



# CalWORKs Housing Support Program

**2015 Demonstration Project**

*Presentation to Social Services Advisory Board  
February 12, 2015*



# Project Background



# Funding Opportunity

- \* SB 855 allocated \$20 million dollars for Housing Support Program targeting homeless CalWORKs recipients
- \* Counties encouraged to develop proposals:
  - \* Using models reflected in HUD Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Rehousing Program
  - \* Leveraging partnerships with organizations experienced in providing housing services



# San Diego Grant Proposal Team

- \* Led by Eligibility Operations (CalWORKs Team)
  - \* Housing and Community Development
  - \* Community Action Partnership
    - \* CAP Partners
  - \* HHSA Homeless Services Coordinator
  - \* Behavioral Health Services

Data Analysis

Review of  
HUD Model

Local Best  
Practices

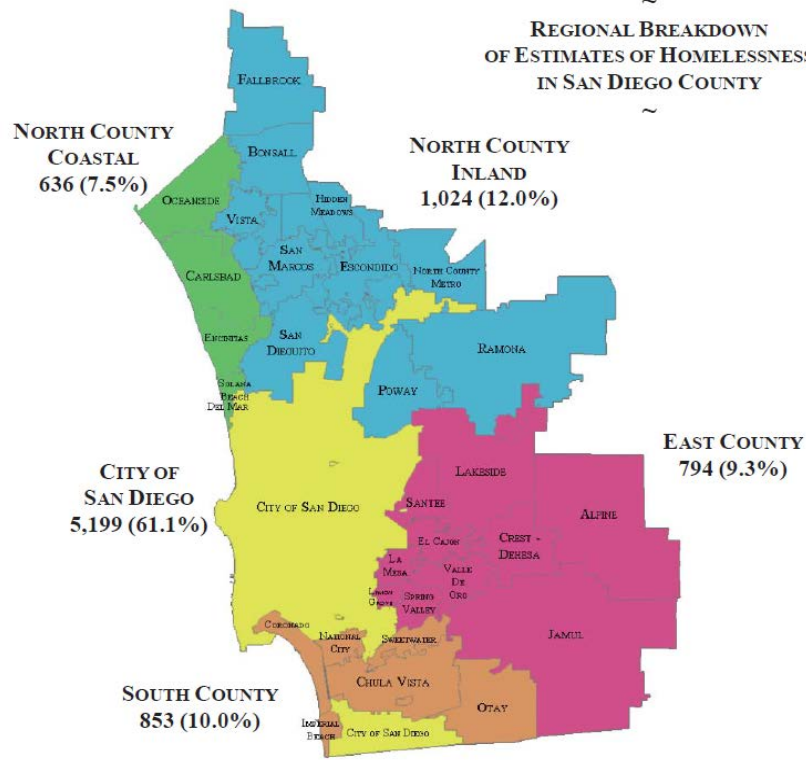
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# Data Analysis

## 2014 POINT-IN-TIME COUNT

### REGIONAL BREAKDOWN OF ESTIMATES OF HOMELESSNESS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY

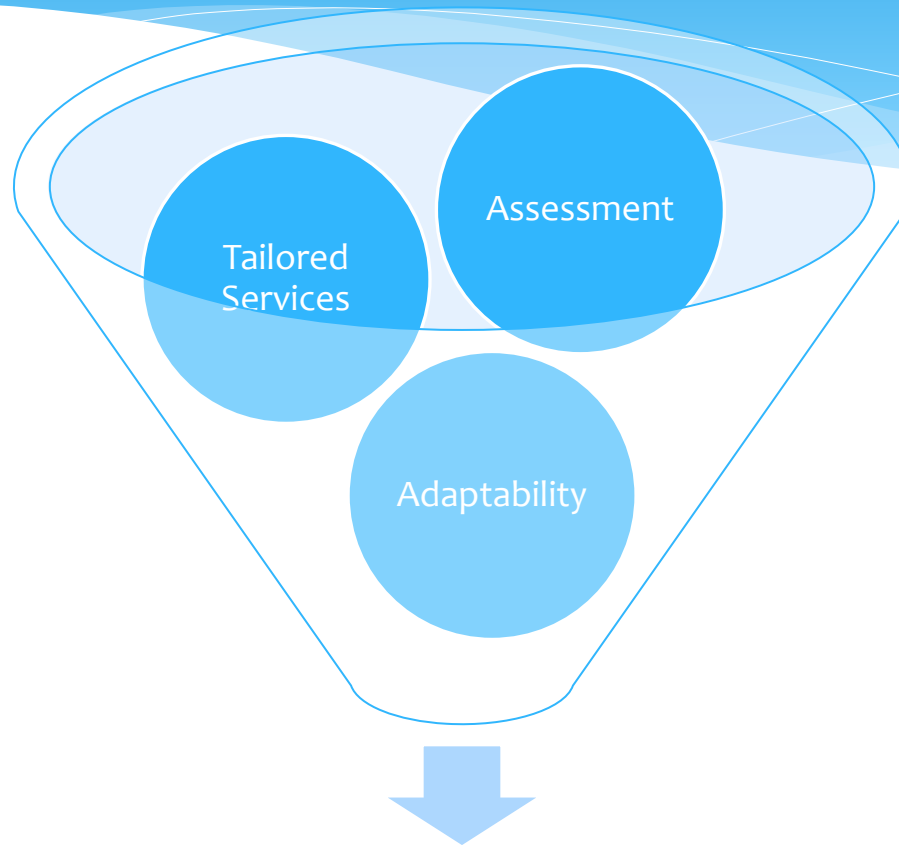


<i>San Diego County August 2014</i>	
Average Rent	\$1,309
CalWORKs Grant for Family of 3	\$670
CalWORKs cases reporting homelessness	3,655*

*\* Does not include families who have not identified as homeless but may be living temporarily with family/friends*



# Rapid Rehousing Model



Permanent Housing



# Local Lessons Learned

## What Worked

- \* Tailored Case Plan
- \* Financial Counseling & Credit Repair
- \* Stepped Down Financial Subsidy

## What Was Missing

- \* Countywide Standard Assessment
- \* Funding for Intensive Case Management
- \* Bridge Housing Component



# Program Design





# Key Components of San Diego's CalWORKs Housing Support Program

## Intensive Case Management

- Assessment of housing barriers using VI-SPDAT for families
- Development of Housing Plan
- Financial literacy/coaching
- Help resolving legal issues
- Referrals to resources as needed

## Housing Navigation

- Landlord recruitment and retention
- Help finding and securing permanent housing for clients

## Financial Assistance

- Bridge housing
- Move-in costs (deposits, moving expenses, utility)
- Rental subsidy (maximum 70% of rent)



# Target Population

- \* Homeless families currently receiving CalWORKs that meet one of the following conditions:
  - \* *Lacking a fixed and regular nighttime residence, or;*
  - \* *Having a primary nighttime residence that is supervised publically/privately operated shelter for temporary living accommodations, or;*
  - \* *Residing in a place not designed for regular sleeping accommodations, or;*
  - \* *In receipt of a judgment for eviction.*
- \* VI-SPDAT Assessment indicates Rapid Rehousing is appropriate intervention
- \* Client agrees to develop and comply with a Housing Plan



# Data Tracking & Evaluation

## Data collection requirements from CDSS (HSP 14)

- Requests/Referrals
- Caseload Movement
- Financial Assistance
- Housing Services

## Additional data requested monthly (HMIS & Invoices)

- VI-SPDAT Family Score
- Best practices/lessons learned
- Success stories



# Current Status & Next Steps



# Current Status

- \* CalWORKs Housing Support Program Administered in Central Region by Home Start
  - \* Fully staffed
  - \* Accepting referrals from partners
    - \* **Contact Monica Perez, Program Associate, at [Mperez@home-start.org](mailto:Mperez@home-start.org) or at (619) 229-3660 x 236**
  - \* Client orientations (Tues & Thurs)
- \* Program Data Module Available in Service Point
  - \* Training provided to Home Start Staff
  - \* Custom reports being developed



# Next Steps

- \* Data collection & evaluation
- \* Presentation to CDSS in April 2015





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