

Homelessness In Hillsborough County, Florida

– A Multi-Sector Collaborative Approach

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- **Why Am I Here?**
 - 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



Bringing together a wide range of partners to ensure a collaborative impact on reducing and ending homelessness in Tampa and Hillsborough County.

Approach – Part 1

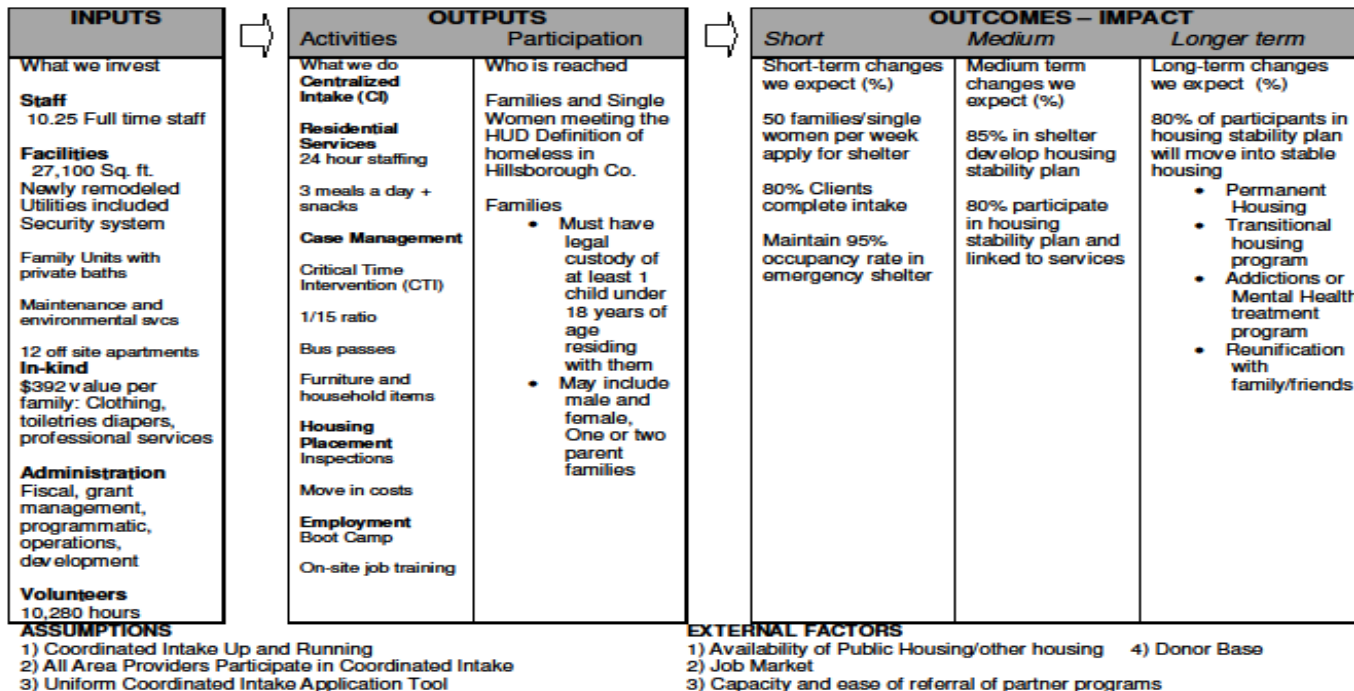
❖ Leadership & Governance – THHI



Approach – Part 2

❖ Emergency/Bridge Housing - \$2.1M

- ❖ Three Options: Women & Children; Mental health and Substance Abuse homeless victims



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=y5OSHiut0C0>

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

Questions/Comments?

Additional Information...





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