



Avondale

Homeless Services



Maricopa Family

Support Alliance

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Introduction

The City's goal is to make homelessness **rare, brief and non-recurring** by providing the leadership, coordination, planning and mobilization of resources.

2019

- Homeless Support Specialist

2021

- Pilot with Maricopa County:
 - I-HELP Shelter with Lutheran Social Services
 - Homeless Navigation Services with Phoenix Rescue Mission

2022

- Homeless Services Division in the Department of Neighborhood and Family Services and SONAR
- Interdepartmental Homelessness Workgroup
- Encampment Policy

2023

- Family Navigation Services with A New Leaf
- Strategic Plan Consulting

2024

- Bridge Housing for Families
- Completed Strategic Plan for Homelessness Resolution
- Temporary family shelter using CSBG funded hotel and motel vouchers and a second full-time case manager.

Homeless Services Division

Homeless Services Manager

Brian Planty

Homeless Services Coordinator

Marlena Piña

**Homelessness Outreach and Solutions
Coordinator**

Skylar Diamond

Homeless Outreach Specialist

Adam Stone

Homeless Crisis Intervention Coordinator

Sandra Chavez



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STREET OUTREACH NAVIGATION AND RESOURCES

Core Partners

A New Leaf:
Family Navigation Services

Phoenix Rescue Mission:
Enhanced Street Outreach

Lutheran Social Services:
I-HELP of the Southwest

Maricopa County

Arizona Complete Health
Avondale Resource Center



What does SONAR do?

Street
Outreach

Service
Navigation

Heat and
Weather
relief

Community
education

Build trust
and provide
connection
to
community

Connection
to treatment
and shelter

Coordinated
Entry

Diversion

Application
and Benefit
Assistance

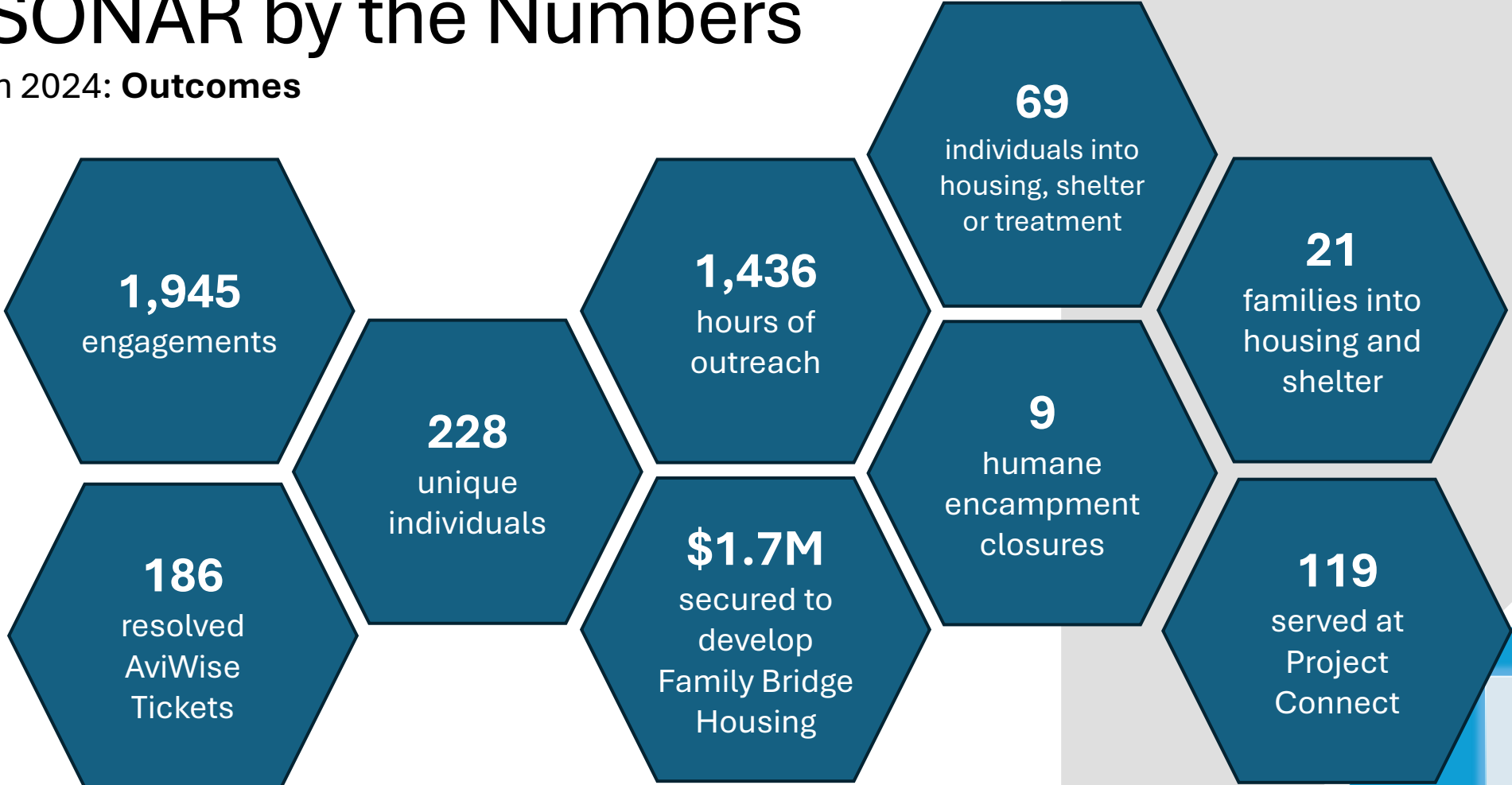
Basic
Needs



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SONAR by the Numbers

in 2024: **Outcomes**



What's next?

Expand Collaboration with Schools, City Departments, and Regional Partners

Completion and Implementation of Strategic Plan for Homelessness Resolution

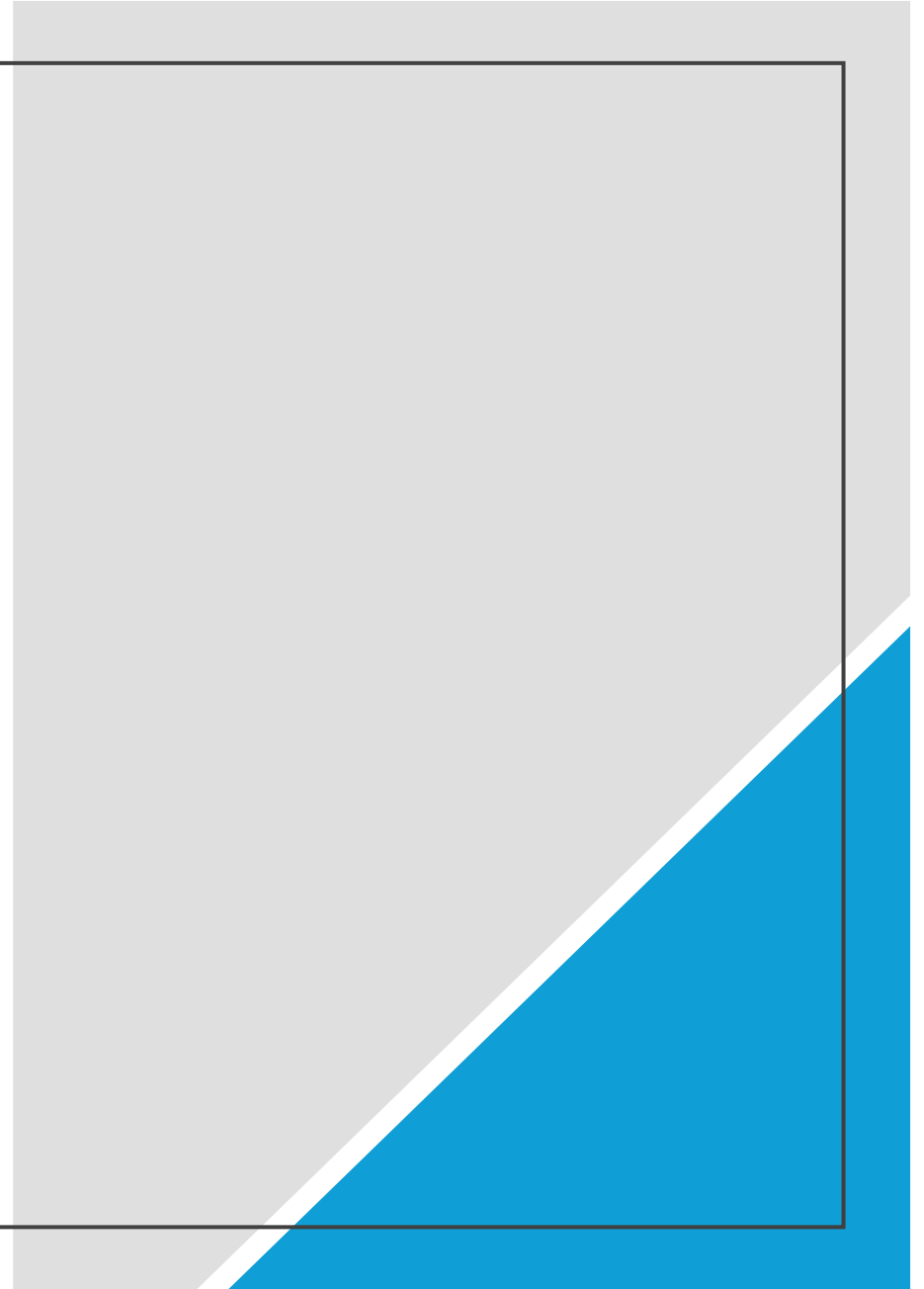
Development of Family Bridge Housing

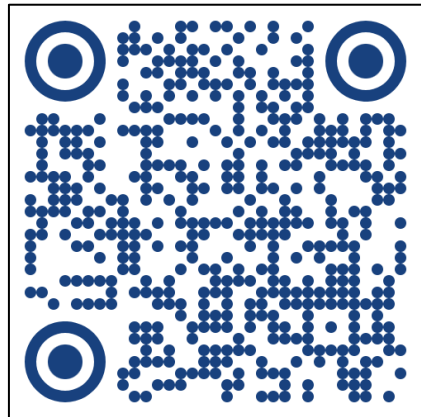
Coordinated Heat Relief Efforts

Public-facing SONAR data and public education

Questions?

Suggestions?





Thank You!!

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