PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS



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Problem

Family homelessness in Columbus and Franklin County increased in each of the five years from FY 2010 to FY 2014. More than doubling overall from 756 staying in emergency shelter to 1,570 families during this time period.

This was the highest number of homeless families using emergency shelter since the Community Shelter Board began tracking utilization in the mid 1990s.

Finding

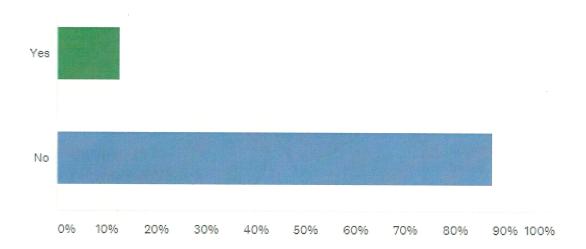
Our emergency shelter system is performing as designed, but we do not have a coordinated homelessness prevention system. Without intervention, growth in demand threatens our ability to meet the need.

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Service Coordination

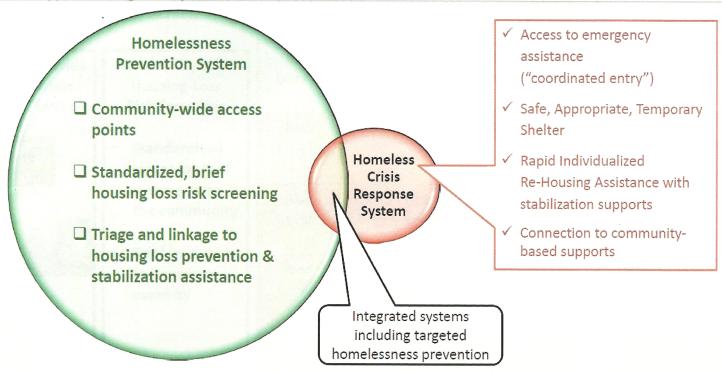
Are different services / financial assistance coordinated in a way that allows families experiencing a housing emergency to access multiple services with ease at once?

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Homelessness Prevention System

Purpose: Supporting individuals and families at risk of housing-loss with coordinated access to resources and services that support housing stability.



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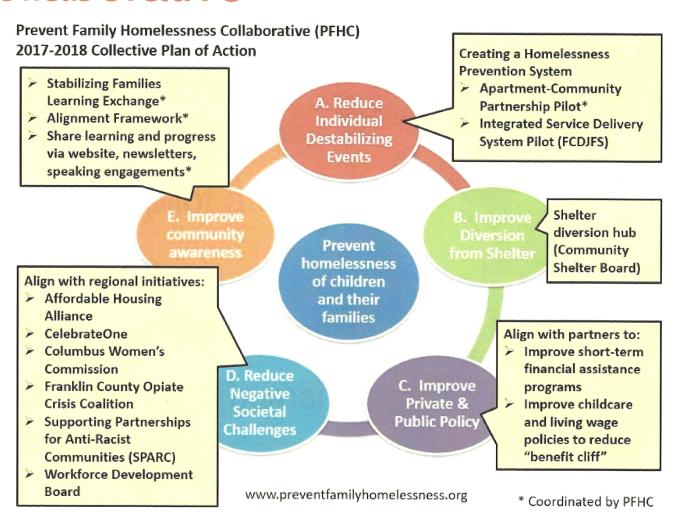
HPS Plan Components

Homelessness Prevention System assess & assist connect screen Risk Current housing is safe and Community-wide Community-wide Level 0 stable Access Points Housing-Loss **Risk Screening** (physical, virtual) Unstably housed Risk Standardized Level 1 screening tool Connect to in use across prevention & At risk of literal Risk the community stabilization homelessness within 15-60 days Level 2 assistance via Brief by design standardized Imminent risk of literal Risk to improve triage pathways Level 3 homelessness within 14 days usability Literally homeless Risk Connect to Level 4 tonight homeless crisis response system

Collective Impact



Collaborative



Think Big, Start Small, Scale Up

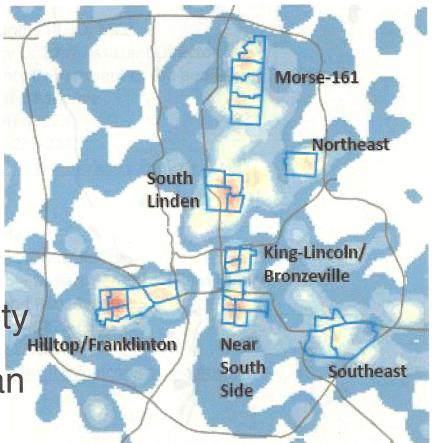
 An integrated homelessness prevention system

43211 as pilot area

• Expand to:

all of Franklin County

 all health and human services



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