



# Homelessness in Jackson County & the Continuum of Care's Response

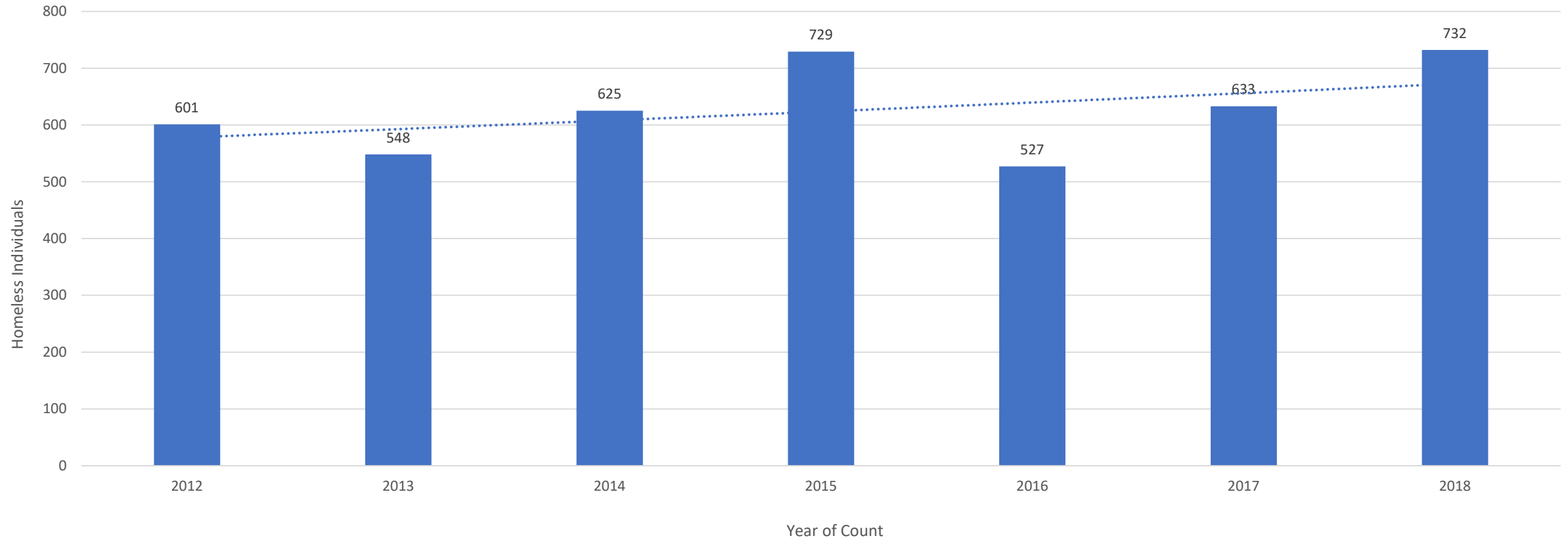


Not a single state has an adequate supply of affordable rental housing for the lowest income renters.

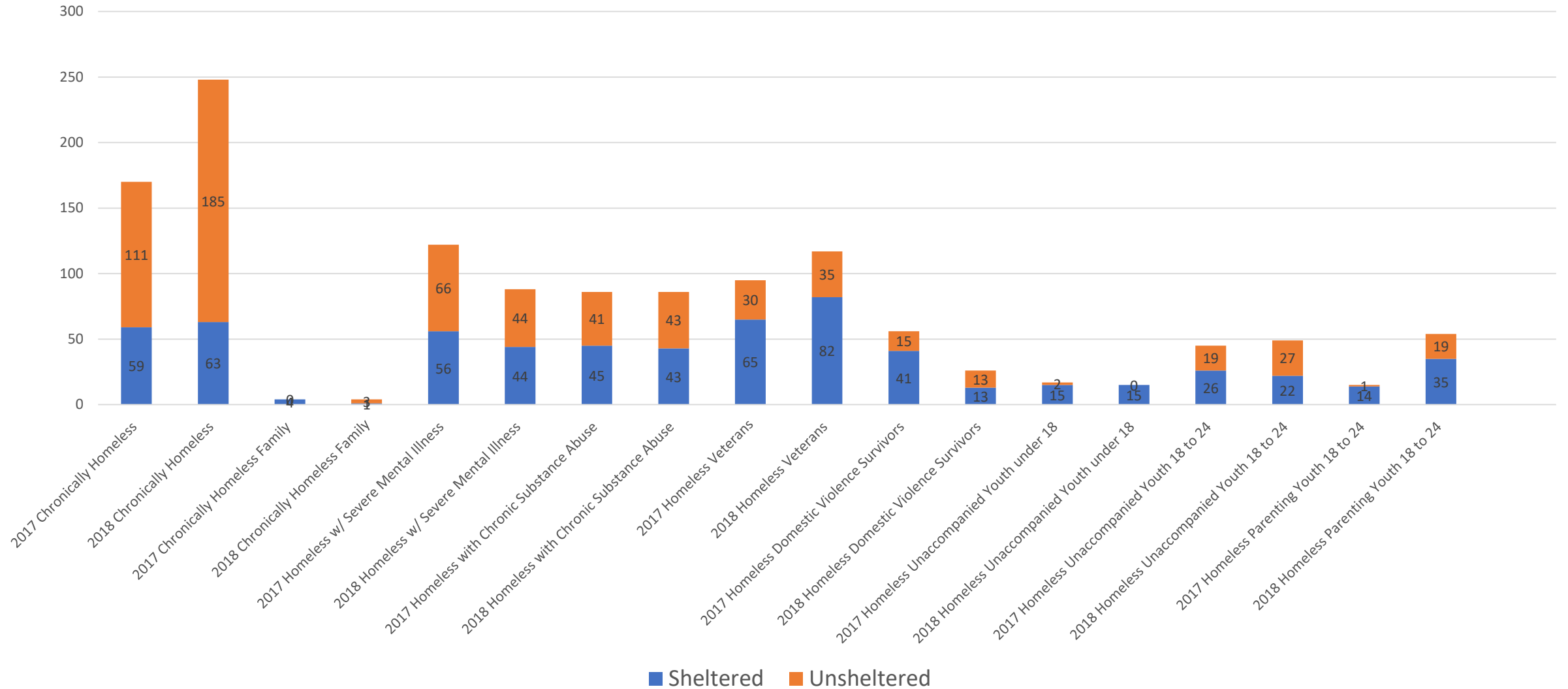
- Homelessness has reached epidemic proportions in Oregon and across America.
- In 2017, there was a nation-wide shortage of 7.2 million affordable and available rental homes for families with incomes at or below the poverty level. (\$12,140 for households of one person; \$25,100 for households of 4.)



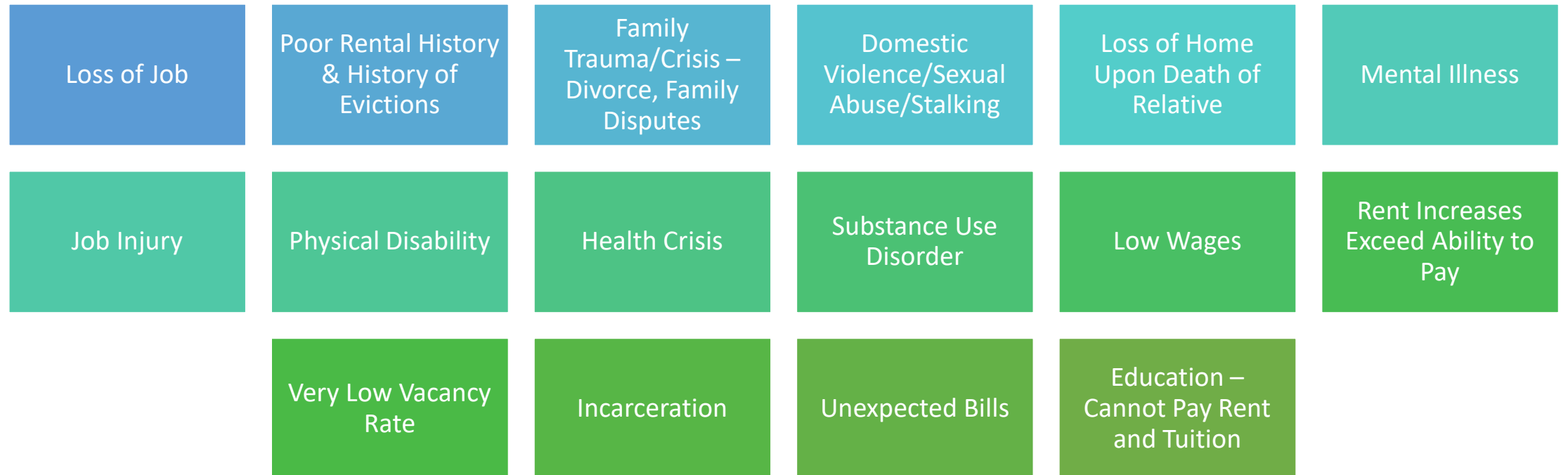
# Jackson County Point In Time Count



# PIT Count by Population: 2017 & 2018 Comparison



# Root Causes of Homelessness in Jackson County





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# What is a Continuum of Care?

It is a HUD-mandated, community-wide effort to end homelessness by:

- Providing stable housing for the homeless and
- Offering preventative services to those at risk of becoming homeless.

Housing the most vulnerable is a collaborative effort and requires the resources of all sectors of the community.

# What is Coordinated Entry?

The purpose of a Coordinated Entry System (CES) is

- to align providers and resources within a system
- to ensure every person experiencing homelessness is **accounted for and helped** with the **most appropriate and available support** and in the **fastest way possible**.



# The Coordinated Entry System

Coordinated Entry  
includes outreach,  
diversion & prioritization

Works to ensure that  
homelessness is rare,  
brief, & non-recurring

Housing-focused system:  
all interventions quickly  
end episode of homeless  
& move people to  
permanent housing

The right mix of  
interventions that match  
the needs

The system is easily  
understood and  
navigated by persons  
experiencing  
homelessness

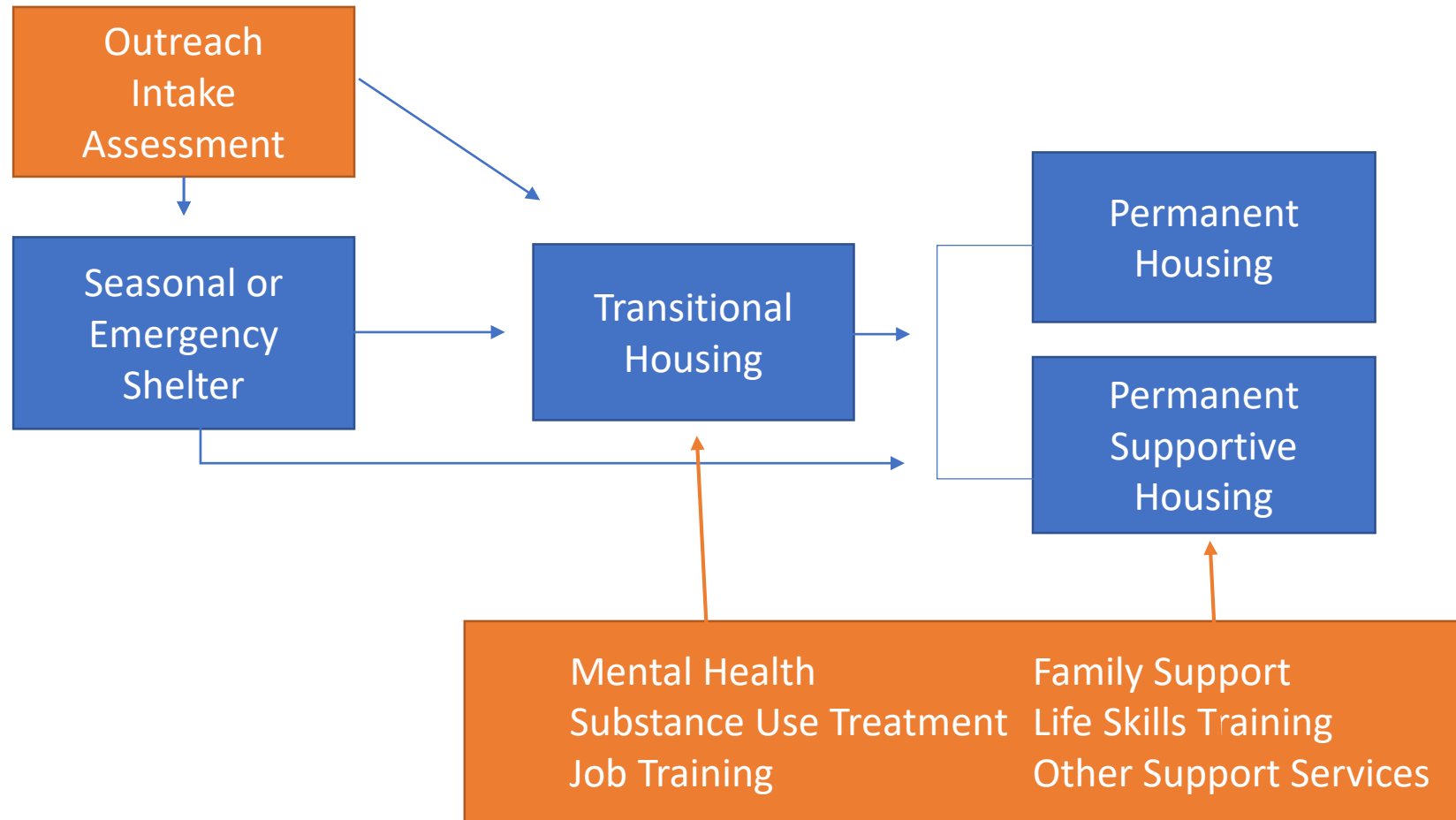


Unique Approaches to  
Housing Tailored to  
Specific Needs

- Seasonal Shelter
- Emergency Shelter
- Tiny Houses
- Transitional Housing
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Affordable Housing

GOAL: STABLE HOUSING

# Housing within the Continuum of Care





Breaking down Silos: Coordinated Entry





Target services to those with the highest housing barriers:  
Serve those with greatest need first.

# Coordinated Entry: A Paradigm Shift

- Provides fair and equal access to crisis response services and housing with standardized vulnerability assessment and referral process
- Prioritizes highest-barrier households versus “households most likely to succeed” in any given program
- Closes “side doors” to shelter and programs
- Moves away from “agency determination” to “assistance determination”
- Does away with “first come, first served” by elevating most vulnerable to top of centralized interest list
- Provides a streamlined and transparent system of access to crisis and permanent housing
- Reduces waiting lists and length of homelessness





# Jackson County's Access Points



# Homeless Management Information System Providers

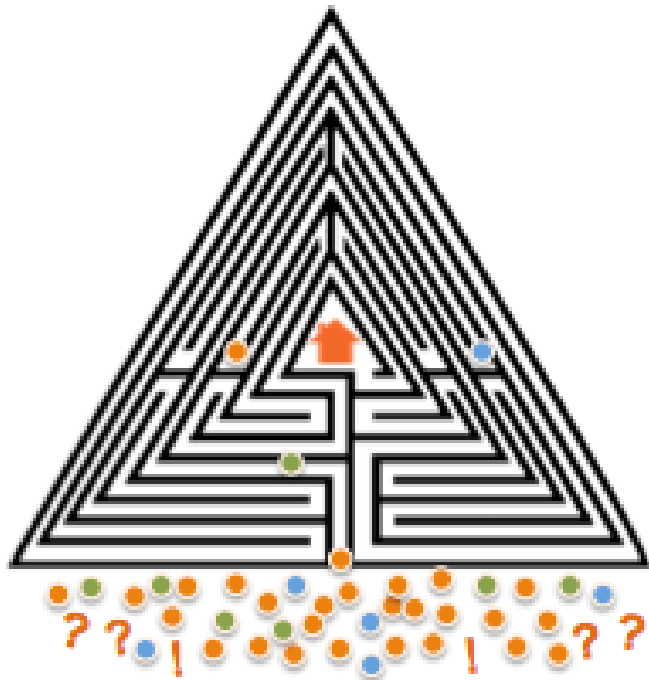
- ACCESS
- Ashland Community Resource Ctr. (ACRC)
- Columbia Care
- Community Works
- Hearts with a Mission
- Maslow
- OnTrack Rogue Valley
- Rogue Valley Council of Governments
- Rogue Valley Veterans and Community Outreach (RVVCO)
- Salvation Army
- Veterans Administration

## **Coming online in December:**

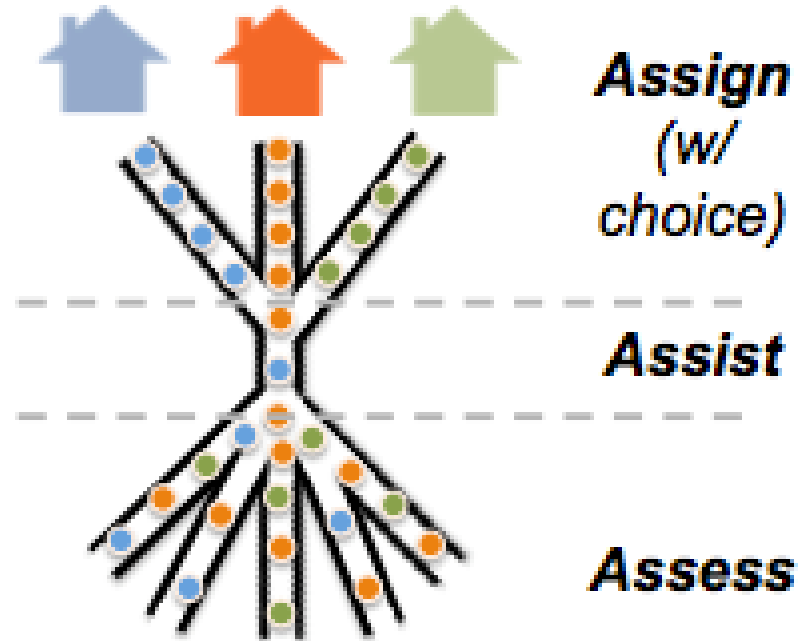
- Family Nurturing Center
- Housing Authority of Jackson County
- Jackson County Mental Health
- St. Vincent de Paul

# Coordinated Entry: Easy Access

## Without CES



## With CES



# Coordinated Entry Referral: Uniform Across All Housing Projects – No Screening Out





## Housing First Philosophy: Another Paradigm Shift

- Housing First is a paradigm shift from **traditional housing ready** approach.
- **Basic Principle: Everyone is ready for housing, regardless of the complexity of their needs.**
- Housing First is not a “program.” It is a system-wide orientation and response.
- Low barrier admission policies. For example: no clean and sober or income requirements.
- Supportive Services are voluntary.
- Tenants have full rights, responsibilities and legal protections.
- Applicable in a variety of housing models.



# Housing First Initiatives: Trauma-Informed

Denver's Sanderson Apartments, a three-story 50,000 sq. ft. building, features 60 one-bedroom apartments for homeless people.

The bedrooms have no doors to shut, but, instead, window-sized wall cutouts to see through to the interior corridor.

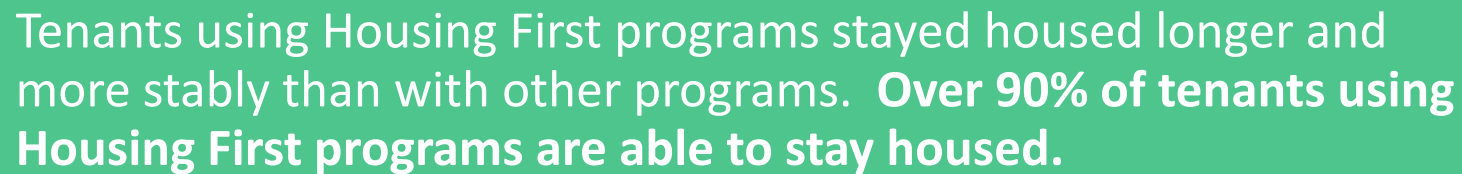


# Housing First: Evidence-Based Outcomes

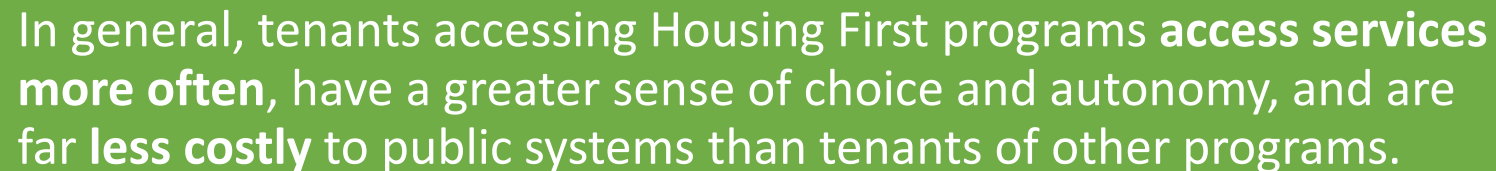
Tenants accessing Housing First programs are able to **move into housing faster** than programs offering a more traditional approach.



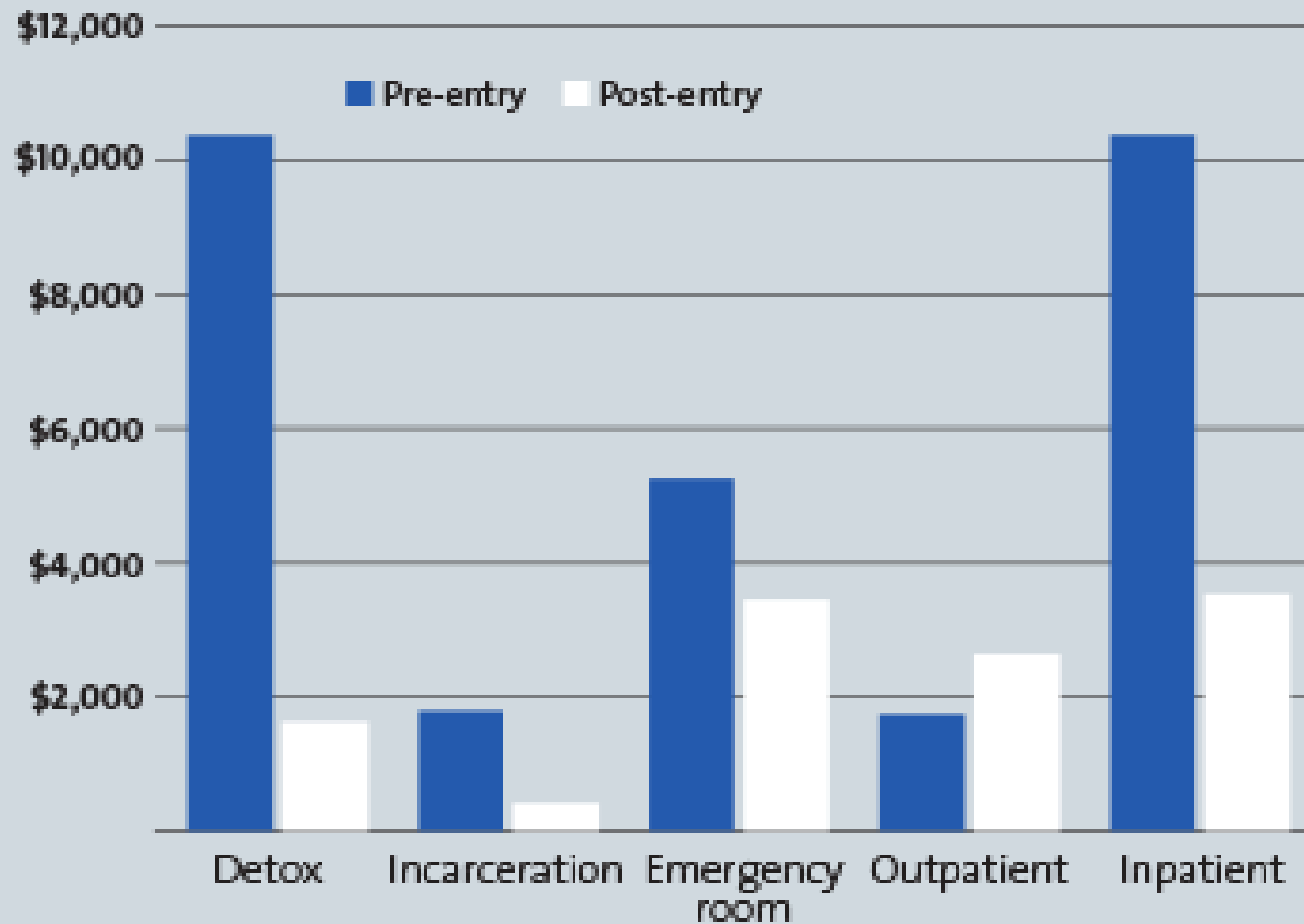
Tenants using Housing First programs stayed housed longer and more stably than with other programs. **Over 90% of tenants using Housing First programs are able to stay housed.**



In general, tenants accessing Housing First programs **access services more often**, have a greater sense of choice and autonomy, and are far **less costly** to public systems than tenants of other programs.

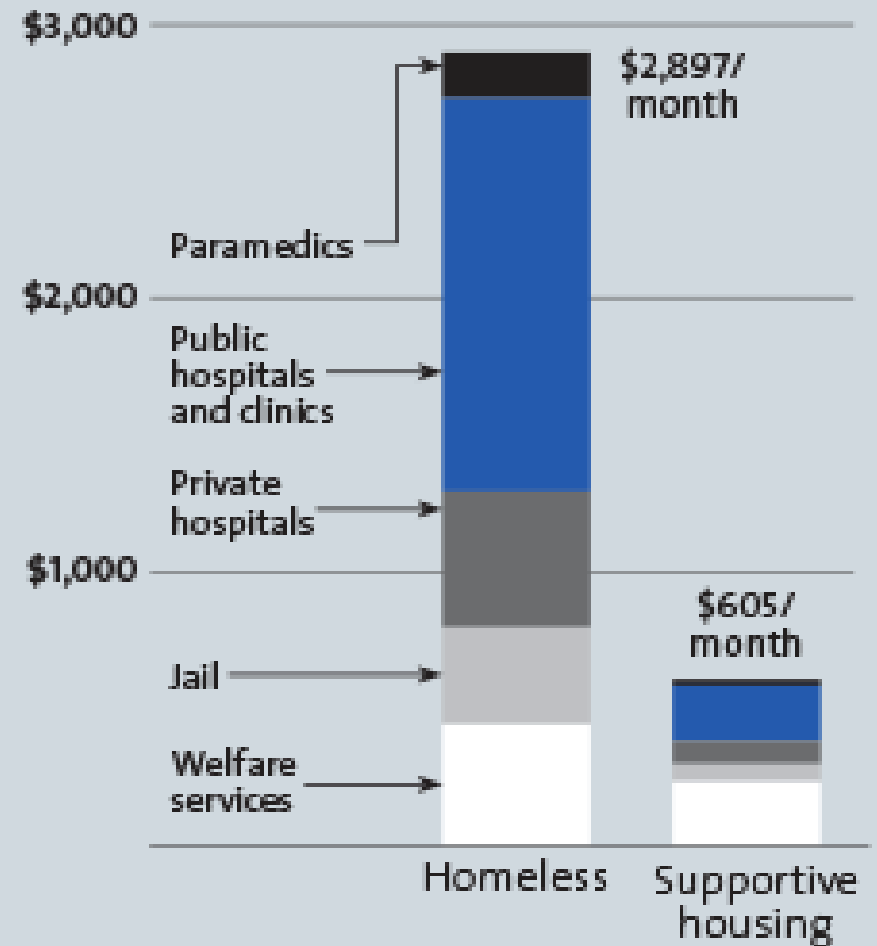


## Housing First saved Denver \$17,858 per person over 2 years in these costs alone:



Sources: Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, Economic Roundtable

## A person on LA's Skid Row costs 5 times as much as one in Housing First:



Mother Jones

# The Cost of Homelessness vs. Supportive Housing

## Remaining Unhoused

2018 Central Florida study included:

- In-Patient Hospitalization Costs
- Emergency Room Use
- Incarceration Costs

\$31,065 per person in Central FL

With Area Cost Adjustment =  
\$35,217 per person in Rogue Valley

## Supportive Housing with Services Provided

\$10,051 per person in Central FL

\$11,358 (with area cost adjustment) per person in Rogue Valley

Housing an individual who is experiencing homelessness in supportive housing (with case management and wraparound services) equates to a 67% cost savings, but more importantly provides stable housing and assistance!

Source: *The Cost of Long-Term Homelessness in Central Florida*, 2018.



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