

# Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness

Arizona Housing Alliance Members  
Meeting, 6/29/16, Prescott





The Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness provides leadership in statewide efforts to end homelessness through advocacy, education and coordination with local communities and initiatives.

# Homelessness in America

- 568,708 people experiencing homelessness in America on any given night
  - 15% are considered chronically homeless
  - 9% are veterans
- 300,422 are individuals
- 206,286 are people in families

# Homelessness in Arizona

- 2015 Sheltered & Unsheltered Data
  - Point In Time Count Statewide
    - 9,377 Men, Women & Children experiencing homelessness
    - 9.42% increase from last year's PIT count
- 28,155 people received services from homeless providers in 2015

Balance of State\* 2016 “un-official” PIT count

2013	2014	2015	2016
2,435	1,349	2,402	1,988

**Yavapai County  
Households**

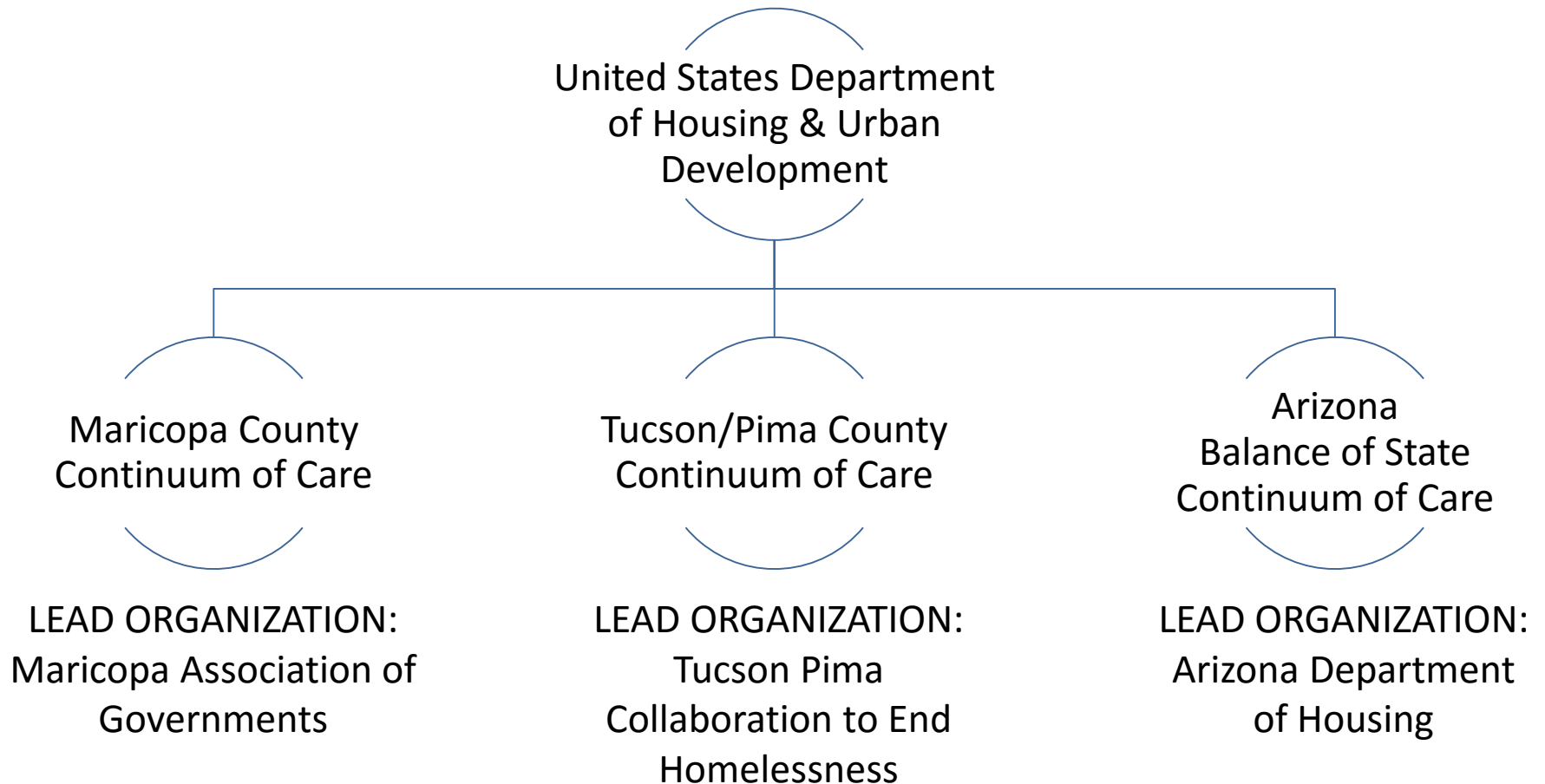
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\*Balance of State includes Apache, Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Mohave, Navajo, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai, and Yuma

# History of Homelessness Policy

- 1950s & 60s: Deinstitutionalization (targeting individuals with mental illness and developmental disabilities) leads to increased homelessness.
- 1987: Congress passes Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, the first federal law specifically addressing homelessness (later known as the McKinney-Vento Act).
- 1988 (LA), 1992 (NYC): Housing First philosophy becomes a working model.
- 1994: HUD begins requiring communities to collaborate under a comprehensive Continuum of Care (CoC).

# How are Arizona's homeless services funded and administered?



# History of Homelessness Policy

- 2009: Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act  
*(Re-authorization of McKinney-Vento Act)*
- 2010: First comprehensive federal strategic plan calls for ending CHRONIC homelessness by 2015 using Housing First best practices
- 2010: 100,000 Homes campaign begins, aiming to house 100,000 chronically homeless by September 2014, learning “name and need” so as to establish a process which prioritizes based on “vulnerability index”  
*(Achieved goal on July 29, 2014)*

# History of Homelessness Policy

- 2012: Interim rule drastically changes local CoCs, requires a universal data management system (HMIS – Homeless Management Information System), and changes grants & funding processes (ESGs – Emergency Solutions Grants).
- 2014: HUD begins requiring CoCs to move towards implementation of local coordinated entry systems (AKA: coordinated assessment or coordinated intake).

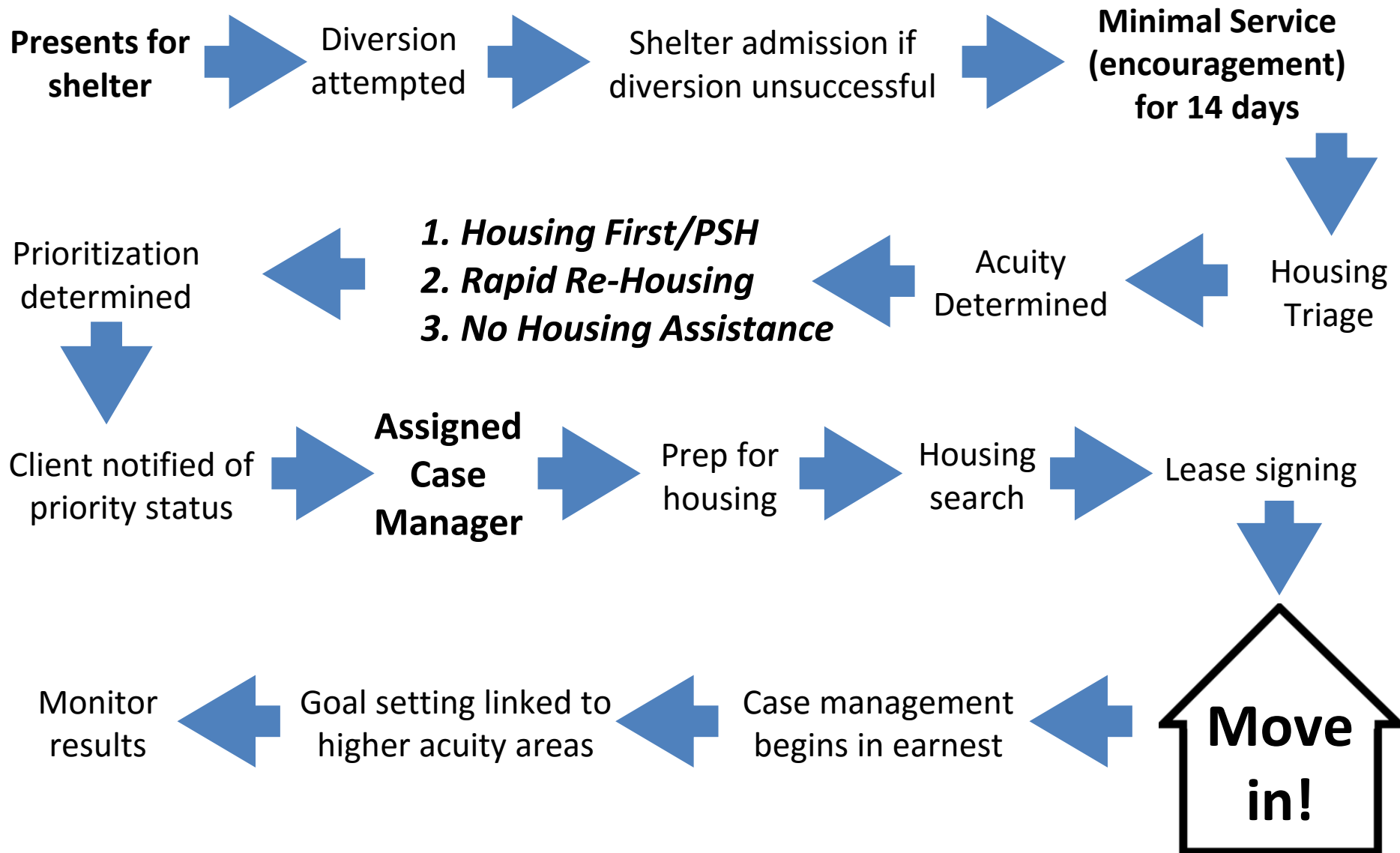


# Coordinated Entry = No Wrong Door

- Coordinated Entry: Offers multiple locations to access services or shelter, with each agency conducting the same assessment in order to make referrals using the same criteria, allowing for access to the same set of resources for everyone.
- Common Assessment: Utilized to help agencies determine vulnerability and acuity, which helps determine the best program match for each person or family experiencing homelessness coming to the front door.

*(National Alliance to End Homelessness)*

# Pathway to Housing





# Vulnerable families, youth and the elderly are the fastest growing segment of homelessness

Inadequate housing supply, lack of safe affordable childcare, and low family incomes make the task of finding affordable housing and decent paying jobs almost impossible for families



Nearly 36% of the adult homeless population in AZ are 45 years or older. Declining health among the aging homeless is a critical concern as emergency shelters and transitional housing programs are not equipped nor qualified to meet their medical needs.



# Recent headlines on impacts create crisis response

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Cottonwood



Jon Hutson  
Staff Reporter



The Daily Courier, file photos  
A local homeless encampment, above, and a clothesline of stuff found at a makeshift homeless campsite during the Point-In-Time Homeless Count in January.

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The forum is a part of the Cottonwood Chamber of Commerce and the City of Cottonwood community forum and Panhandling Ju

The forum will be held at Cottonwood Recreation Center from 6-8 p.m.

PRESCOTT – Prescott Shelter Services Executive Director Bobbi Leverich made a personal pledge that she would be just a listener and experience sharer at a recent nonprofit symposium on steps to end homelessness in Yavapai County.

What she didn't count on was how passionate she would become about the out-of-the box thinking that emerged from the gathering of some 50 nonprofit and other area social service providers.

The symposium held at The Heights Church was an evolution of the Collective Impact Partnership spearheaded by leaders at U.S. VETS Initiative.

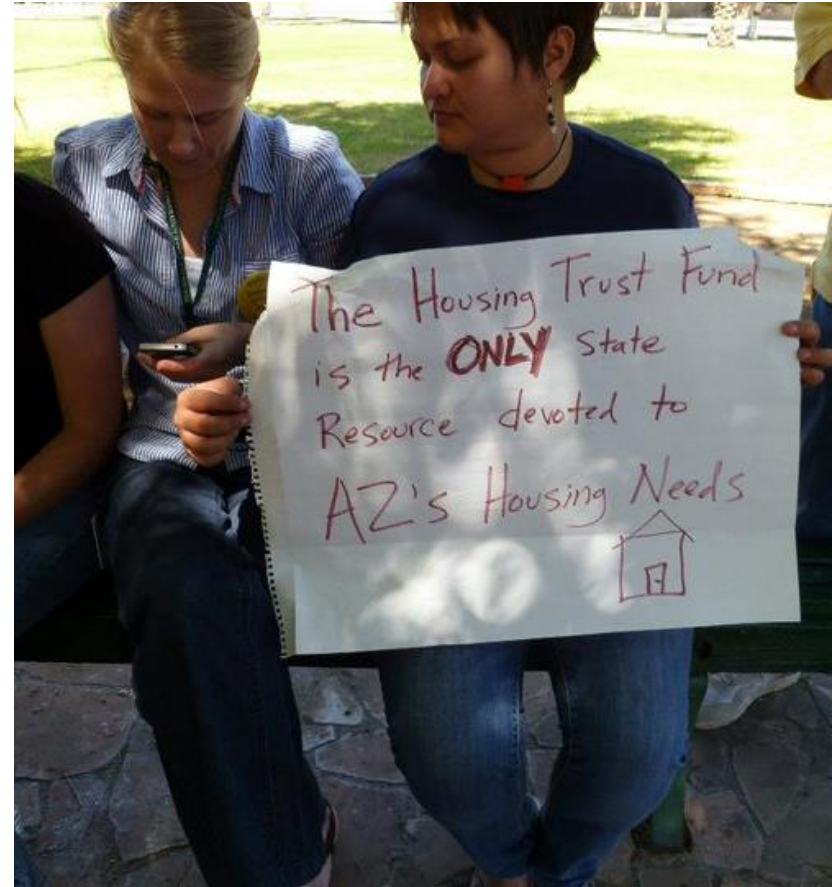
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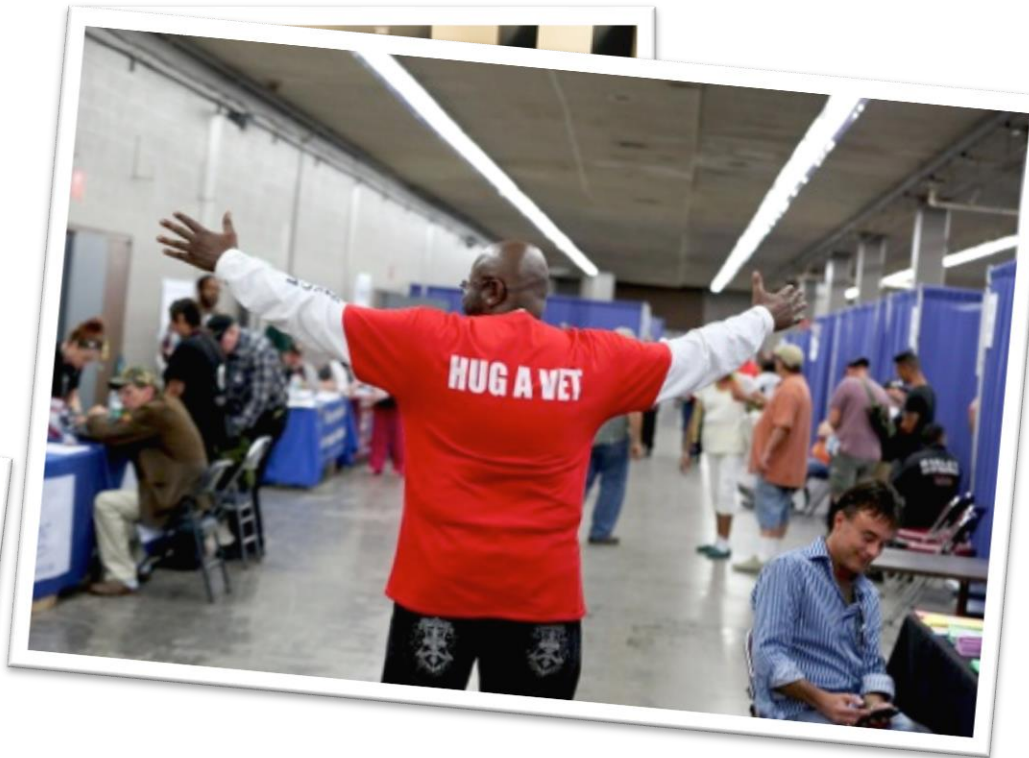
# The Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness' Legislative Agenda

- Restore the State Housing Trust Fund
- Increase public awareness
- Preserve DES Coordinated Homeless Programs
- Preserve vital social welfare programs
- Law enforcement training to prevent arrest of homeless persons
  - Reinstate child care subsidies
  - Increase funding for substance abuse prevention & treatment
  - Increase the minimum wage to a living wage





# Special Initiatives



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