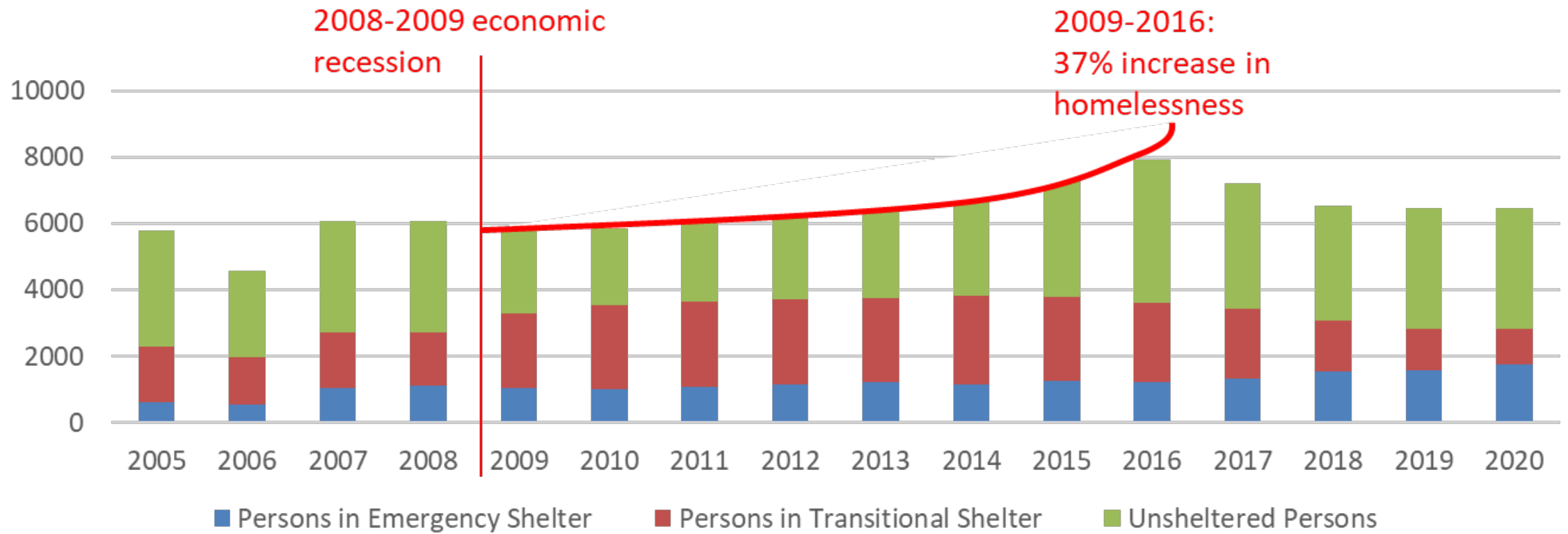


Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness: Current Status of Homelessness in Hawaii

January 13, 2021



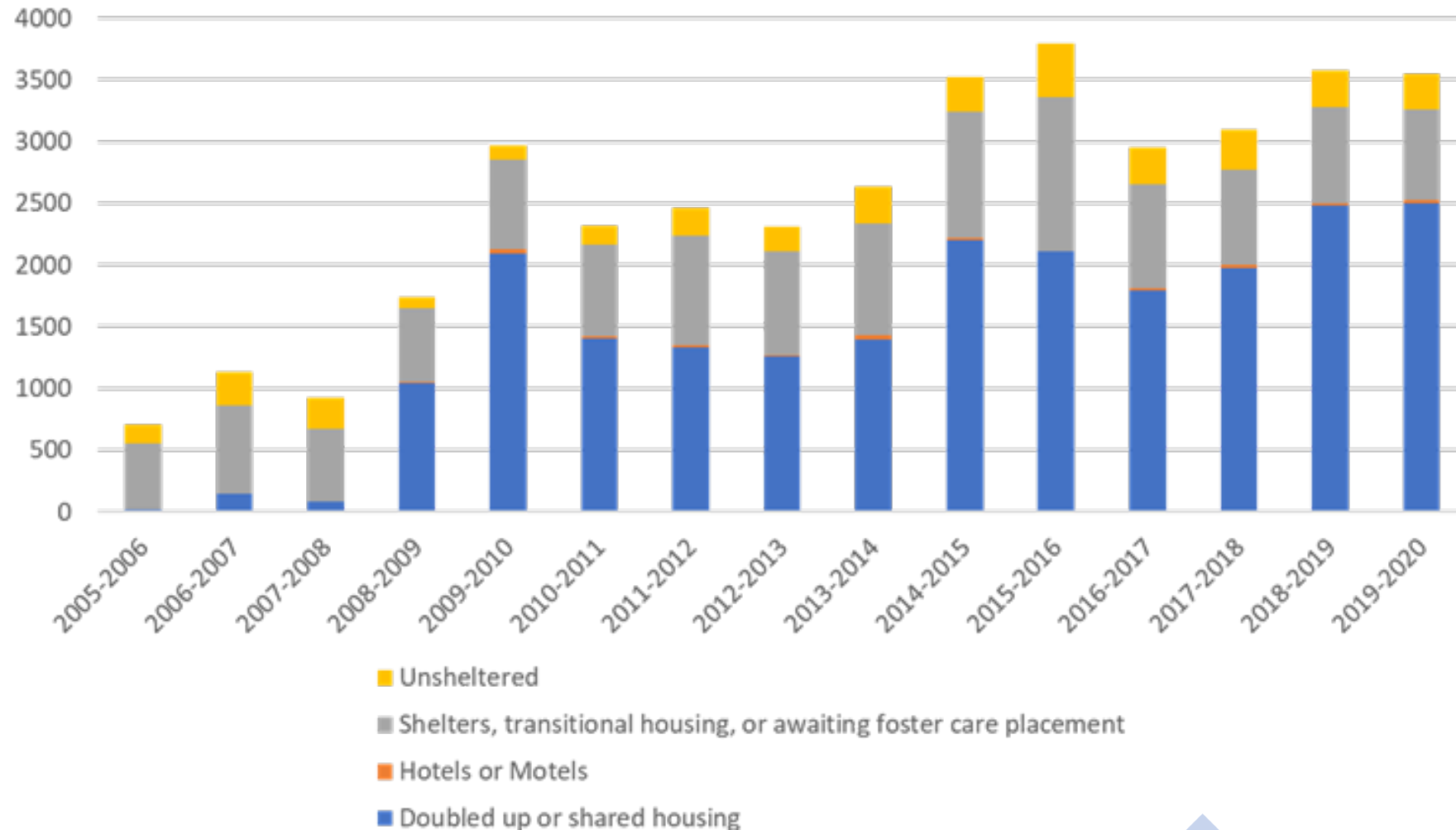
Statewide Point in Time Count Data (2005 – 2020)



Statewide Point in Time Count

- Historical data shows the impact of an economic recession on homelessness.
- Numbers in emergency shelter and transitional shelter reflect trends in funding and policy.
- Between 2009 and 2016, homelessness increased by 2,137 people – a nearly 37% increase.
- Not a one-time increase – but slow and gradual over a period of time.
- Since 2016, statewide numbers decreased by over 18%, and then leveled out between 2019 and 2020.
- PIT count data mirrors trends in other data sets.

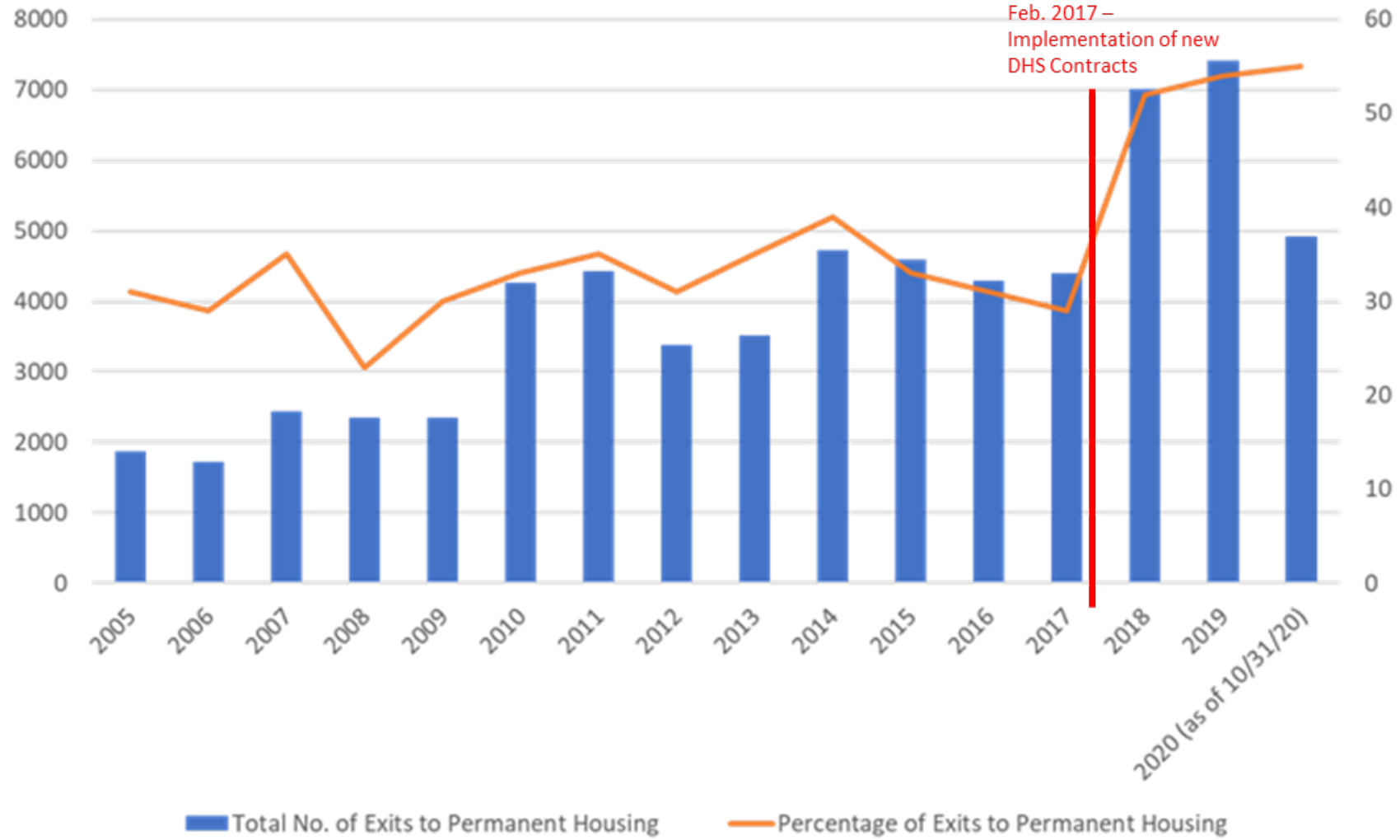
McKinney-Vento Act Count of Doubled Up and Homeless Students (School Years 2005-06 to 2019-20)



McKinney-Vento Act Data

- Differences in the “homeless” definition used by the Department of Education and by HUD.
 - DOE definition includes individuals ‘doubled up’ or in ‘shared housing.’
- Between School Years 2015-2016 and 2019-2020, the number of sheltered/unsheltered students decreased by 652 individuals – a 38.9% decrease.
- This decrease in the number of sheltered/unsheltered students aligns with a similar decrease in homeless families in the PIT count during the same period.
- During the same period, the number of ‘doubled up’ students increased by 710 individuals – a 39.6% increase.
- The increase in ‘doubled up’ students indicates a growing number of individuals that are unstably housed.

Exits to Permanent Housing (2005 to 2020)



Permanent Housing Placements

- Goal is to build a **housing-focused system** and emphasize permanent housing as the end goal.
- Permanent Housing placements **continued during the pandemic**.
- The **rate of housing placement increased** between 2019 (54%) and 2020 (55%).
- Factors contributing to increased housing placements:
 - In 2017, DHS implemented new performance measures in all homeless service contracts.
 - In 2017, statewide expansion of State-funded HF and RRH programs.
 - Steady increase in federal and county funded programs for housing (e.g. CoC, ESG, VASH, SSVF, etc.).

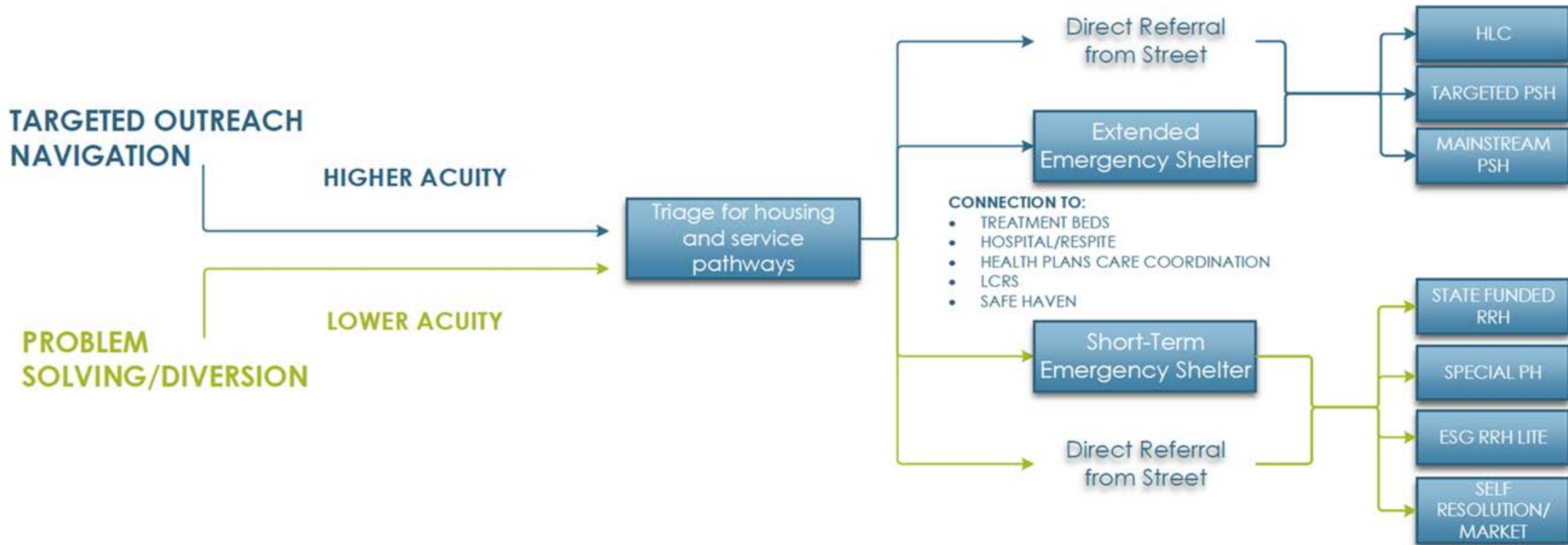


DHS Homeless Programs

- Homeless Outreach & Civil Legal Services
- Emergency & Transitional Shelters
- Family Assessment Centers
- State Homeless Emergency Grant (SHEG)
- Housing Placement Program (HPP)
- Rapid Re-Housing Program
- Housing First (Permanent Supportive Housing)

Other State Departments Addressing Homelessness

- Department of Health
- Department of Education
- Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
- Department of Public Safety
- Department of Land & Natural Resources
- Department of Transportation
- Hawaii Public Housing Authority
- Hawaii Housing Finance & Development Corporation
- Office of Youth Services
- Office of Hawaiian Affairs



Homelessness Systems Map

Rev. 2020

Our Focus Remains on Housing

- Ohana Zones leveraged with other City and State resources supported new housing on Oahu and neighbor islands.
- OZ funding supports services, while HHFDC and City funds were utilized for construction, acquisition, and rehab.
- The OZ evaluation will review the effectiveness of supportive housing programs, and recommend long-term strategies for scaling.



Kumuwai
(Opened Jan. 2020)



Hale Maluhia
(Opened April 2020)



Kealaula at Pua Loke
(Opened Nov. 2020)



Huliau
(Opening early 2021)



HONU/POST
Navigation Centers



Keolahou
Emergency Shelter



Hale Hanakahi
& Ka Lamaku



RYSE Youth
Assessment Center

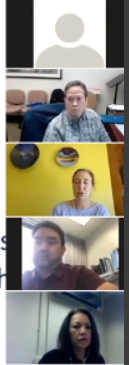
Increasing Homeless Access Points

- Low-barriers to entry and 24-hour access
- Emergency shelter vacancies are tracked and posted daily
- Spaces provide new opportunities to engage and build relationships



Shifting from Crisis Response to Long-Term Planning

- Continue to maintain adequate space in shelters and meal programs
- Relieve staff fatigue and non profit capacity/staffing challenges
- Identify and provide safety to those most vulnerable among the homeless population
- Continue outreach, education, and hygiene services to help people experiencing unsheltered homelessness stay safe
- Minimize movement of unsheltered populations
- Location/ contact tracing to notify those who may have been in contact with someone who has COVID-19



Building Provider and State Capacity

- Weekly BHHSURG webinars, Frontline Provider meetings, and monthly Homeless Funder meetings
- Coordination enabled flexible and rapid system response during the pandemic.
- Established “Homelessness 101” training for State law enforcement
- Worked with DOH to ensure MH-1 and Crisis Intervention Training is offered for State law enforcement and land management agencies.



Responding to Homelessness on State Properties

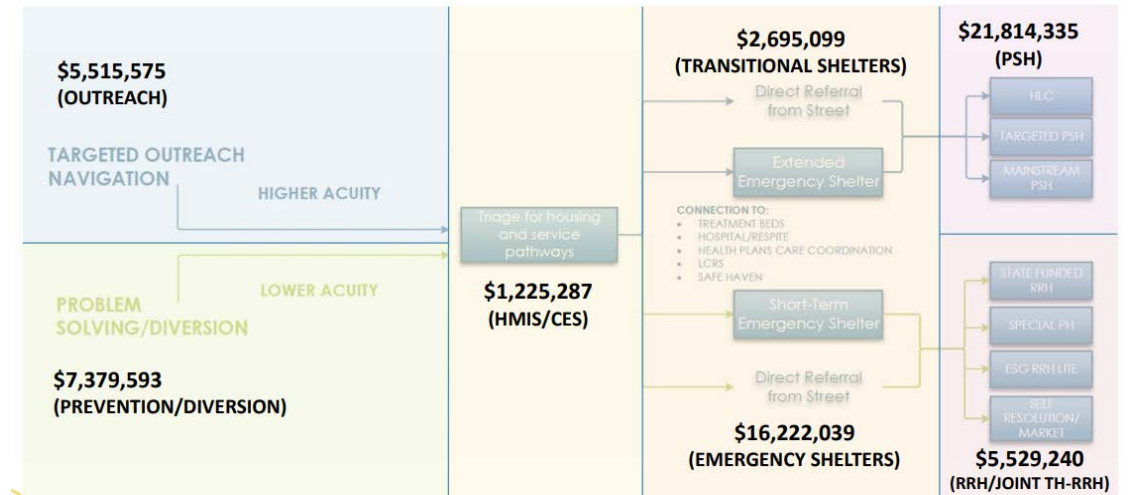
- During the pandemic, complaints regarding camps on state lands have increased.
- Coordination with law enforcement and land management agencies (i.e. DOT and DLNR) is key.
- Also need to coordinate with mobile testing programs and health providers for distribution of PPE.
- In 2019, Stored Property Program removed 5,081 tons (11.2 million lbs.) of trash and debris, and stored items for 226 households.
- In 2020, Stored Property Program removed 5,990 tons (13.8 million lbs.) of trash and debris, and stored items for 285 households.



Systems-Level Coordination –

Working Together to Compile Fiscal and Program Data to Identify Service Gaps, Overlap, and Areas of Opportunity

Homeless System Map Overview



Core Program Types by Funding Source



Overall State Approach



Increased focus on accountability for State-funded contracts and services.



Emphasis on permanent housing.



“All hands on deck”

Questions?

- Phone: (808) 586-0193
- E-mail:
gov.homelessness@Hawaii.gov
- Website:
<https://homelessness.Hawaii.gov>



Informational Briefing to the Hawaii State Senate Committee on Human Services and the House Committee on Health, Human Services and Homelessness

Presentation by the Oahu Continuum of Care
Partners In Care, Laura E. Thielen, Executive Director



Covid in the Homeless Services System on Oahu

- Recognition that Homelessness is currently a Crisis within a Crisis
- Immediate implementation of CDC and DOH guidelines
- Low numbers of positive tests among those who experience homelessness and the service providers who assist them
- Continued outreach and housing services even during the pandemic
- Depopulation of congregate shelters



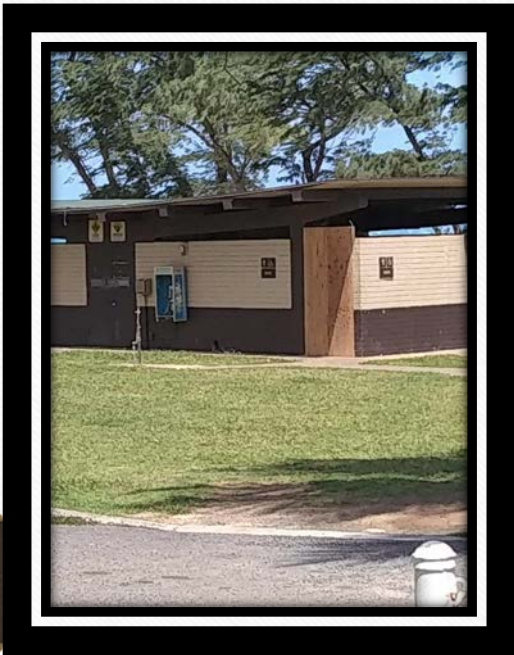
- Improved use of the Coordinated Entry System
- Creation of TQIC (Temporary Quarantine and Isolation Center)
- Incorporation of POST during the Pandemic Post (Provisional Outdoor Screening and Triage Facility)
- Use of CARES funding to augment base services





Continuous Outreach,
Covid Testing, flu shots
and support to move
into shelter





Support of re-opening
hygiene centers in parks
throughout Oahu
Collection and Distribution
of PPE and other supplies to
all Providers



Temporary Quarantine and Isolation Center



Transition to a New TQIC and
Incorporation of Stabilization Beds





Provisional Outdoor Screening and Triage Facility (POST)



Partnership with Honolulu Police
Department and Service
Providers



Silver Linings

- Better Communication
- New Partnerships/New Opportunities
- Acknowledgement that we can succeed
- Improved use of Coordinated Entry System
- We need to continue our regular work during crisis times



Housing Continuum

EMERGENCY

Short Term Shelter
Congregate/SRO

PERMANENT/ TRANSITION

Discounted Rental
ADU, Tiny Homes,
Kauhale Village,
C & S

PERMANENT BELOW 60% AMI

Public Housing,
Section 8, Shallow
Subsidies, Perm.
Supportive Hsg,

BELOW 80% AMI

Affordable Rental
Multifamily
DHHL Homestead

80% - 140% AMI

Affordable Rental /
For Sale - Govt.,
Private Workforce

Multifamily

140% - 200% AMI

Market For Sale -
Professional/Management
Workforce
Dual income+ /
Single Family

ABOVE 200% AMI

Market for Sale

Multifamily /
Single Family



Homeless

Continuum of Care focuses mostly on these 3 “buckets” of shelter and housing

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- Funding sources for these are Federal, State, Local Govt as well as philanthropic.
- Due to Covid there has been a decrease in the number of congregate shelter beds and an increase in the request for traditional shelters
- In November, HPHA opened it's rolls to individuals who were “leased up” assisting hundreds of households to receive Section 8 vouchers.



Outreach

Increase of need due to loss of charitable groups and lack of places to get food.

More than 2,200 encounters recorded

Emergency Shelters De-populated for Covid
Shelters are consistently full or at capacity

Transitional Housing Reviewed to enable most vulnerable during Covid

Rapid Re-Housing Increase in time on program

Permanent Supportive Housing Use of LEP and Legal services to maintain Housing

Permanent Housing Use of Virtual house hunting



Innovative approaches to Housing Folks during Covid

- Virtual house searches
- Landlord Engagement Program
- Veteran Landlord Engagement Program
- City ESG Project



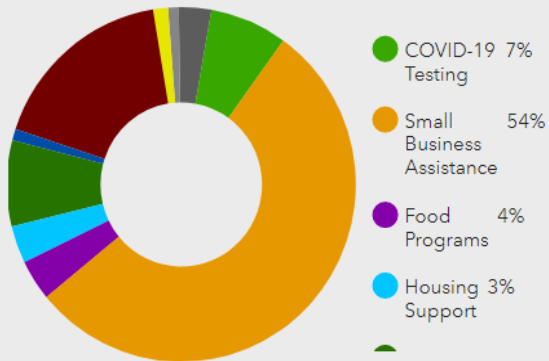
CARES Act Funding Totals:

\$387,176,021 Allocated

Allocated/ \$387M



CARES Funding Allocated by Category:



Allocated

Committed

Spent

In Development:

\$ 0



COVID-19 Testing

Allocated: \$28,543,836
Committed: \$25,326,353
Spent: \$22,490,564

Small Business Assistance



Assistance

Allocated: \$215,803,496
Committed: \$179,254,559
Spent: \$161,781,119



Food Programs

Allocated: \$14,826,427
Committed: \$8,487,259
Spent: \$7,543,858



Housing Support

Allocated: \$13,633,100
Committed: \$29,833,282
Spent: \$23,727,206



Economic Support

Allocated: \$31,206,324
Committed: \$54,301,170
Spent: \$37,136,432



Telework + Telehealth Capacity

Allocated: \$4,194,303
Committed: \$5,425,072
Spent: \$3,761,170



Public Health + Safety

Allocated: \$69,077,808
Committed: \$52,641,054
Spent: \$42,732,715



Personal Protective Equipment

Allocated: \$11,997,445
Committed: \$8,979,834
Spent: \$6,698,621



Administrative Expenses

Allocated: \$5,524,737
Committed: \$12,285,911
Spent: \$9,533,503

Project Highlights:

Food Security Programs

- **Cost:** \$6,650,000
- **Description:** Support to Hawaii Foodbank, Aloha Harvest, Salvation Army, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Public Health Institute, Hawaii Seafood Council and other community organizations.

Partnership with Oahu's Community Health Centers

- **Cost:** \$10,000,000
- **Description:** Invested up to \$10 million with the island's seven community health centers in contact tracing and support for people who test positive for COVID-19 and their households.

Household Hardship Relief Program

- **Cost:** \$25,000,000
- **Description:** Households who demonstrate economic hardship due to COVID-19 can receive up to \$2,000 per month for rent, mortgage, certain utilities, etc. and up to an additional \$500 per month for childcare services. About \$11 million has been distributed to 6,400 approved households. Our partners are working to review all applications and distribute all funds by the end of the year.

Intentional Outreach To Educate and Provide Assistance To All On The Streets



Looking ahead

Communication

Getting the right people at the right table who are able to make decisions
More Collaboration, Less Competition
Continue and strengthen Partnerships

Coordination

Ability to work on logistics and bring all resources to the table
Continued focus on covid positive rate and safety precautions
Prepare for ending of eviction moratorium

Flexibility

Willingness to change direction based on current situation
Recognition that right now, homelessness is a crisis within a crisis





Outreach to notify people
of covid and educate on
upcoming vaccination
opportunities
Continue testing



2021 Point In Time Count/HUD Update

- Unsheltered Count will not be conducted this year
 - Both CoC's have received a HUD waiver
- Sheltered Count will be conducted and include extended count at:
 - Jails
 - Hospitals
 - POST/HONU
- HUD automatic renewal of 2019 Funded Projects

B.T.G.

Bridging The Gap

Continuum of care of
• Hawai'i Island
• Maui
• Kauai



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Oahu's Continuum of Care

Hawaii's Continuum's of Care Legislative Priorities

- Preserve Critical Homelessness Services and Supports When Need is Greatest
- Continue Affordable Housing Investments to Support the Economy and Our Future

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Preserve Critical Homelessness Services and Supports When Need is Greatest

\$3.75m for HOUSING FIRST – provides housing and wrap around services to Hawai‘i’s chronically homeless population—people who typically consume high levels of costly emergency services—generating a net savings of \$28,000 per client per year.

\$3.75m for RAPID REHOUSING – helps individuals and families exit homelessness quickly and return to permanent housing by providing, rental stipends, assistance in finding housing, and case management services.

\$1.55m for FAMILY ASSESSMENT CENTERS – quickly connects homeless families with critical resources (in its first year, the Kakaako FAC housed 91% or 54 of the homeless families it served within 81 days, with 100% of those families remaining housed).

\$1.75m for OUTREACH and CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES – connects people experiencing homelessness with the resources they need to escape it.

\$500K for the STATE RENT SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM – provides monthly rent subsidies of less than \$500 to prevent homelessness for large numbers of families that don’t earn quite enough to pay the rent.



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Oahu's Continuum of Care

Continue Affordable Housing Investments to Support the Economy and Our Future

- **\$38m for each of FY `22 and FY `23** to swap out/replace conveyance tax funds designated for the Rental Housing Revolving Fund
- **\$40m for FY `22** designated for the Rental Housing Revolving Fund to finance the construction of the School Street Senior Housing Project, on the property of the Hawai`i Public Housing Authority on Oahu
- **\$25m for FY '23** designated for the Rental Housing Revolving Fund for the construction of affordable rental housing

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Continuum of Care serving Hawai`i Island, Mau`i & Kaua`i

Brandee Menino, Chair

THE IMPACT OF HOMELESSNESS - KAUA'I COUNTY

FISCAL YEAR 2020, 7/1/19-6/30/20

114

people moved into
permanent housing

30%

Exit rate to permanent
housing

497

HOMELESS
PERSONS SERVED
IN KAUA'I COUNTY

103

Average length of stay
in emergency shelter
(in days)

92%

Successfully remained
housed for 2+ years

Source: Bridging the Gap's Homeless Management Information System

THE IMPACT OF HOMELESSNESS - KAUA'I COUNTY

FISCAL YEAR 2020, 7/1/19-6/30/20



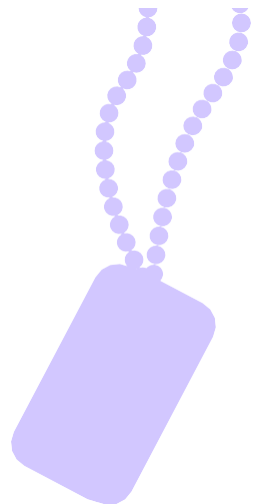
7%

have lived in Hawai'i
under 1 year



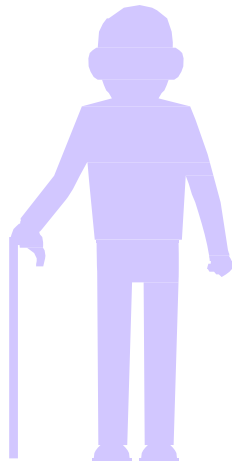
51%

have lived in
Hawai'i 20+ years



7%

are U.S. Veterans



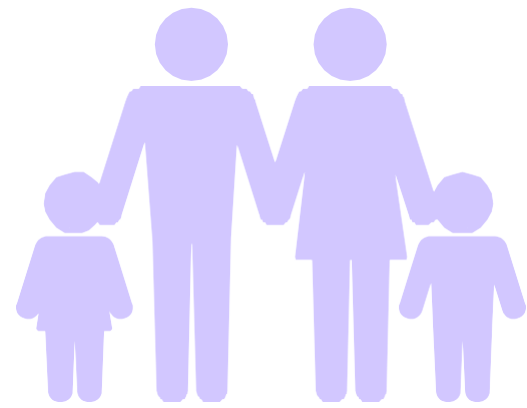
14%

are kūpuna

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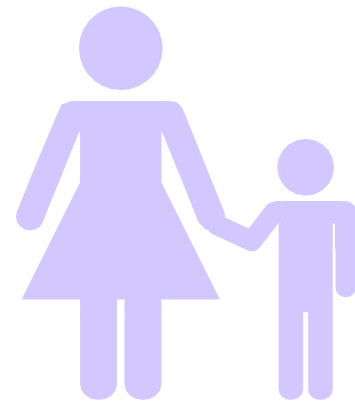
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FISCAL YEAR 2020, 7/1/19-6/30/20



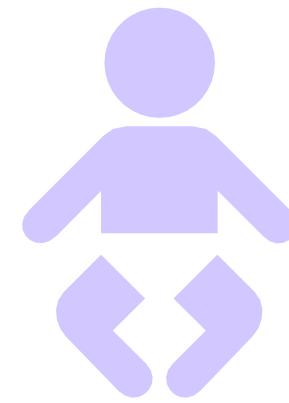
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families with
Minor
children



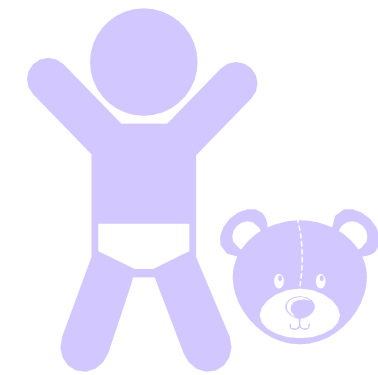
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of families are led
by single mothers



24%

are children



41%

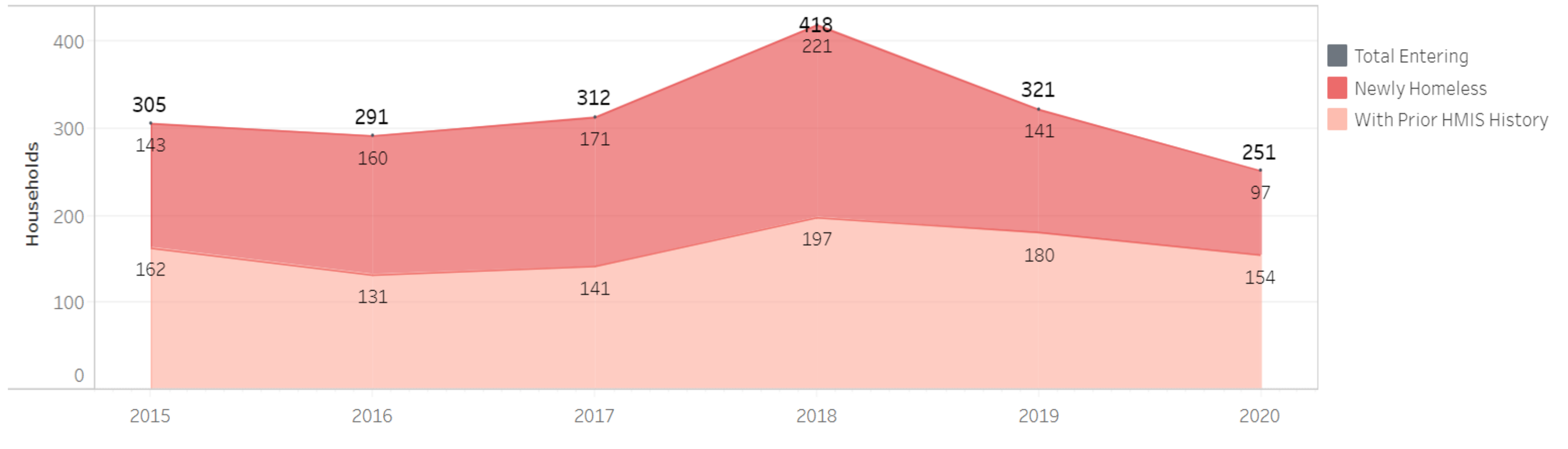
of keiki are 5
years and under

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THE IMPACT OF NEW HOUSEHOLDS ENTERING THE HOMELESS PROGRAMS SYSTEM IN KAUA'I COUNTY

FISCAL YEAR 2020, 7/1/19-6/30/20

Households Entering in FY (Inflow)



Source: Bridging the Gap's Homeless Management Information System

THE IMPACT OF HOMELESSNESS - MAUI COUNTY

FISCAL YEAR 2020, 7/1/19-6/30/20

530

people moved into
permanent housing

45%

Exit rate to permanent
housing

1,778

HOMELESS
PERSONS SERVED
IN MAUI COUNTY

80

Average length of stay
in emergency shelter
(in days)

78%

Successfully remained
housed for 2+ years

Source: Bridging the Gap's Homeless Management Information System

THE IMPACT OF HOMELESSNESS IN MAUI COUNTY

FISCAL YEAR 2020, 7/1/19-6/30/20



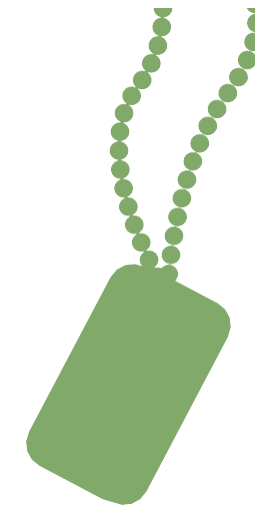
6%

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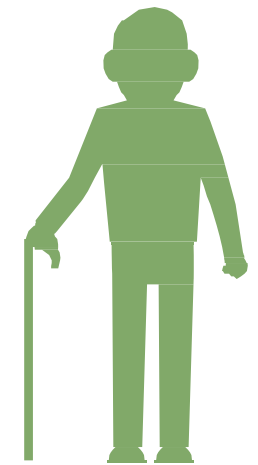
49%

have lived in
Hawai'i 20+ years



6%

are U.S. Veterans



9%

are kūpuna

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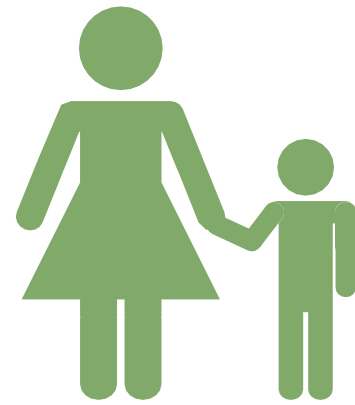
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FISCAL YEAR 2020, 7/1/19-6/30/20



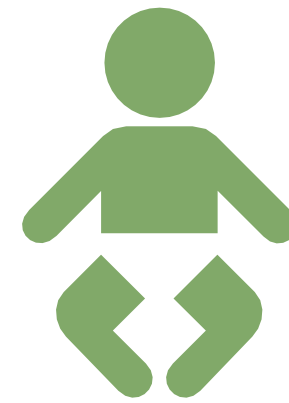
221

families with
children



58%

of families are led
by single mothers



25%

are children



41%

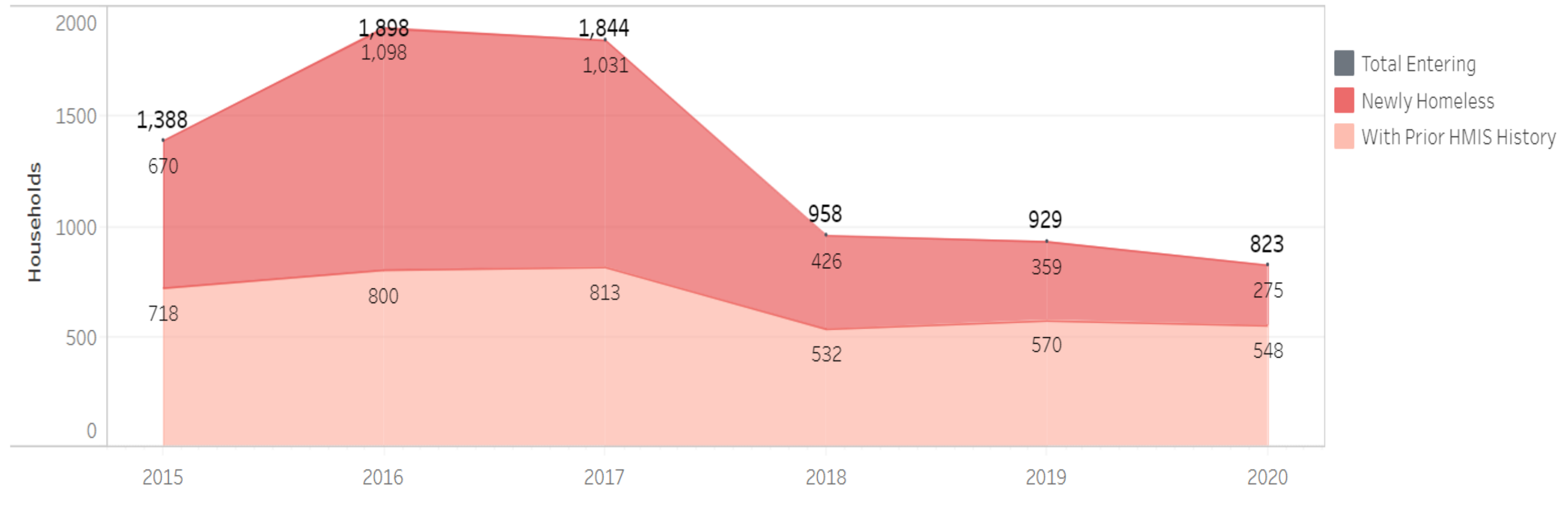
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FISCAL YEAR 2020, 7/1/19-6/30/20

Households Entering in FY (Inflow)



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THE IMPACT OF HOMELESSNESS - HAWAI'I COUNTY

FISCAL YEAR 2020, 7/1/19-6/30/20

605

people moved into
permanent housing

70%

Exit rate to permanent
housing

1,452

HOMELESS
PERSONS SERVED
IN HAWAI'I COUNTY

89

Average length of stay
in emergency shelter
(in days)

77%

Successfully remained
housed for 2+ years

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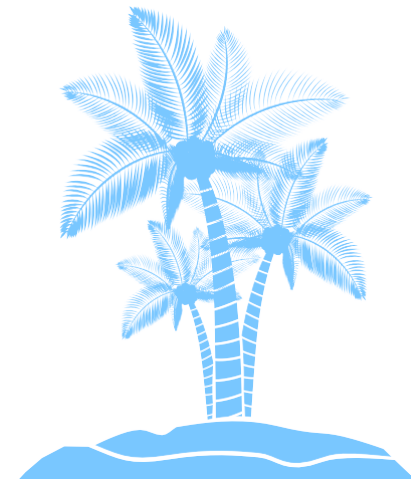
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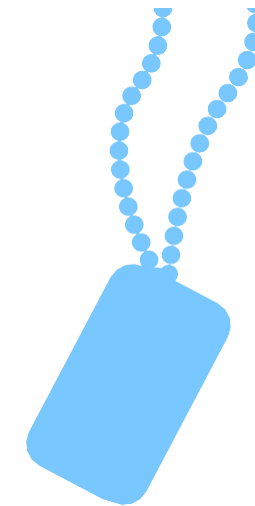
5%

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under 1 year



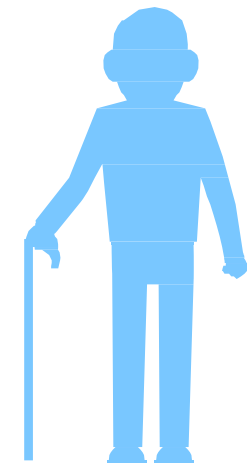
63%

have lived in
Hawai'i 20+ years



6%

are U.S. Veterans



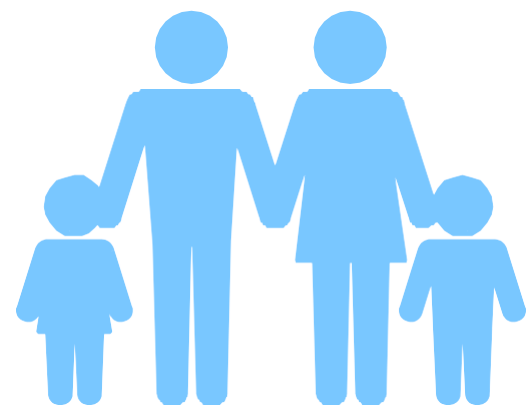
10%

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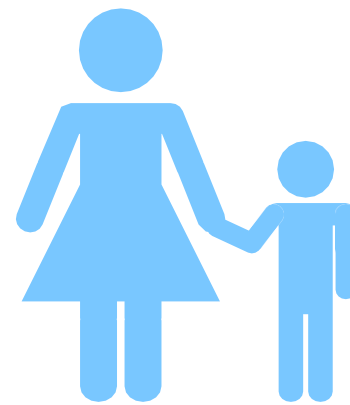
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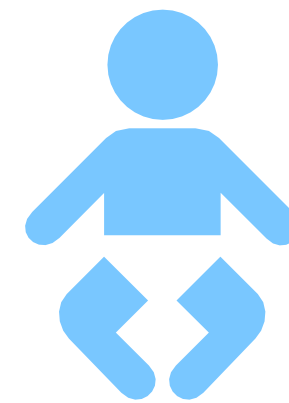
213

families with
Minor
children



58%

of families are led
by singlemothers



33%

are children



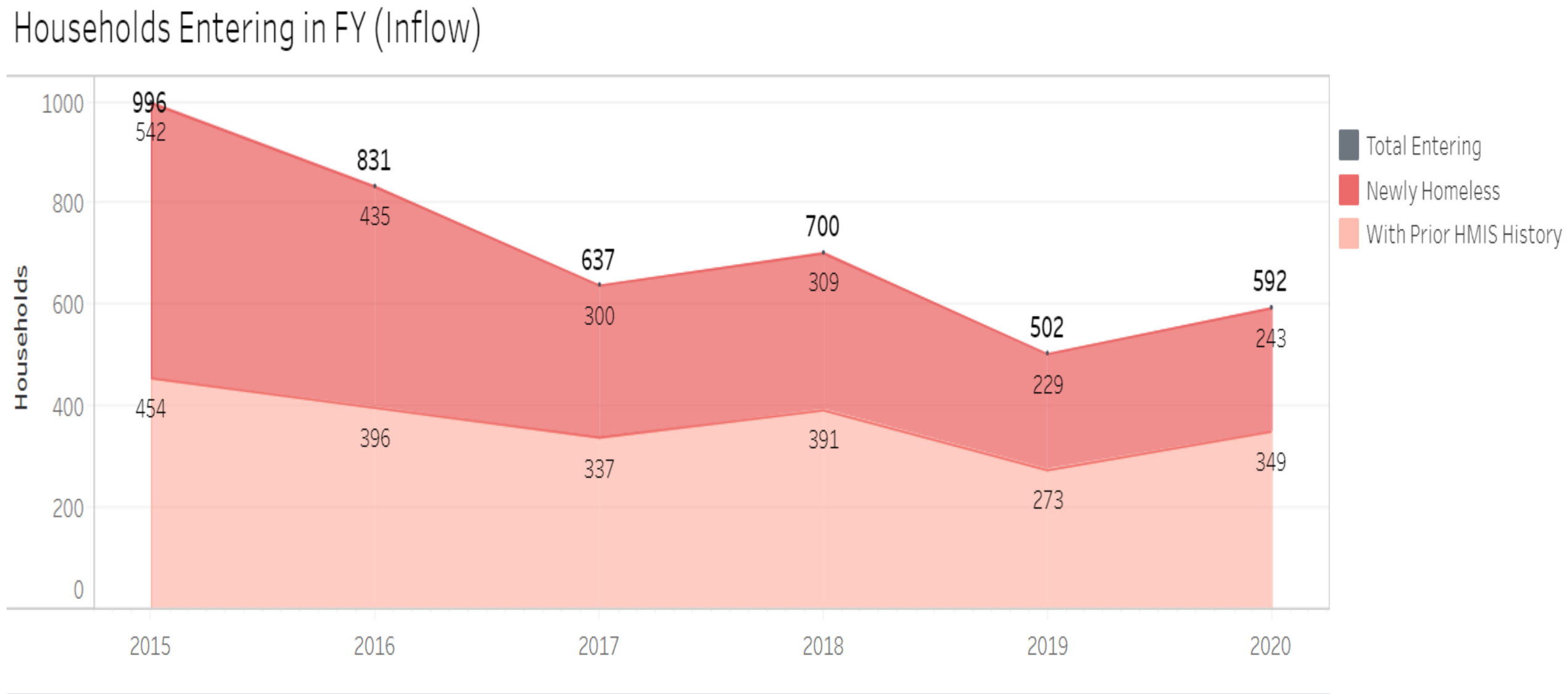
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FISCAL YEAR 2020, 7/1/19-6/30/20



Source: Bridging the Gap's Homeless Management Information System

BRIDGING THE GAP

THE IMPACT OF HOMELESSNESS ACROSS THE NEIGHBOR ISLANDS

FISCAL YEAR 2020, 7/1/19-6/30/20

1,249

people moved into
permanent housing

51%

Exit rate to permanent
housing

3,727

HOMELESS
PERSONS SERVED
ON THE NEIGHBOR
ISLANDS

85

Average length of stay
in emergency shelter
(in days)

79%

Successfully remained
housed for 2+ years

Source: Bridging the Gap's Homeless Management Information System

BRIDGING THE GAP

THE IMPACT OF HOMELESSNESS ACROSS THE NEIGHBOR ISLANDS

FISCAL YEAR 2020, 7/1/19-6/30/20



4%

have lived in Hawai'i
under 1 year



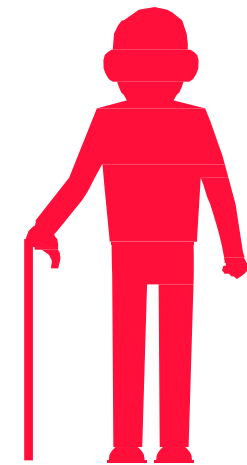
40%

have lived in
Hawai'i 20+ years



6%

are U.S. Veterans



10%

are kūpuna

Source: Bridging the Gap's Homeless Management Information System

BRIDGING THE GAP

IMPACT OF **FAMILY** HOMELESSNESS ACROSS THE NEIGHBOR ISLANDS

FISCAL YEAR 2020, 7/1/19-6/30/20

207

Family households
moved into
permanent housing

68%

Exit rate to permanent
housing

488

FAMILIES WITH
MINOR CHILDREN
SERVED ON THE
NEIGHBOR ISLANDS

103

Average
length of stay in
emergency shelter
(in days)

Source: Bridging the Gap's Homeless Management Information System

BRIDGING THE GAP

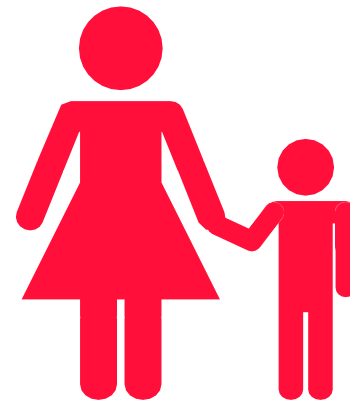
IMPACT OF FAMILY HOMELESSNESS ACROSS THE NEIGHBOR ISLANDS

FISCAL YEAR 2020, 7/1/19-6/30/20



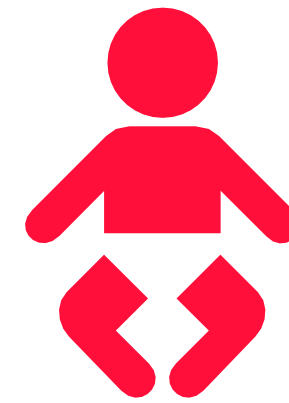
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families with
Minor
children



57%

of families are led
by singlemothers



28%

are children



43%

of keiki are 5
years and under

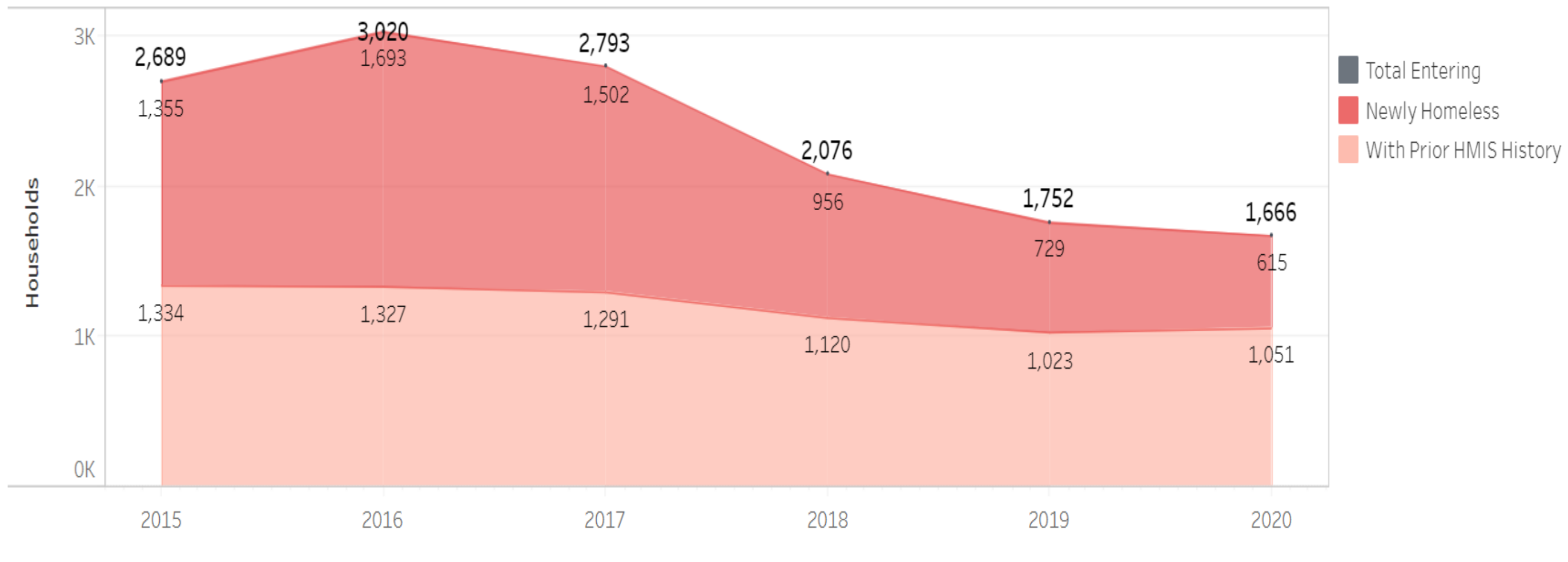
Source: Bridging the Gap's Homeless Management Information System

BRIDGING THE GAP

THE IMPACT OF **NEW** HOUSEHOLDS ENTERING THE HOMELESS PROGRAMS SYSTEM IN - ACROSS THE NEIGHBOR ISLANDS

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Households Entering in FY (Inflow)



Source: Bridging the Gap's Homeless Management Information System

BTG'S MEMBER AGENCIES COVID-19 Response



- Increased Outreach efforts
- Enhanced Street Outreach with new 'Street Medicine' Program
- Conducted COVID-19 Testing
- Increased emergency sheltering

- USDA Fresh Produce Boxes Distribution
- Implemented the County CDBG CV ROUND 1 & County & State CARES Rent, Mortgage and Non-governmental utilities assistance

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) COVID Funding

- **ESG COVID Round 1 Funding**

- Street Outreach
- Emergency Shelter
- Homeless Prevention
- Rapid Rehousing



- ESG COVID Round 2 Funding (TBD)



LESSONS LEARNED from COVID Response

1. Continue to work with urgency.
2. Continue to be flexible with State Funding.
3. Increase State Department of Human Services – Homeless Programs Office staff capacity due to increased federal funding.
4. Continue to communicate often across the State.
5. Build provider capacity often across the State

Hawaii's Continuum's of Care Legislative Priorities

- **Preserve** Critical Homelessness Services and Supports When Need is Greatest
- **Continue** Affordable Housing Investments to Support the Economy and Our Future



PARTNERS IN CARE

Oahu's Continuum of Care

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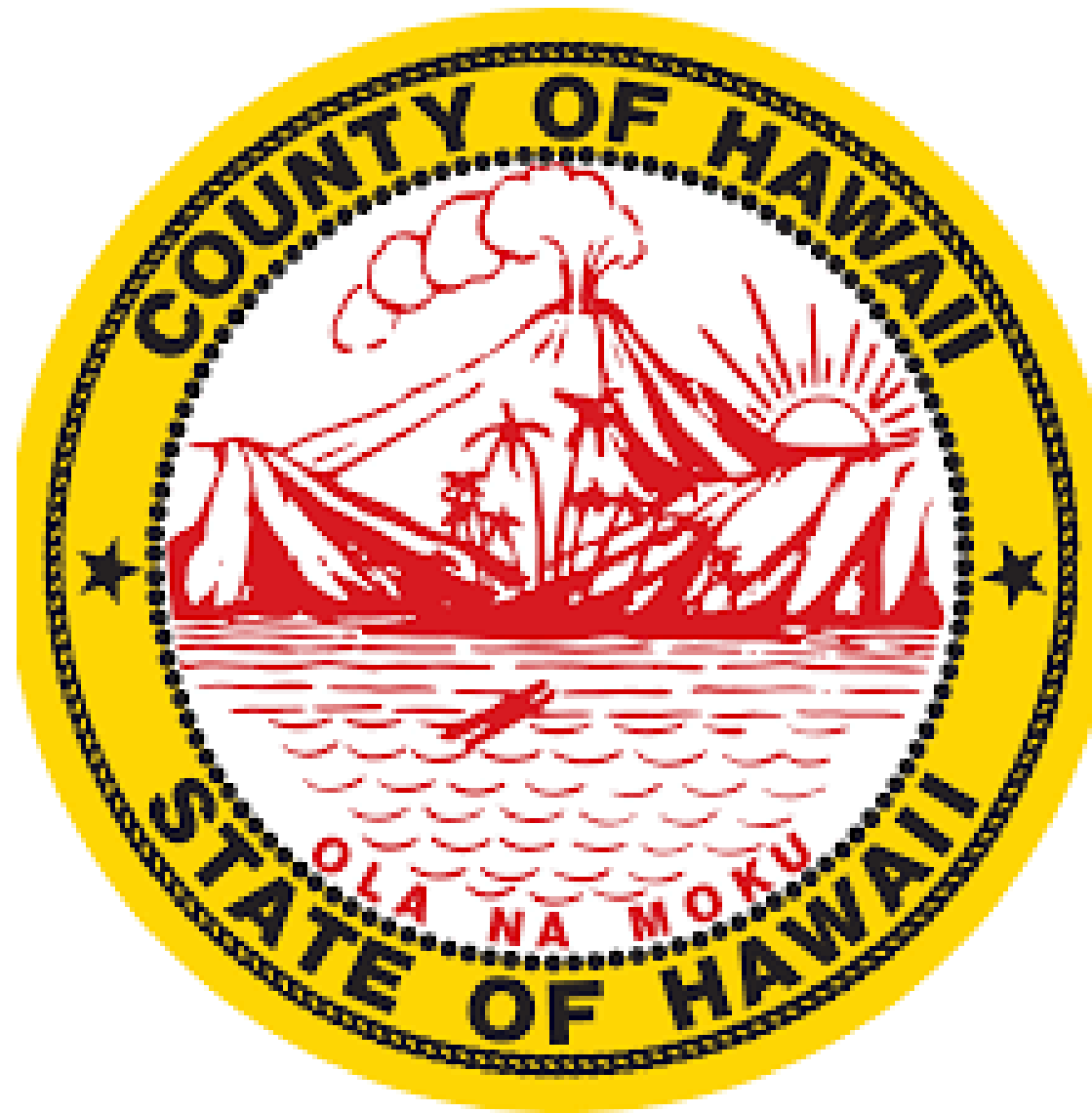


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COUNTY OF HAWAII



The Community Alliance Partners is currently made up of over 40 organizations and allies using a Housing First – low barrier system to house and provide follow-up services island-wide to our house-less neighbors.

The CAP is led by a team of volunteers who represent various services, faith-based and community-based organizations.

COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2018 Response to Kilāuea Eruptions
- 2019 Keolahou Assessment Center and Emergency Shelter
Implemented Street Medicine in East Hawai'i
Section 8 Program advocacy
- 2020 Implemented the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program
COVID-19 Response
Hale Kūlike



COUNTY OF HAWAII' I - COVID-19 RESPONSE

HOMELESS OUTREACH

- COVID Info Card
- Outreach Kits - added hand sanitizers & facemasks
- Hand washing stations at encampments
- Encampment Mapping
- ID high-risk individuals
- Review expectations for micro-shelters
- **COVID-19 Testing**



COUNTY OF HAWAII - COVID-19 RESPONSE

MOBILIZED STREET MEDICINE TEAMS

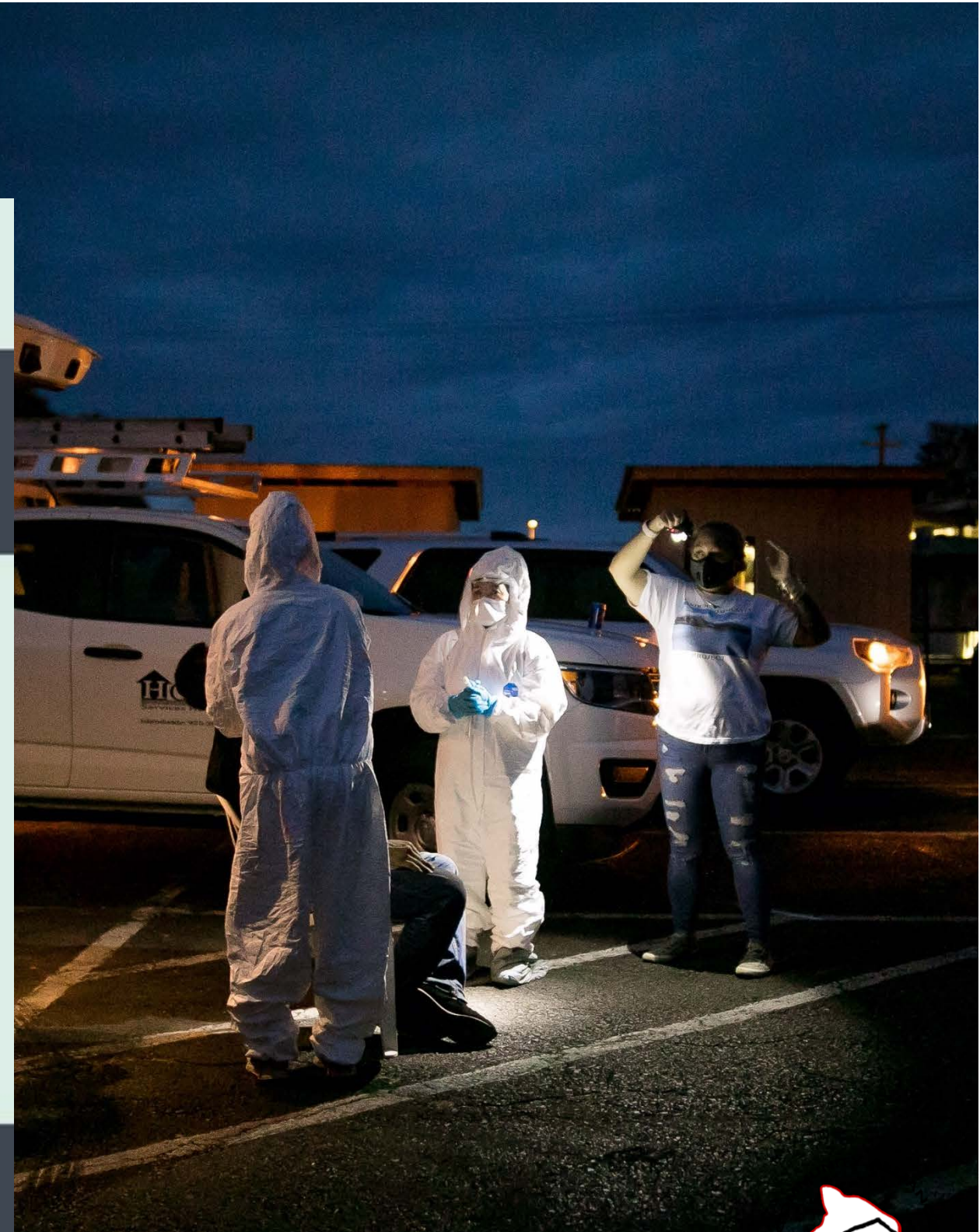
STREET MEDICINE  **HOPE**  **PREMIER MEDICAL GROUP HAWAII** 

FREE SERVICES FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

In-person medical evaluation 	Wound care 	Prescription delivery 	Shelter & housing services 
Telemedicine	Connection with detox/rehab	Medication cost assistance	Help enrolling in insurance

(808) 217-6502



COUNTY OF HAWAII' I - COVID-19 RESPONSE

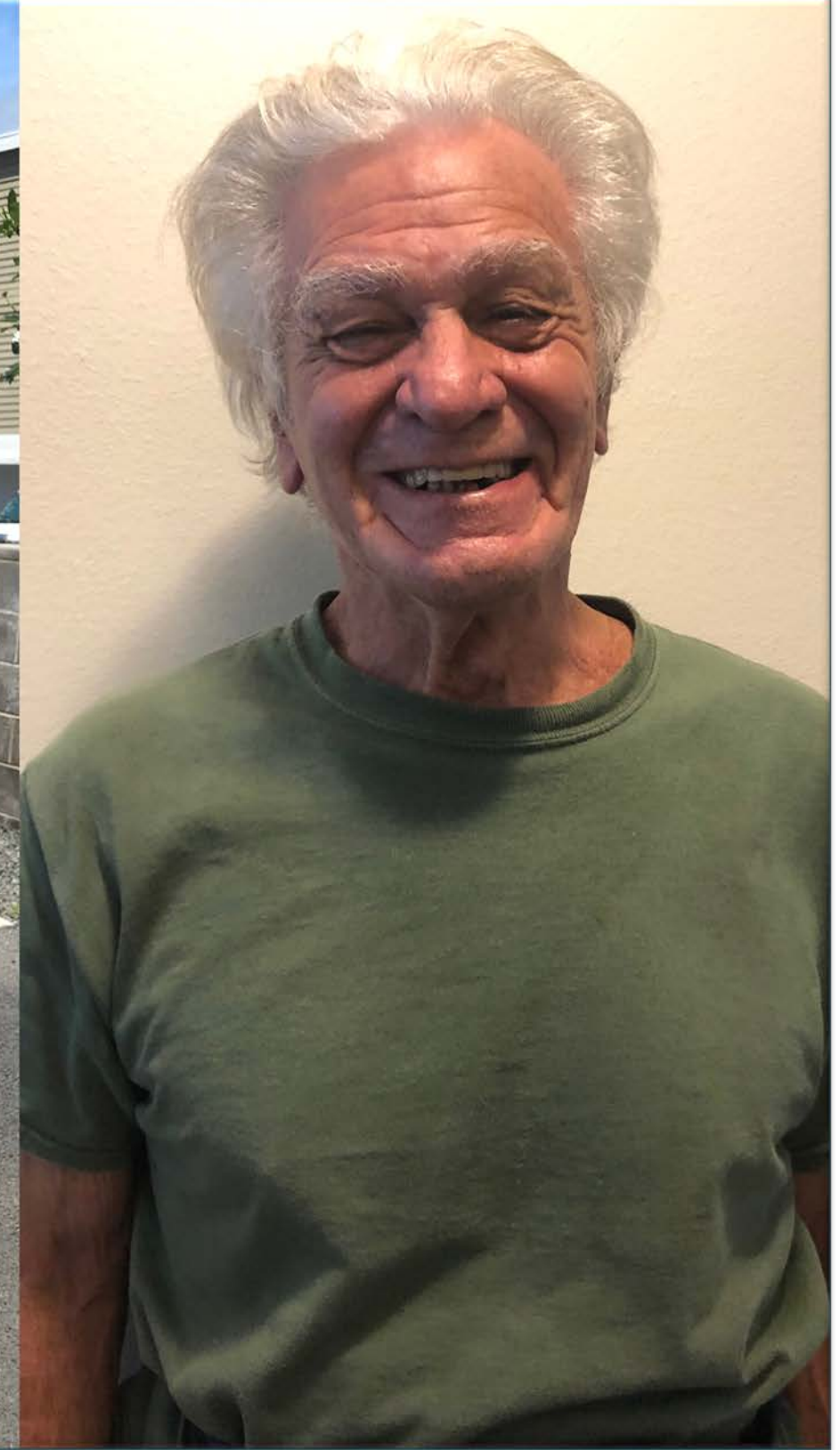
INCREASED
EMERGENCY
SHELTERING
by 90 beds



- HOPE Express (Holiday Inn & Kamuela Inn)
- Hale Hanakahi (32 micro-shelters) in Hilo
- Ka Lamaku (18 micro-shelters) in Kona



TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGES



COUNTY OF HAWAII - COVID-19 RESPONSE

USDA Fresh Produce Boxes Distribution

26 Community Partners including non-profit, for profit, national guard, businesses & faith communities



COUNTY OF HAWAII - COVID-19 RESPONSE

Financial Assistance

- At the request of the County (through Civil Defense), HOPE Services secured private donations to provided financial assistance for return flights for individuals who arrived with no resources.
- Awarded \$300K through the Community Development Block Grant- Cares Funding providing rent relief to households that were negatively financially impacted by the pandemic.



COUNTY OF HAWAII' I - COVID-19 RESPONSE

CONTINUED TO STAY FOCUSED ON NEW PROGRAMS TOO:

- Family Assessment Centers in Kea'au & Kailua-Kona
- Keolahou Assessment Center
- Hale Kūlike, Hilo
- Kukuiola, Kailua-Kona



COUNTY OF HAWAII - COVID-19 RESPONSE

CONTINUED TO STAY FOCUSED ON NEW PROGRAMS TOO:

Rent & Mortgage Assistance Program (RMAP)

- Distributed **\$10,834,309**
- **6 Partners** – managed by Hawaiian Community Assets
 - Hawaii First FCU, HOPE Services Hawaii, Neighborhood Place of Puna, Habitat for Humanity and Hawaii Island Home for Recovery
 - **1 application / 1 data management system**
 - **1 website –updated weekly with application status info**
- **1,729 unduplicated households**, 5,408 household members
 - Average grant - \$ 6,266.23
 - 52% were homeowners, 48% were renters
 - Zip Codes with highest approval rate: 96740, 96738, 96743 and 96720



COUNTY OF HAWAII - COVID-19 RESPONSE

CONTINUED TO STAY FOCUSED ON NEW PROGRAMS TOO:

Financial Navigator Program

- Funded through a private grant from the Cities for Financial Empowerment
- First to launch in the United States
- Provides **FREE** – remote, confidential financial navigation services
- Helps island residents address concerns, like paying for daily living expenses and supplementing income



Remote, confidential, financial navigation is available at no cost.

SCHEDULE A FREE SESSION TODAY:
HAWAIIFIRSTFCU.COM



COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

1,452

PERSONS WE HAVE ENGAGED WITH ON HAWAI'I ISLAND JULY 2019-JUNE 2020

PEOPLE WHO MOVED INTO PERMANENT HOUSING	605
EXIT RATE TO PERMANENT HOUSING	70%
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY IN EMERGENCY SHELTER (IN DAYS)	89
SUCCESSFULLY REMAINED HOUSED FOR 2+ YEARS	77%



COUNTY OF HAWAI'I



5%

have lived in
Hawai'i under 1
year



63%

have lived in
Hawai'i 20+
years



10%

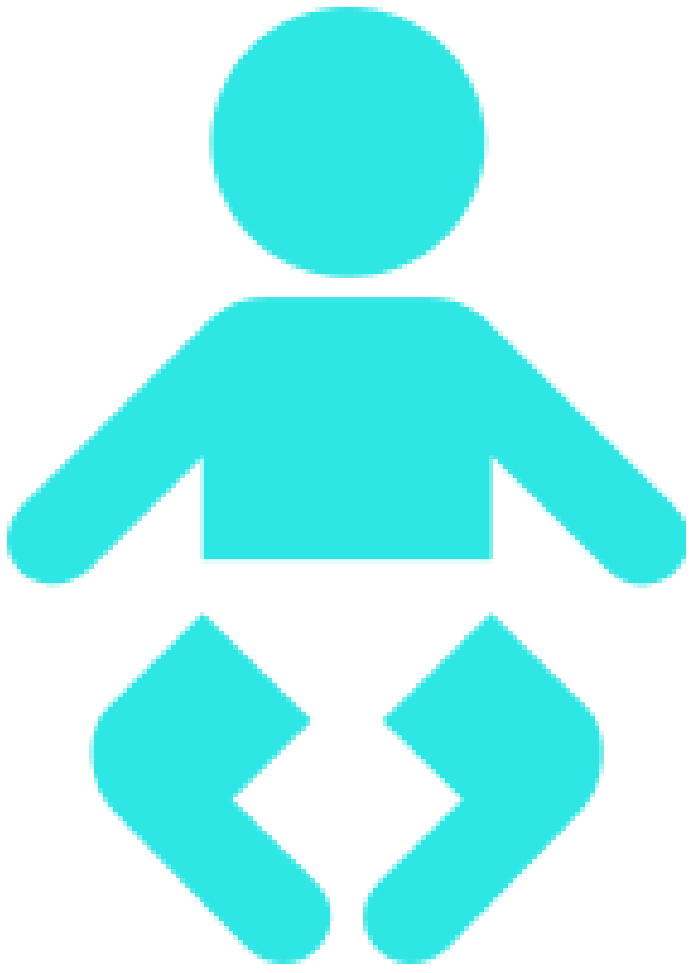
are kūpuna



COUNTY OF HAWAII



33%
are keiki



45%
of keiki are 5 or
younger



COMMUNITY ALLIANCE PARTNERS - PRIORITIES

Building Affordable Housing

- **Support Habitat for Humanity Hawaii Island** in building units – 40 total in the next 4 years
- **Support HOPE Services and Hawaii Island Community Development Corporation** in building 12 units on land adjacent to the Sacred Hearts Church in Pahoa
- **Support the County** in the full build of Kukuiola Assessment Center & Shelter
- **Partner with and support the Community Land Trust** in acquiring units for affordable housing
- **Support non-profits or others** in acquiring existing units to be converted into affordable housing units.

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE PARTNERS - PRIORITIES

Building Community Agency through Advocacy

- **Awareness Campaign**
 - Share Data about homelessness, housing insecurity and poverty
 - Raise awareness about current best practices, barriers to reducing/ending homelessness,
- **Community Education**
 - Housing First and related best practices as Trauma Informed Care, Low Barrier approaches, Assertive Engagement, Client Choice, Harm Mitigation
- **Focus on preserving / increasing social services** especially in the area of homelessness

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE PARTNERS - PRIORITIES

Building Hope through Advocacy to Increase Supportive Services

- **Increase** Mental Health / Behavioral Health – Addiction Services, Stabilization Beds
- **Increase** case management services to ensure that households have the supports they need to find housing and remain housed
- **Street Medicine** – support the expansion of services
- **Medical Providers** – develop partnerships to increase services and accessibility



COMMUNITY ALLIANCE PARTNERS - PRIORITIES

Building Hope through Advocacy to Increase Supportive Services

- **Increase Financial Navigation / Financial Empowerment Services**
- **Increase Employment / Job Training** through partnership with the Job Center, Workforce Development Division and others
- **Increase Domestic Violence Services** and Rental Assistance



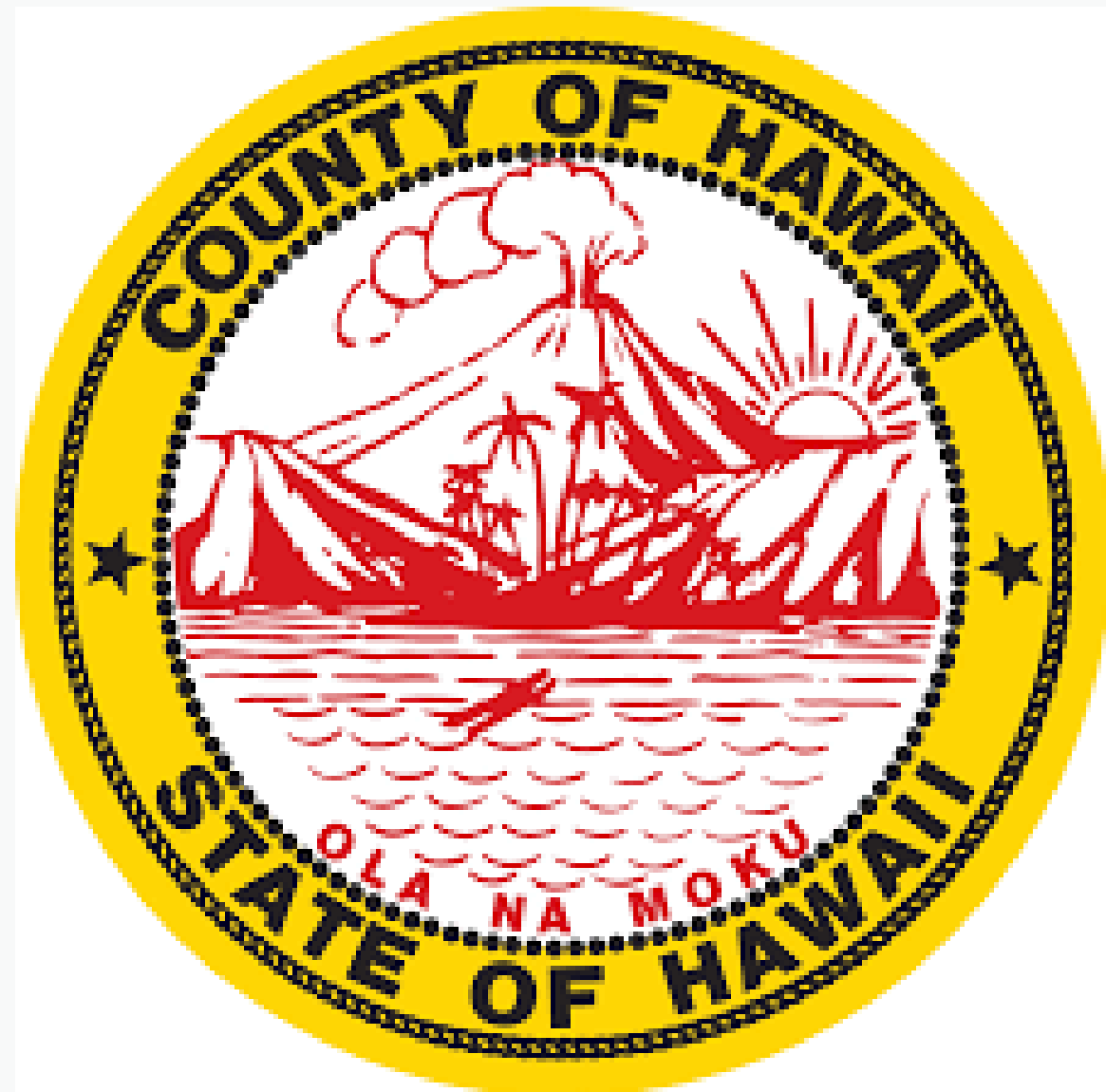
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MAHAALO!

OUR CONTINUOUS ADVOCACY, EMPATHY,
AND PARTNERSHIP SAVES LIVES.



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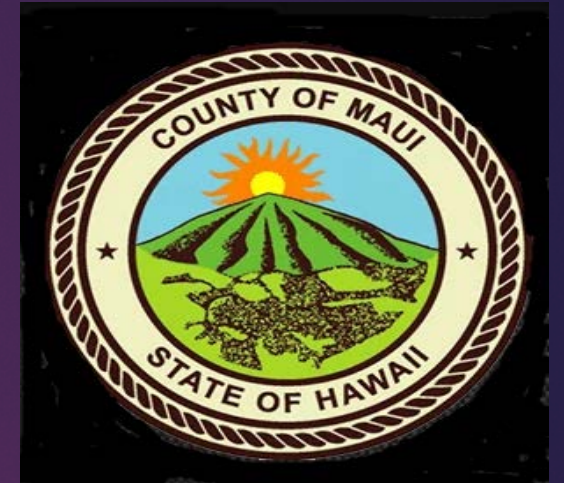
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Maui County Update



HMIS Statistical Data: FY2018 through FY2020

- ▶ TOTAL NUMBER OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS SERVED IN
MAUI COUNTY:

- ▶ 2018: 1,363

- ▶ 2019: 1,704

- ▶ 2020: 1,778

NO. OF UNSHELTERED INDIVIDUALS SERVED WHO MOVED INTO PERMANENT HOUSING

▶ 2018: 654

▶ 2019: 538

▶ 2020: 530

EXIT RATE TO PERMANENT HOUSING

▶ 2018: 42%

▶ 2019: 39%

▶ 2020: 45%

Maui Data

- ▶ Note that during the 6 month period from June 2020 – November 2020, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the exit rate to Permanent Housing INCREASED to 71%.
- ▶ With a heightened focus on the COVID-19 risk to the homeless population, providers with housing resources increased their efforts to place individuals into Permanent Housing in the most challenging of times.



Wahi Ho'omalū O Wailuku
pallet shelter





In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the County of Maui purchased and erected 23 pallet shelters in a County owned park.

- ▶ Eligibility based on one's vulnerability in acquiring COVID19. (Age, disability and/or pre-existing health condition)
- ▶ Each 8x8 unit had its own A/C and electricity
- ▶ The project utilizes the existing park bathrooms
- ▶ Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Resource Center is providing a mobile hygiene unit which has 3 shower stalls, a washer, and a dryer.
- ▶ 24 hour security
- ▶ Dinners are provided

Wahi Ho`omalū O Wailuku

- ▶ Family Life Center is providing the Case Management and Housing Services
- ▶ Focused on exiting the individuals and families to Permanent Housing outcomes
- ▶ The project, which was launched in May 2020, is temporary. It is scheduled to close at the end of March 2021



Ohana Zones Huliau Project





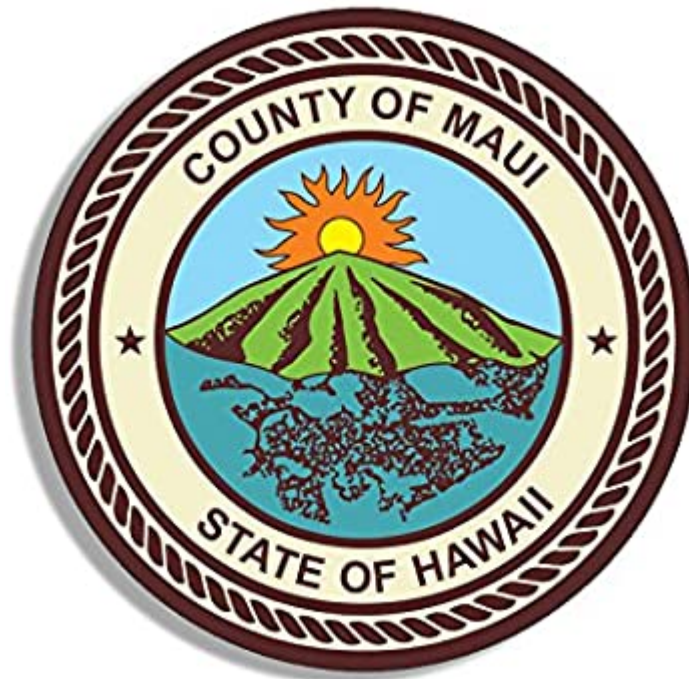
Ohana Zones Huliau Affordable Rental Project

- ▶ Renovation of the former UH Maui College dormitories
- ▶ Permanent Housing for 12 homeless families
- ▶ 4 Buildings on Property
 - ▶ Three apartment buildings with four, 2-bedroom/1 bath units in each
 - ▶ One multi-purpose community building (laundry, recreation, office space, mailboxes)
- ▶ Projected Completion Date: March 2021

What made the Huliau Project come to fruition:

- ▶ \$5,000,000 from the State Legislature in DURF for construction.
- ▶ \$874,000 in Ohana Zone funding from the State Legislature in 2018 for Case Management and Property Management.
- ▶ Partnering with HHFDC and the University of Hawai'i who collaborated closely with the County of Maui.
- ▶ Scott Morishige and his team for administering the funds along with their support and guidance.

MAHALO!



County of Kaua'i: Status of Homelessness

JANUARY 13, 2021

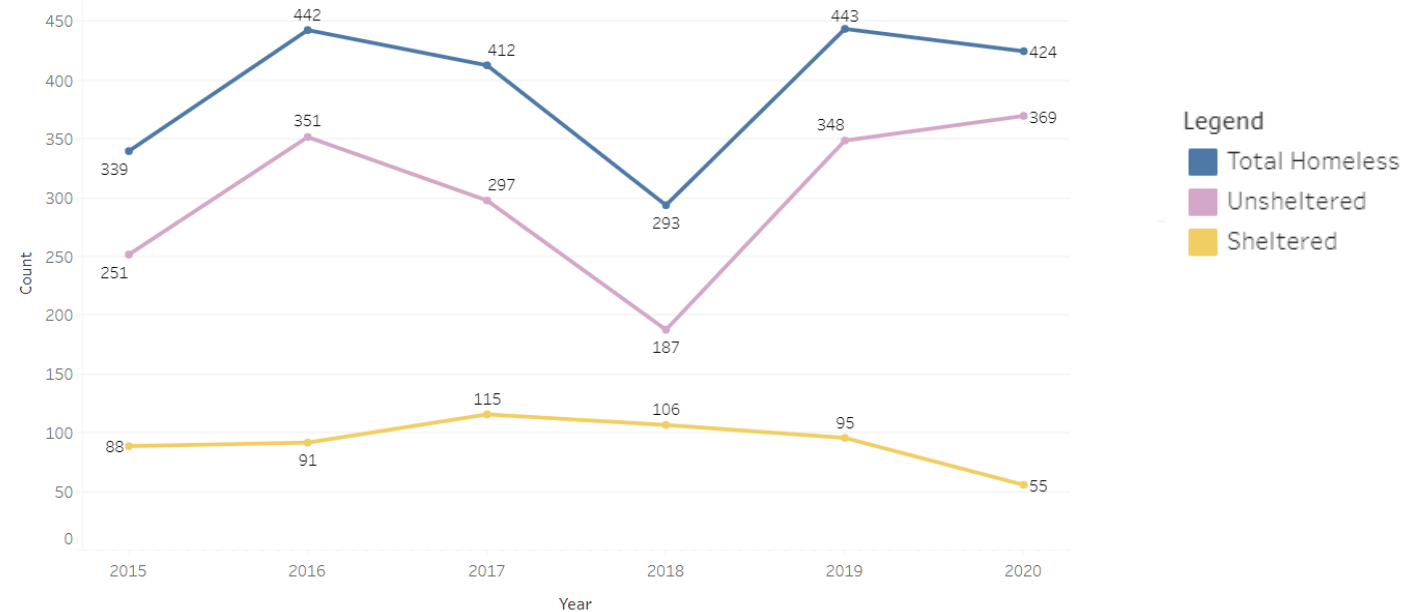
ASHTON VARNER, HOMELESS COORDINATOR



Current Status on Kaua'i

- ▶ According to the January 26, 2020, Bridging the Gap Point-In-Time count, Kaua'i has a total of 424 homeless individuals.
- ▶ Other stats: 65 keiki, 23 veterans, 93 have a mental illness, 102 have a substance use disorder.

Total Homeless, Unsheltered, and Sheltered



Brief History of County Homeless Support

- ▶ County of Kaua'i hasn't had a dedicated homeless program in the past.
- ▶ Homeless coordinator role still new.
 - ▶ ~3 years old.
 - ▶ Now housed entirely within the Kaua'i County Housing Agency.
- ▶ Continuing to foster partnerships with non-profits as well as Continuum of Care, Bridging The Gap and taking an active role in the local chapter, Kaua'i Community Alliance (KCA).



Kealaula on Pua Loke: Ohana Zone

- ▶ Permanent supportive housing with on-site case management provided by Women In Need (WIN).
- ▶ **Mahalo to the Governor's office & State funding**: The property and 50% of funding came from the State.
- ▶ Governor's emergency proclamation was key to moving quickly and efficiently.
- ▶ Construction took less than 10 months and cost 1/3 less per unit than the typical cost of affordable housing units.
- ▶ Desire to repeat model in other areas of Kaua'i.

Kealaula on Pua Loke: Ohana Zone

- ▶ Residents must be actively homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness with a preference for families with minor children.
- ▶ Move in began on Tuesday, Nov. 24.
- ▶ Current residents: 21 households, 63 individuals, 29 keiki.





County Beach Park Safe Camping

- ▶ In response to COVID-19, we implemented safe camping zones at 5 County beach parks through an official permitting system.
- ▶ County beach parks offer showers, bathrooms and running water, providing a more realistic way for the homeless to be able to shelter-in-place.
- ▶ Current Numbers (1/8/21): 238 individuals
 - ▶ Lydgate: 72 adults, 5 children
 - ▶ Anini: 59 adults, 10 children
 - ▶ Salt Pond: 44 adults, 9 children
 - ▶ Lucy Wright: 26 adults, 4 children
 - ▶ Anahola: 8 adults, 1 child

Outreach

- ▶ Beach park access to the population has had positive effects on outreach. Easier to reach more people at one time.
- ▶ Various outreach events:
 - ▶ August: HCV/TBRA voucher program, Kealahou
 - ▶ Moved into Kealahou from beach parks: 6 households, 25 individuals
 - ▶ September: Lihue outreach with 8 non-profits
 - ▶ September & October: Park cleanups with Parks & Rec and Solid Waste
 - ▶ November: Project Housing Connect outreach with 15 non-profits at 3 locations

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

- ▶ Similar to HCV (Housing Choice Voucher – aka Section 8 or HUD)
- ▶ Two-year voucher program with a preference for those who are actively homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless
- ▶ *Leased up*: 19 households (at capacity)
- ▶ *Waitlist*: 228 households (402 individuals)

Mahalo!

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