



Informational Presentation on Homelessness

Is it illegal to be homeless?

- Homelessness is not illegal.
- The city provides public services to all citizens without regard to a person's status or situation.
- Certain conduct and activities are illegal regardless of who is involved.

How have laws recently changed?

- A 2018 federal court decision (Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals) ruled that local governments may not enforce local ordinances prohibiting camping on public property, as well as related activities that are “universal and unavoidable consequences of being human,” such as sitting, lying, or sleeping, if the local jurisdiction does not have sufficient number of indoor shelters to accommodate all of the homeless people in that jurisdiction.

How is the city responding to new laws?

- The Ninth Circuit decision significantly limits the ability of cities, including Folsom, and counties to enforce their anti-camping ordinances.
- The Folsom Police Department and the city's Code Enforcement Officers continue to exercise full enforcement authority with respect to illegal activities not constrained by the court's decision (e.g., obstruction of public rights-of-way, aggressive panhandling, etc.) while at the same time assisting the public to address the homeless issue with great care and sensitivity.

Safety



Serve with Purpose

Relentlessly Pursue
Criminal Behavior

Proactively Foster
Positive
Relationships

Response to Homelessness



We recognize the fact that being homeless is not a crime. We believe that each and every person experiencing homelessness is deserving of dignity and respect. Some individuals suffer from drug/alcohol addiction and mental health illness.

- *Sacramento County Senior Mental Health Clinician*
- *Partner Coordination*
 - Assistance with finding housing.
 - Help applying for public assistance and other social services.
 - Assistance with obtaining identification.
 - Transportation to and from social service appointments.
 - Advocacy and support.



Response to Homelessness



We
Offer
Assistance

- Advise of severe weather events.
- Provide information regarding shelters and services.
- Provide contact information for our partners.
- Offer advocacy and support.
- Help arrange transportation to the location of family members who have offered assistance.

Response to Homelessness



When a Crime is Committed

- Not everyone is physically arrested.
- Misdemeanor crimes.
- Realignment.
- Medical.

Response to Homelessness



- Balance rules and empathy – ensuring safety for all.
- Point in Time (PIT) Counts. (Sacramento Steps Forward).
 - 9,278 homeless individuals in Sacramento County (2022).
 - 2,614 – sheltered, 6,664 – unsheltered.
 - 67% increase from 2019 numbers.
 - Folsom Point in Time Count = 20.
 - Our Estimate = 50-75.
- Some subjects experiencing homelessness state they come to Folsom because it is safe here, and we allow them to charge their electronic devices.
- Encampments have brought hazards.
(warming fires, waste entering waterways, trash)

Recent Crime Statistics



- There were 30,228 calls for service from 1/1/23 – 9/15/23.
- 2,101 calls for service related to homelessness:
 - 31% Trespass
 - 16% Disturbance
 - 13% Location Check
 - 12% Welfare Check
 - 6% Suspicious Circumstance

Average time spent on call – 17 minutes

Community Crime Suppression Unit



Quality of life issues and suppressing emerging crime trends.

- Spearhead efforts towards meeting the challenges associated with homelessness.
- Liaison with local non-profits and faith-based organizations.
- Seek to address issues surrounding homelessness while guiding those willing onto the pathway of stable housing.

1.5 Officers + Sergeant

It takes a village...



Non-Profits &
Faith Based
Groups

Law
Enforcement



Other City
Departments

Businesses /
Land Owners

- **Citywide Homeless Camps**
- **Junk and Debris Removal**



Response and Removal

- Folsom Police initially responds and posts the camps with a 72-hour Notice.
- Posted signs include contact information for local homeless assistance agencies.
- After 72 hours, Code Enforcement will respond to clean the area.
- Code Enforcement currently contracts with 4 abatement contractors.
- Active camp materials will be stored correctly for 90 days.
- Abandoned camps and junk/debris will be discarded and removed.
- In some cases, over 6,000 lbs. of debris can be removed from one location.
- Bio-hazards (e.g., used needles and human waste) are extracted and removed by our certified Bio-One contractor.

Standard Posting Notice



CITY OF
FOLSOM
DISTINCTIVE BY NATURE

PUBLIC NUISANCE DECLARED

THIS CAMPSITE HAS BEEN DECLARED A PUBLIC NUISANCE BY THE CITY OF FOLSOM PURSUANT TO FOLSOM MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 9.100.060.

THIS CAMP WILL BE REMOVED AND ABATED ON

ENTER DATE 3 DAYS FROM ISSUANCE OF NOTICE

REMOVE ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY PRIOR TO THE DATE INDICATED ABOVE AND CLEAN UP THE CAMPSITE IMMEDIATELY

DURING ABATEMENT, PERSONAL PROPERTY LEFT AT THE CAMPSITE WILL BE REMOVED FOR SAFEKEEPING AND MAY BE CLAIMED AT THE FOLSOM POLICE DEPARTMENT. PERSONAL PROPERTY NOT CLAIMED WITHIN 90 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF ABATMENT WILL BE DISPOSED OF PURSUANT TO LAW.

FOLSOM POLICE DEPARTMENT
46 NATOMA STREET
FOLSOM, CA 95630
916-355-7231

Mental Health Services:
Turning Point Community Programs
3440 Viking Drive, Suite 114
Sacramento, CA 95627
916-364-8395

Genesis at Loaves and Fishes
1351 North C Street
Sacramento, CA 95811
916-669-1536

Healthcare Services:
Willow Clinic at Salvation Army
1200 North B Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
916-703-9203

Mercy Clinic at Loaves and Fishes
1351 North C Street
Sacramento, CA 95811
916-446-3345

Dental Clinic
4600 Broadway Suite 2100
Sacramento, CA 95820
916-874-8300

Veterans Services:
Sacramento County Veterans Services
2007 19th Street
Sacramento, CA 95818

Volunteers of America
470 Bannon St
Sacramento, CA 95814
916-443-4688

Youth Services:
Diogenes Youth Services
8937 Folsom Blvd, Suite L
Sacramento, CA 95827
916-363-9943 or 916-363-0063

WIND Youth Services
701 Dixianne Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95815
916-443-8333- Day Center

Shelter/Food Services:
Salvation Army Shelter
12th and North B Street
Sacramento, CA

Loaves and Fishes
1351 North C Street
Sacramento, CA 95811
916-446-3345

Volunteers of America
470 Bannon Street
Sacramento, CA
916-443-4688

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services:
Friendship Park- Loaves and Fishes
1300 North C Street
Sacramento, CA 95811
916-443-7378

Volunteers of America
470 Bannon Street
Sacramento, CA
916-443-4688

Francis House- Children and Families
1422 C Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
916-443-2646

Resources:
Social Security Office- Rancho Cordova
8581 Folsom Blvd
Sacramento, CA 95826
916-274-5419

Welfare- Rancho Cordova (Food Stamps)
10013 Folsom Blvd
Sacramento, CA 95827
916-874-3000

Employment Development (EDD)- Rancho Cordova
10381 Old Placerville Rd #150
Sacramento, CA
916-563-5147

Legal Services (Public Benefits, Landlord/Tenant)
515 12th St (12 St and E St)
Sacramento, CA
916-551-2150



Increase in activity and costs associated with homeless activity

- The need for more clean-ups has doubled in the past 10 years.
- In the past 3 months, Code Enforcement cleaned over 40 locations.
- Code Enforcement is responding weekly to homeless camp calls, clean-ups, and junk and debris removal.
- On average, a clean-up may include up to 4 to 6 locations.
- Clean-ups are performed on a weekly and/or bi-weekly schedule.
- Daily clean-up costs can range from \$800 to \$1,000 per site, depending on the amount of debris extracted.

Code Enforcement works closely with:

- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Department of Corrections (Folsom Prison)
- California State Parks



Examples of Debris



**Discarded Hypodermic
Needles**



**Debris at camp behind Kohl's at 1013 Riley
Street**

Parkshore Bridge: Before and After



Placerville Road: Abandoned Junk Before and After



Behind Fire Station 35: Before and After



Behind City Hall: Before and After



Removal and Disposal Process

- Personal property left at the campsite will be removed for safekeeping.
- Property items may be kept by the occupants during the clean-up process.
- Remaining property will be stored for 90 days and if not claimed, disposed of pursuant to law.

Programs and Services



The City of Folsom connects those in need to programs, services, and resources to support persons experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

The City has taken a comprehensive and integrated approach to addressing homelessness, including working with the County, agencies, nonprofits, and other organizations that provide services to address homelessness and affordable housing.



**COUNTY HOMELESS SERVICES
AND SUPPORTS
October 10, 2023**

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County Department of Health Services

IMPORTANCE OF HOUSING IN HOMELESSNESS SERVICES

Homelessness is largely a housing-driven economic problem
homelessness happens when incomes don't match housing costs

In California...



shortage of almost **1,000,000**
affordable and available rental units for
extremely low-income households

78% of extremely low-income
renters with severe cost burden



<https://reports.nlihc.org/oor>
https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/SHP_CA.pdf

In Sacramento...



Working at **minimum** wage
\$15.50/hour



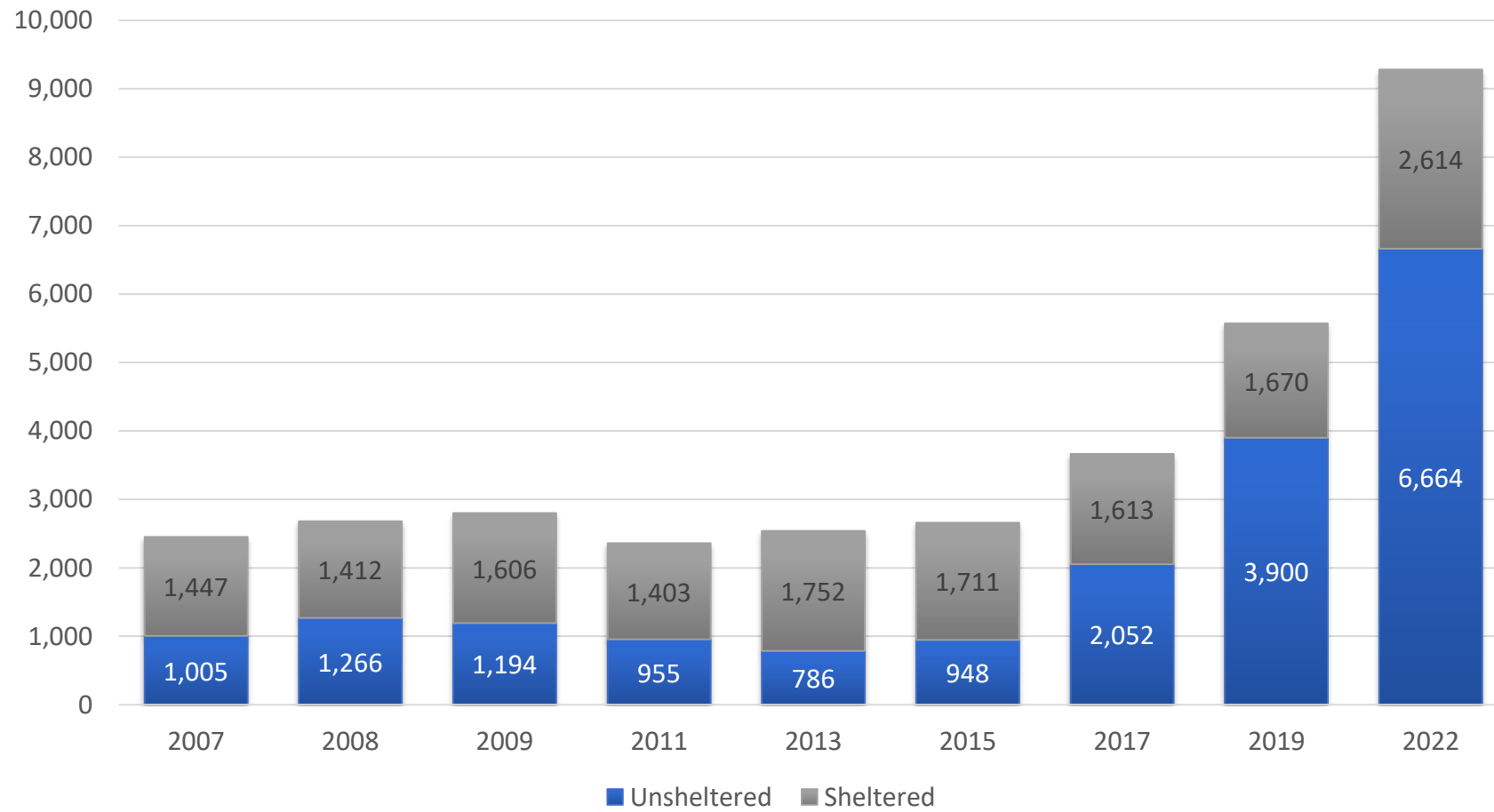
Each **week** you have to work
69 hours



To afford a one-bedroom
rental home at fair market
value

HOMELESS POINT IN TIME COUNT

Sacramento County, 2007-2022



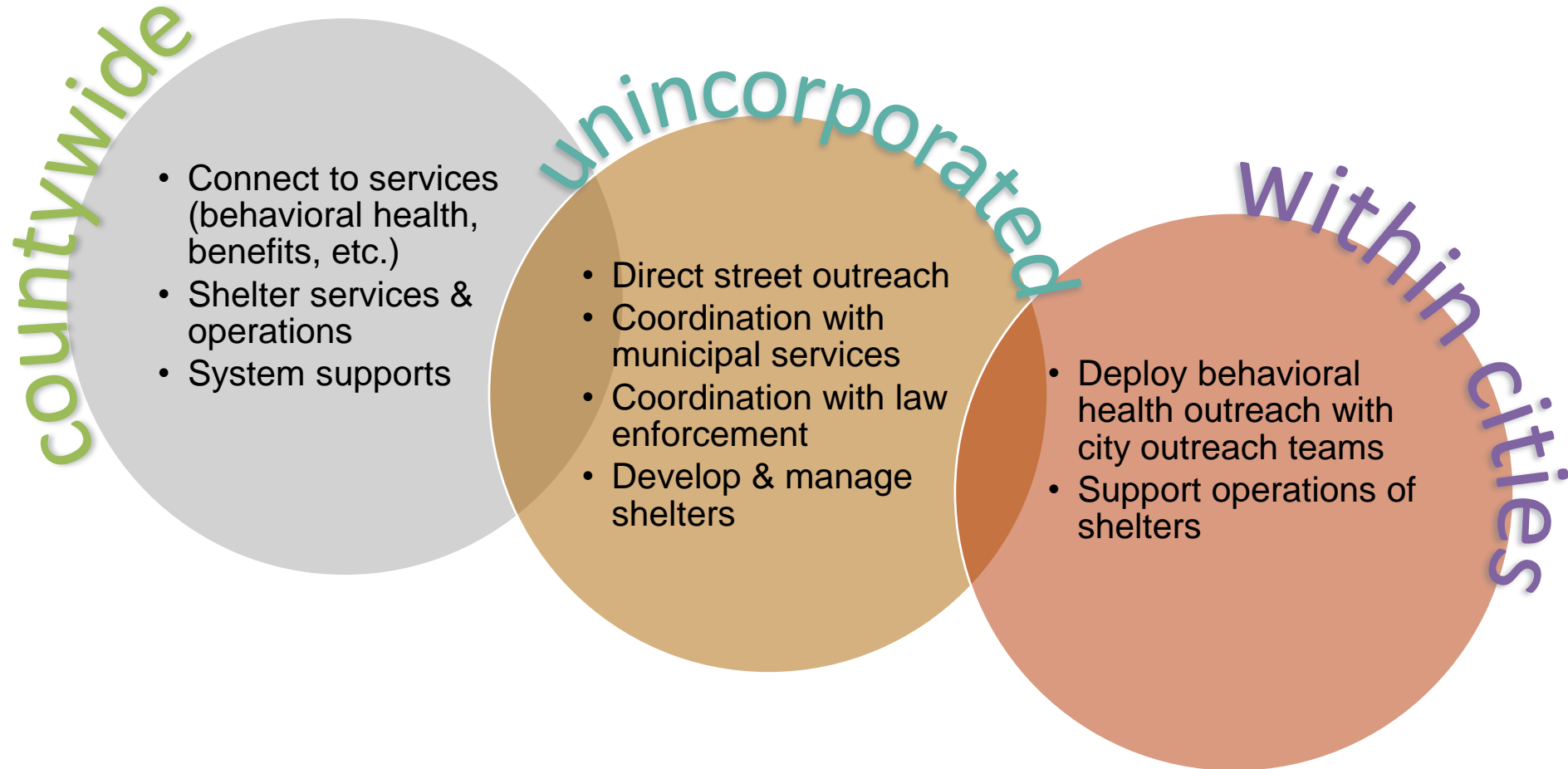
UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS

6,664 people were living unsheltered in Sacramento County on the night of the 2022 Point-in-Time count:

- 54% were persons of color
- 74% had been continuously homeless more than a year
- 58% report a disabling condition (mental or physical)
- 92% identify as being from the Sacramento region

44% of the unsheltered population report lack of affordable housing as key issues impacting their ability to exit homelessness

COUNTY ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES



COUNTY PROGRAMS: Outreach and Engagement

Encampment Outreach Teams

- Deployment via:
 - *Proactive, County identified priority encampments*
 - *Response driven needs with Sheriff, Rangers, others*
 - *Dedicated 'office hour' spaces in suburban areas*
- Multi-disciplinary team response
- On-going engagement focused on ending homelessness



Encampment Supports

- Sanitation Stations
- Water Delivery
- Debris Removal

COUNTY PROGRAMS: Sheltering and Housing



Safe Stay Communities

- Non-congregate, 'sleeping cabin' shelters
- Low/no barrier to entry
- Housing and service focused
- Address street homelessness in community
- 430+ beds in pipeline in three locations

Congregate and Population Specific Shelter & Housing

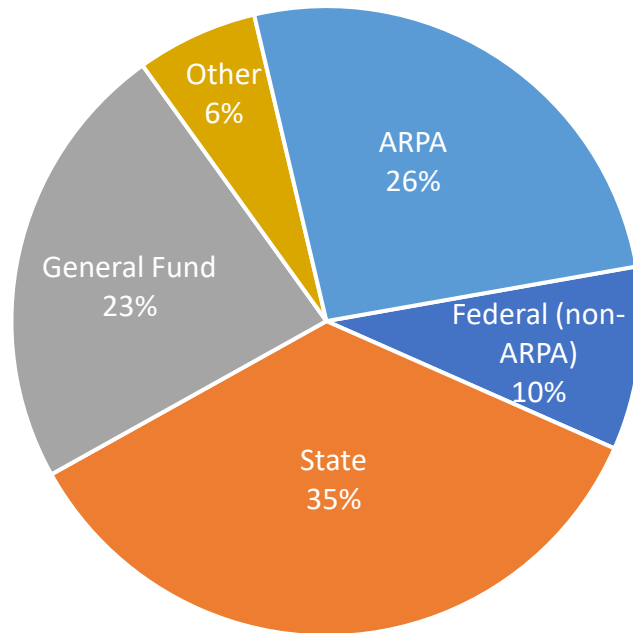
- Almost 1,000 total beds
- Programs for families, youth, seniors
- Medical respite and behavioral health focused beds
- Landlord engagement and supports

COUNTY HOMELESS FUNDING

In FY 22/23, the County allocated approximately \$177,533,755 to provide services & address needs related to homelessness.

Approximately 20% is one-time allocations

Allocated by Fund Type
Countywide | FY 22-23



Approximately xx% to Countywide services and supports, and xx% to unincorporated services and supports.

HEART SERVICES

- Outreach and engage at the shelters, encampments and other locations by request.
- Build relationships and trust with unhoused population to obtain consent to enroll in behavioral services they need and want.
- Screens for mental illness and substance use issues
- Enrolls individuals and families into the appropriate mental health or substance use outpatient treatment provider or refers to eligible programs with managed care plans.
- Our team networks and coordinates with other organizations to help unhoused populations with referrals to other needed resources; e.g., shelters, benefits, medical attention and pet health.
- Our goal is to reduce barriers to treatment by going to the places individuals call home.
- Focus on linkage where our providers can assist with behavioral health services and support with housing
- Warm hand off to services, including transporting clients to their first appointment and support them throughout the visit if needed.



HEART TEAM

12 Mental Health Counselors

- Engage and build rapport/trust within the identified encampments and shelters on an ongoing basis.
- Conduct screenings to determine need for mental health or substance use prevention and treatment and at what level of service.
- Enrolling clients to mental health and substance use programs.
- Provide crisis intervention as appropriate.
- Coordinate with partner agencies and organizations as appropriate for benefits acquisition, housing, shelters, medical care, CPS and probation coordination, etc.
- Provide psycho-education regarding symptoms, symptom management and treatment options.
- Coordinate with mental health and substance use prevention and treatment service providers.

HEART TEAM

10 Behavioral Health Peer Specialists

- Share personal lived experiences relating to homelessness, housing insecurity, criminal justice, Child Protective Services (CPS), substance use, mental health issues and recovery services
- Provide information, education, training and technical assistance on consumer and family member perspective for behavioral health system providers and partners.
- Support client and family involvement in services through client-centered engagement.
- Support clients prior to and during appointments, with the goal of increasing the client's engagement with services and decreasing stress and anxiety of appointments.

HOW TO ACCESS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

- HEART – Homeless outreach and engagement
916-875-1720
secure email BHS-HEARTReferrals@sacounty.gov
- Walk into a Mental Health Clinic with BHS
[Outpatient providers accepting new clients \(updated Fridays\)](#)
- Mental Health Access Team, M-F 8-5 – Linkage to Mental Health Services
916-875-1055
<https://mentalhealthservicerequest.sacounty.net/>
- Mental Health Urgent Care Clinic, Open 24/7 – Urgent but not life-threatening mental health needs
2130 Stockton Blvd, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA
916-520-2460



HEART webpage

Jake's Journey Home



Mobile Assist Trailer



One-On-One Client Support

“We are all just a **heartbeat** away
from the **tragedy** of homelessness...

The difference is in the
available support systems when **trauma** surfaces”



Jake's Journey Home: It Takes a Village



VA U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs



Mobile Response: *Wrap-Around Services*

Summary of Services:

- Assessments for Program Placement
- Food and Clothing
- Referral Services: Addiction / Mental Health School Resources (GED, College, Vocational, FAFSA, Grants)
- Veteran Assistance: DD214, Benefits Navigation
- Legal/Criminal Record Help: Expungement & Pardons
- Sobriety/Recovery Meetings and Paths to Stay Sober
- Light Rail Passes, DMV, Medi-Cal, EBT, Social Security Filings
- Housing Assistance
- 211 Resource Referral
- Fragile Community & Underserved Referral Services
- Assisting Victims of Crime (Courts, VCB)
- Rental Assistance when Appropriate



HART of Folsom

Hart of Folsom is a non-profit, community-based volunteer organization helping those experiencing homelessness in Folsom move toward self-sufficiency and greater independence.

Community Partnerships

- Powerhouse Ministries
- Jake's Journey
- Local Faith-Based Communities

Client Placement

- Criteria
- Initial Application
- Interviews



Transitional Housing Units

- Oak Hills Church - 3 Single Dwelling Trailers
- Bidwell Studios - 4 Studio Units

Client Case Management

- Professional Case Manager (First Step Communities)
- HART Mentoring Program
- Citizens of Folsom!



Winter shelter sites and hosts

- Oak Hills Church
- Harbor Church
- Reflection MCC
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- Jesus Culture of Sacramento
- Trinity Episcopal Church
- River Rock Church
- Disciples Church
- Muslim Center of Folsom
- The Gathering Place
- Bridge Community Church
- Hope Presbyterian Church



Additional Community support

- Powerhouse Ministry
- Jake's Journey Home
- Dignity Health
- Sutter Street Taqueria
- Visconti's
- That Dam Place
- Chick-Fil-A
- Quick Dish
- Hampton inn
- City of Folsom
- District Church
- Sac RT
- Raleys on Blue Ravine
- Trader Joe's





Folsom Winter Shelter 2023 Intake





POWERHOUSE MINISTRIES

phmfolsom.org



FREE COMMUNITY RESOURCES & EVENTS

208

INSTANCES OF CARE PROVIDED JULY

267

INSTANCES OF CARE PROVIDED AUG

303

INSTANCES OF CARE PROVIDED SEPT

2,678

INSTANCES OF CARE PROVIDED LAST 12 MONTHS

- SHOWERS
- MEDICAL CLINIC
- PERSONAL CELL PHONES
- CASE MANAGEMENT
- COUNSELING SERVICES
- IMMEDIATE RESOURCES
- LONG-TERM PLANS
- COMMUNITY REFERRALS
- HOMELESS PREVENTION

CRISIS & COMMUNITY CARE

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMMING

Men's & Women's Residential Recovery Programs

- NO-COST
- 2 YEAR RESIDENTIAL RECOVERY PROGRAM SERVING WOMEN AND MEN OVERCOMING ABUSE, ADDICTION, HOMELESSNESS, AND INCARCERATION
- 91% SUCCESS RATE
- TRAUMA- INFORMED CHILDCARE
- PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATIONS
- LICENSED THERAPY
- NUTRITIONAL RESOURCES
- ADDICTION AND RELAPSE PREVENTION COUNSELING
- JOB AND HOUSING READINESS
- CASE MANAGEMENT

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMMING

Leadership College

- SERVING AT-RISK 18-24 YEAR OLD MEN AND WOMEN
- NO-COST RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM INCLUDING LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, DISCIPLESHIP, LIFE SKILLS, FINANCIAL MENTORSHIP, AND LIFE COACHING
- PAID WORK EXPERIENCE IN DESIGN, VIDEO PRODUCTION, AUDIO ENGINEERING, EVENT PLANNING, MARKETING STRATEGY, AND MORE
- CASE MANAGEMENT

POWERHOUSE MINISTRIES

phmfolsom.org





FINDS A WAY

**For more than
40 years, Hope
Cooperative
has served
Sacramento
County**
*Now in Yolo
County, too!*



Client/Peer Mentor at Hope's Treasures



Latesha Pierce, Possibilities

Hope Cooperative



Mission Statement

To transform the lives of those living with mental health challenges, substance use disorders and homelessness by supporting their independence, promoting their housing stability, and empowering them to make positive changes in their lives.

Bidwell Studios, Folsom California



Bidwell Studios is owned by the Hirani Family Foundation and Sacramento Commercial Realtors who also provides property management.

- Hope Cooperative partnered with the owners and the City of Folsom and provides 1 FTE Personal Services Coordinator onsite to support 20 Clients of Hope Cooperative New Direction Full Service Partnership.
- We also committed to ensuring that each of the 20 residents came with a tenant based HUD supported housing voucher in order to subsidize the rent.
- There are 4 units dedicated to Folsom HART for their Transitional Housing Program.

First tenants moved in August 20, 2021. Of the first group, 6 were Folsom Residents experiencing homelessness. Hope Cooperative worked with Sacramento County and Folsom PD to identify, assess and refer these individuals to New Direction and to ensure eligibility for the HUD housing vouchers.

Bidwell Studios, Folsom California

- Services Provided:
 - Housing Retention Services
 - Service Coordination and Psychosocial Rehabilitation
 - Case Management
 - Substance Abuse Treatment
 - Mental Health Therapy
 - Crisis Intervention
 - Life Skills Instruction
 - Employment Services
 - Medication Management

All Services are voluntary and may be offered onsite or in our office as appropriate.

Bidwell Studios, Folsom California

Sacramento County is working with Folsom PD to identify, assess and refer local individuals to fill vacancies when they arise. Hope Cooperative collaborates with our partners to ensure that this process is as streamlined as possible once individuals are referred to us.

**Folsom Oaks Apartments,
Folsom California Est. 2011**

HOPE
COOPERATIVE



Folsom Oaks Apartments, Folsom California Est. 2011

- Folsom Oaks Apartments is an 18 Unit Permanent Supportive Housing property
- For Families who have experienced homelessness. Eligibility requires that one adult in the family has a serious mental illness.
- This is a beautifully maintained garden style apartment complex consisting of 1,2 and 3 BR apartments.
- The property has lovely heritage oaks and granite outcroppings as well as a tot lot and community garden.
- Currently there are 24 adults and 13 children living at Folsom Oaks.
- There is an onsite maintenance manager and onsite residential services including community meals, resident council, holiday activities and case management.

SUCCESS STORIES

Questions and Answers