Homelessness In Hillsborough County, Florida

A Multi-Sector Collaborative Approach

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Why Am I Here?

Hillsborough County Florida

- To share the experience of Hillsborough County with the challenge of homelessness
- What will I accomplish?
 - Provide ideas of what can be accomplished in your community & answer questions
- What can you glean from listening to me?
 - How to leverage the power of all sectors when facing challenging community concerns



HUD Definition

A person is considered homeless only when he/she resides in one of the following:

- ❖ In places not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, abandoned buildings (on street).
- In an emergency shelter
- ❖ In transitional or supportive housing for homeless persons who originally came from the streets or emergency shelters

1,931 were homeless based on the last Point In Time Count – of which 313 or 16% were veterans.



The Community Challenge

Homelessness is a Community problem that demands a Community response

- ❖ Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative (THHI) is the designated homeless coalition for the County but was plagued with years of dysfunction
- Hillsborough took a lead role in providing governance and leadership to help THHI transform
- A multi-sector collaborative approach was used that involved the Public, Private, Non-Profit and Faith-based community



Awareness

- Helping the community to understand the issues of homelessness and those affected
- Owning the challenge and determining roles
- County decided to focus on:
 - Leadership & Governance
 - Emergency/Bridge housing
 - Partnering to end Veteran Homelessness



Approach – Part 1

Leadership & Governance – THHI





Approach – Part 2

- Emergency/Bridge Housing \$2.1M
 - ❖ Three Options: Women & Children; Mental health and Substance Abuse homeless victims

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	Activities	Participation	$ \Box\rangle$	Short	Medium	Longer term
What we invest Staff 10.25 Full time staff Facilities 27,100 Sq. ft. Newly remodeled Utilities included Security system Family Units with private baths Maintenance and environmental sycs 12 off site apartments In-kind \$392 value per family: Clothing, toiletries diapers, professional services Administration	What we do Centralized Intake (Ct) Residential Services 24 hour staffing 3 meals a day + snacks Case Management Critical Time Intervention (CTI) 1/15 ratio Bus passes Furniture and household items Housing Placement Inspections		⇧			
Fiscal, grant management, programmatic, operations, development Volunteers 10.280 hours	Move in costs Employment Boot Camp On-site job training					

- 1) Coordinated Intake Up and Running
- All Area Providers Participate in Coordinated Intake
- 3) Uniform Coordinated Intake Application Tool

- 1) Availability of Public Housing/other housing
- Capacity and ease of referral of partner programs



Approach - Part 3 Operation Reveille: Tampa

In response to the Federal mandate to end veteran's homelessness & Hillsborough County's Community commitment. Operation Reveille: Tampa was born....

- The challenge was to house 50 homeless veterans in one day
- Partners and stakeholders from across the community participated
- Hillsborough County, City of Tampa, THHI; VA; HUD; Private Landlords; Ashley Furniture; several other private businesses
- Over 350 volunteers participated to make it possible





OR: Partners













































Operation Reveille: Tampa

https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=y50SHiut0C0

51 Veterans & Families for a total of 76 were housed on Veterans day 2014



Questions/Comments?

Additional Information...



