Community Gathering to Address Homelessness

Nuka Wellness and Learning Center
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Thank you to our hosts and partners:

• Office of Senator Tom Begich
• Southcentral Foundation, Nuka Wellness & Learning Center
• Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness
• United Way of Anchorage
• Municipality of Anchorage
• Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
Welcome & Introductions

• Welcome from Katherine Gottlieb, CEO, Southcentral Foundation
• Take 5 minutes to introduce yourself to the people next to you at your table and share what brought you here today
• Opening remarks by Senator Tom Begich

Today’s Agenda

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<td>9:30 to 10:30</td>
<td>What’s Happening Now?</td>
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<td>• What is Functional Zero?</td>
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<td>Break</td>
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Our Vision

Homelessness is a rare, brief and one-time experience for Alaskans.

How do we get there?

Getting to “Functional Zero”

Youtube Video: Built for Zero, “By-name Lists and Functional Zero”
Success with Veteran Homelessness

Alaska Homeless Veterans and HUD-VASH Voucher Allocation, 2008 - 2017


Progress with Rates of Child Homelessness

Approximately 20% decrease from previous year, consistent with Kenai Peninsula School District data
Measuring Progress: 2017 One-Day Count

During a few days in late January each year, communities across the U.S. conduct “point in time” counts with outreach to people who are homeless in the community. It is only one measure, but provides an annual snapshot of homelessness in the U.S. on some of the coldest days of the year.

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<th>Continuum of Care (CoC) Geographic Area</th>
<th>Total Population</th>
<th>January 2017 Point in Time (PIT) Count</th>
<th>Homeless Population</th>
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<td>Population in Families with Children</td>
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<td>Individual Adults (Age 25+)</td>
<td>Family Households with Children</td>
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<td>Municipality of Anchorage</td>
<td>299,037</td>
<td>1,128</td>
<td>733 87 280 115 69</td>
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<td>Alaska Balance of State</td>
<td>440,791</td>
<td>717</td>
<td>499 78 211 47 55</td>
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<td>State of Alaska Total</td>
<td>739,828</td>
<td>1,845</td>
<td>1,232 165 491 162 124</td>
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Sources: U.S. Census population estimate (2016); Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development (2016)

Point in Time Counts reported by Continuum of Care areas in selected geographic areas

Community Homeless Counts
How to Solve Homelessness

- How many people need housing?
- How do we connect them to housing?
- Who will provide the housing & services?
- How many housing units do we need?
- How much will it cost?
- How do we sustainably pay for this system?
- How do we measure and track our progress?

Coordinated Entry: System at a Glance

[Diagram showing the process of coordinated entry, including referral from community, meet to assess needs, level of vulnerability, prioritized by-name list, and match people with appropriate housing.]
Coordinated Entry: Referral

- Many points of entry
- We can all refer to Coordinated Entry
- Quantifies demand

Coordinated Entry: Assessment

- Common assessment process
- Identifies level of vulnerability
- Most people have moderate vulnerability
- Type of housing and supports match the individual’s needs
Most People Have Moderate Level of Need

Coordinated Entry: Prioritized By-name List

- Prioritized by length of time homeless and severity of service needs
- Allows matching to appropriate housing types, as available
- Helps to quantify demand for different types of units and identify gaps
Coordinated Entry: Match with Housing and Supports

- Higher level of supports for higher vulnerability
- Moderate vulnerability may need time-limited help
- Others will need referrals for support to resolve one-time issues

How Many Need Housing, and What Type?

November 2017 data from Coordinated Entry:
How Many Need Housing, and What Type?

November 2017 data from Coordinated Entry:

![Bar chart showing data for families and young adults aged 18-22.]

What do we mean by “Housing”?

- Not everyone needs the same intensity of supports.
- Some may need financial assistance or short-term services, while others need long-term supports.

- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Rapid Re-housing & Supports
- One-time Referrals
### Coordinated Entry: Match with Housing and Supports

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- **Permanent supportive housing**, $25,000 / unit per year, ongoing
- **Rapid rehousing**, $7,500 / unit per year, time limited
- **Referral to employment + supports**, typically a short one-time service

### Increasing Supply of Housing + Supports: Current Projects

- Pay for Success Demonstration project for adults involved with corrections
- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program for youth and young adults
- Community Housing Project: Rapid Re-Housing for families
- AHFC voucher programs: Moving Home, Returning Home
- Cook Inlet Housing Authority private landlord liaison
- Cook Inlet Tribal Council / Rural CAP street outreach
- DHSS: 1115 Medicaid waiver + other supportive housing efforts
- Human Capital Campaign: endowment for financing housing and supports
- Other statewide and local efforts: tiny homes, Veterans Village, many others
Measuring Success: Key Outcomes

• Length of time spent homeless
• Length of time between entering system and getting housed
• Number of re-entries to homeless system

Recap: How to Solve Homelessness

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Let’s Discuss: Small Groups

• Split into four groups, each with a facilitator
• Identify note taker
• Take 20 minutes for each question
• Discussion Questions:
  • How do we generate public will to end homelessness?
  • How do we secure the resources to meet the needs?
• Identify your top two ideas to share, write them on the poster.

Share Back Discussion Themes

• Share back:
  • Review points from poster and top takeaways from discussions
  • What is one thing we might do to better align our resources?
  • What is one thing that you learned today that you didn’t know before you came to this meeting?
Thank you for joining us today!