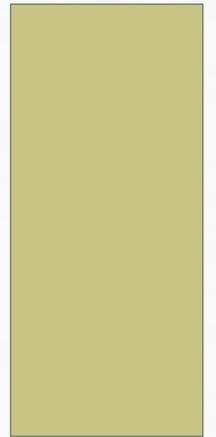


COORDINATED ASSESSMENT PILOT

FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES



STANDING STRONG FOR FAMILIES

- The family providers have been meeting since 2010.
- Ten agencies participate with broad regional participation.
 - A New Leaf
 - CASS Vista Colina
 - Community Bridges
 - Family Promise
 - Homeward Bound
 - House of Refuge East
 - Labors Community Service Agency
 - Salvation Army
 - Save the Family
 - UMOM
- Meetings are held monthly for 2 hours each.
- The group name is Standing Strong for Families

DATA SHARING

- The first data sharing agreement was between the family emergency shelter providers. It was established in May 2011.
- The agreement was amended in February 2012 to include the transitional housing providers.
- The following data elements are shared: HUD entry/exit assessments (excluding disability information), prior shelter stays, homeless services received, and case manager names.

ELIGIBILITY ANALYSIS

- Years ago, the family providers charted the eligibility criteria for each program. The purpose was to help inform referrals among programs.
- Each program has been working diligently to reduce their eligibility criteria and prepare to serve a broader range of families.
 - Reduction in requiring “clean” drug screenings.
 - Flexibility in sources of income (previously only earned).
 - Simplification of application processes.

DOCUMENTATION ANALYSIS

- Within the past month, the family providers have been charting the documentation required for program entry.
- Documentation is generally required for proof of homelessness, proof of identity, and proof of guardianship for the children.
- Next steps will include streamlining the documentation requirements so that there is consistency at the Family Housing Hub.

COORDINATED EMERGENCY SHELTER

- There are currently 156 units of Emergency Shelter designated for families.
- UMOM, Watkins, CASS Vista Colina, and Salvation Army are using a common screening process and filling vacancies from a common Service Priority List.
- Shelter is prioritized to families residing in unsafe circumstances.
- This accounts for 132 of the units (85%) operating in accordance with the future Family Housing Hub.
- Next steps include onboarding the remaining 24 units of emergency shelter.

F-SPDAT TRAINING

- Save the Family and UMOM hired OrgCode to conduct a Train the Trainers workshop.
- 8 staff members who had experience with the F-SPDAT were chosen to attend.
- They are considered the “Community F-SPDAT Trainers” and their goal is to build capacity within Maricopa County to administer the tools.
- Trainings commenced January 2014 and occur monthly at either UMOM or Save the Family.
- Each training has yielded 5-12 trainees from both the homeless and DV provider agencies.

F-SPDAT PRESCREENING

- As of May, all of the family agencies report using the F-SPDAT prescreening tool in some way.
- Some are collecting the data as part of a community needs assessment. (See aggregate data handout)
- Some are experimenting with the scoring ranges as part of the pilot and using scores to determine intervention or placement on Service Priority Lists.
- UMOM is exclusively using the F-SPDAT scoring ranges to triage to all of UMOM's inventory of RRH, TH, and PSH and is "endorsing" referrals to other programs by stamping applications.
- Several of the DV providers now use the F-SPDAT prescreen to refer to TH and RRH based on the scores.

F-SPDAT FULL ASSESSMENT

- UMOM has been administering the full assessment since October 2013.
- It is officially part of UMOM's intake process and families are assessed within the first 7 days in emergency shelter.
- When comparing the results from the prescreen to the full assessment, about 50% of the time, families are assessed as more vulnerable.
- This analysis has important implications for the coordinated assessment design.



family housing hub

- Secured 5 rooms at the former TravelLodge.
- Created a “start up” budget of \$330,000 to open M-TH, 8-4.
- Submitted 4 proposals for funding. Secured partial funding.
- Sourcing for donated furniture for 4 offices & reception with play spaces.
- Secured the web domain FHHub.org.
- Standing Strong for Families endorsed logo.
- Possibility of opening July 2014 with plans to phase in TH programs through December 2014.

STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE

- Drafted Emergency Shelter March 2014
- Drafted Transitional Housing April 2014
- Drafted Rapid Rehousing May 2014
- Refining PSH late May 2014
- Drafts will be forwarded to umbrella group for revision, approval, etc.

QUESTIONS