data quality
  - Housing Navigators manage housing placement
  - Housing Case Management- assigned to client once housed to start working on housing stabilization.
- Allows each staff to be an expert in their area to provide the highest level of service to our clients



# How to Access Coordinated Entry

For Singles and Families

Get Help - 2-1-1 Arizona (211arizona.org)





### Avondale Housing Navigation

Provides Navigation to Families at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness in Avondale.

Services Include:
Case Management
Connection to Coordinated Entry
Connection to temporary Hotel Stays

To access servicesMust have one child under the age of 18 in the household
Must be a Avondale Resident
Connect families to the Avondale Resource Center



# Exit Follow up Services

- New Service started 8/1/2024 with private funding through the Garcia Foundation
- Providing Follow up support for up to one year post successful exit from RRH and TBRA programs

- Collaboration with AZHAC for all data collection and analysis
- Identify and address barriers that lead to returns to homelessness



# Our Struggles

Low Housing stock on Affordable Units

 Flexible funds to provide the additional supports people need to stabilize in housing

Providing Household Necessities



# How you can help

- Spread the word we need willing landlords to work with our housing programs
  - Landlord Overview HOM (hominc.com)
  - HOM Introduces Threshold HOM (hominc.com)

- Funds for Move in Kits
  - Housing & Apartment Supplies | New Kitchen Essentials |
     Complete Home Starter Kit (lifestartupessentials.com)





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Thank you!

