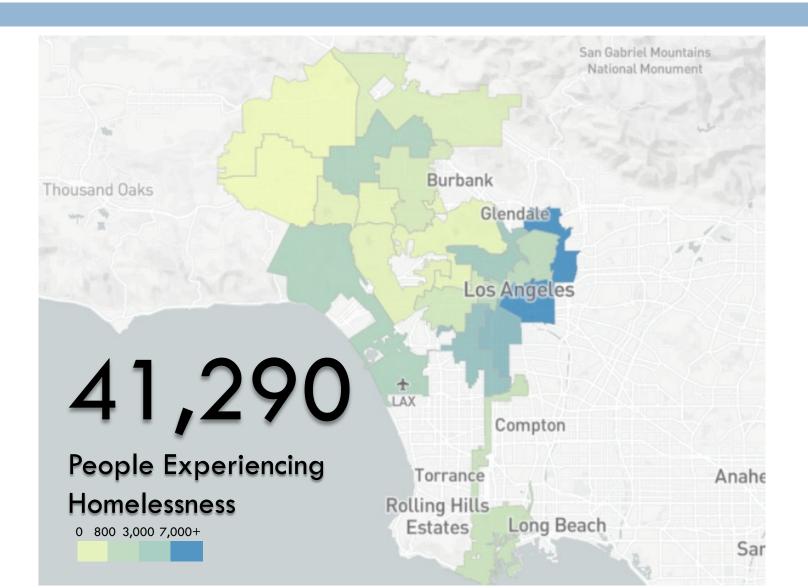


# PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING CITY OF LOS ANGELES



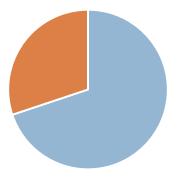
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#### Shelter



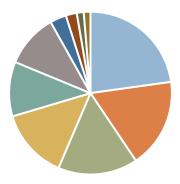
- Unsheltered
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# Household



- Individuals
- Family Members
- Unaccompanied Minors

#### **Subpopulations**

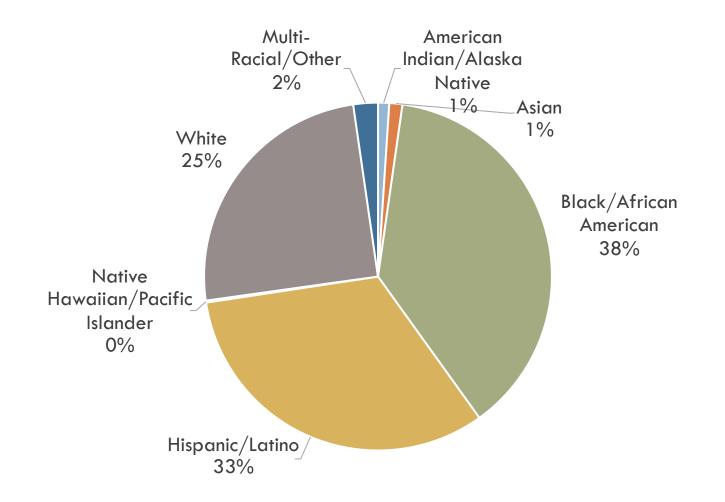


- Chronically Homeless Individuals
- Domestic Violence
- Substance Use Issues
- Serious Mental Illness
- Chronic Illness
- Physical Disability
- Veterans
- Brian Injury
- HIV/AIDS
- Chronically Homeless Family Members

# Causes and History of Homelessness in California

- Closing of Publicly Funded Residential Treatment Facilities for People with Mental Illnesses in 1970s, with promises to provide care in community facilities that never were built.
- No-growth policies that suppressed housing production so Los Angeles is 500 apartment units short if what is needed.
- Rising income inequality.
- Trauma, incarceration, war on drugs, lack of family supports.

## Race/Ethnicity of People Experiencing Homelessness



### Permanent Supportive Housing

What is PSH?

An evidence-based housing intervention that combines permanent affordable housing units with rental subsidies and with wrap-around supportive services for people experiencing homelessness, as well as other people with disabilities.

### Permanent Supportive Housing

#### Who is PSH for?

Formerly Homeless People, Chronically Homeless individuals and families, and people at risk of homelessness



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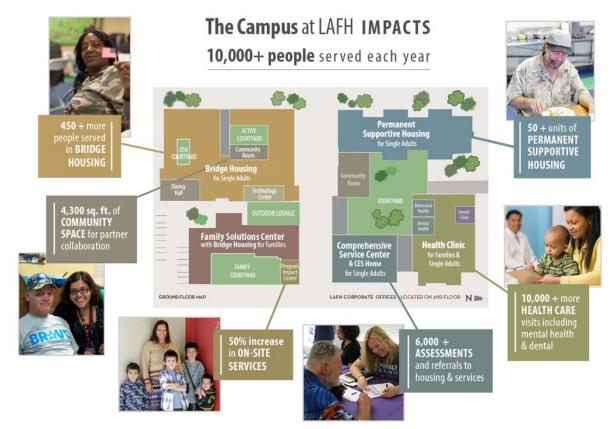
Why Does PSH Work?

- Studies have proven that Housing First permanent supportive housing models result in:
  - Iong-term housing stability
  - improved physical and behavioral health outcomes
  - reduced use of crisis services such as emergency departments, hospitals, and jails.

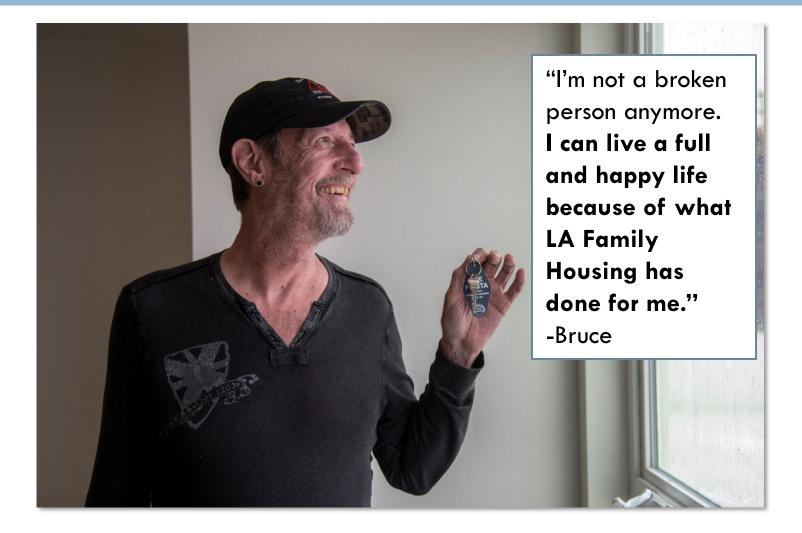
#### Los Angeles Family Housing www.lafh.org

"Our mission is to help people transition out of homelessness and poverty through a continuum of housing enriched with supportive services"

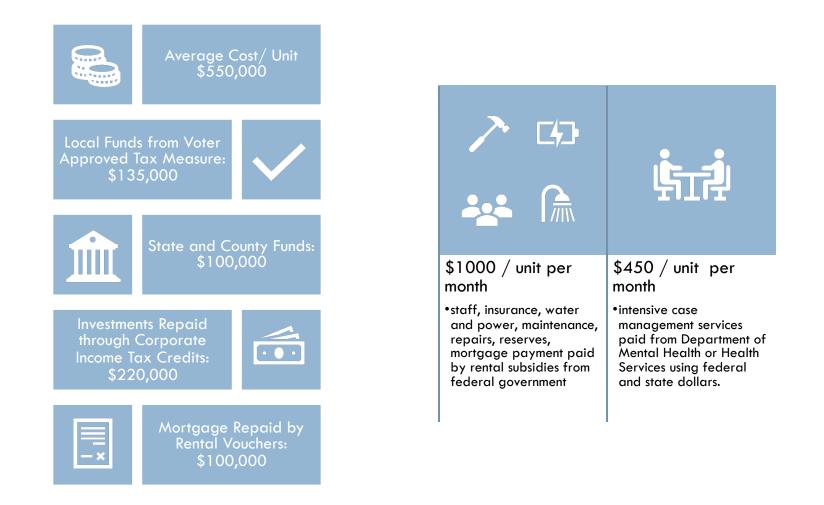
263 Participants in Project-Based Housing



#### **PSH Resident Testimonials**



# **Built and Operated**



Supportive Services:

- 0.50 Housing Stabilization / Service Manager per Building
- 2-3 Housing Stabilizers per Building
- 1 staff:20 clients Case Management Ratio
- 24/7 Support Coverage & Crisis Response
- Weekly Face-to-Face Engagement
- Monthly Home-Visit
- Monthly Activities On & Off-site for Tenants
- All Tenants Assessed for Benefits Increase
- All Tenants Connected to Medical & Mental Health Providers
- Weekly Project Manager / Asset Manager / Services Meetings
- Care Coordination with Other Service Providers

### Service Model

- Services provided often include:
  - Individually focused service plans
  - Physical and mental health care
  - Employment and educational services
  - Community Engagement
  - Art therapy
  - Yoga / Zumba
  - STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) classes
  - Financial education classes
  - Legal assistance
  - Diabetes prevention

#### **PSH Resident Testimonials**

Participant pictured is not William

#### **Tenant Selection**

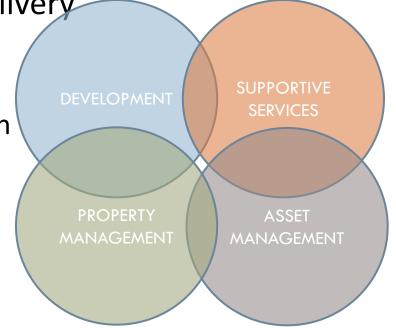
- Income qualifications
- Criminal Background Screening
- Typical House Rules
- Housing First policies
- Coordinated Entry System

#### Measurement of Client Success

The ultimate indicators of the program's success are the length of time tenants remain in permanent housing, the prevention of a return to homelessness, and an improved quality of life for Tenants. Metrics include:

- Housing Stabilization: At least 90% of tenants remain in unit or exit to other permanent housing at six months and 85% after 1 year.
- Access to Housing: At least 90% of new or turnover PSH units for individuals and at least 50% of all new turnover PSH units re-dedicated to the chronically homeless.
- Increase in Benefits: 100% assessed for eligible benefits (at minimum SSI/SSDI, GR, CalWORKs, VA); of those eligible, 95% apply within 6 months; of those applying, 90% received within 1 year.

- What makes PSH Service Delivery Unique?
  - Coordinated Entry System (CES) Coordination from Outreach to Housing Placement
  - Trauma-Informed Service Delivery
    - Intentional Hiring
    - Resident Advocates
    - Service Focused Project Design
  - Coordination of the "Big 4"
    Ongoing coordination with Property Management and
    - Asset Management.



- Service Input Included in Design
  - Spaces Conducive for Optimal Safety & Service Provision:
    - Office Space Location/Design
    - Community Spaces
    - Lobby
    - Outdoor Spaces
    - Unit 🛛

Why Safety is so Important: Trauma-Informed Care

#### PSH Highlight: Palo Verde Apartments



Palo Verde provides 60 permanent supportive homes for individuals experiencing chronic homelessness who live with mental illness.



#### **PSH Highlight: The Fiesta Apartments**



The Fiesta provides 50 permanent supportive homes for individuals who have experienced homelessness.



# **PSH Highlight: The Louis Apartments**



#### **PSH Resident Testimonials**

#### AT LA FAMILY HOUSING, I FEEL SAFE, MY KIDS FEEL SAFE. AS A SURVIVOR OF SO MUCH PAIN, SOMETIMES THAT'S THE

MOST IMPORTANT THING. 🄰

-ANGELA

#### What's Next?

HHH approved in 2016: \$1,200,000,000 to build PSH. Will produce 12,000 units by 2025



Need another 30,000 units, or at least another \$4,000,000 to build enough to meet need.

Another voter initiative on the ballot in November 2022.

