



# BUILDING HOUSING RESOURCES GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

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2015 - 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness

Update 10-25-2016



# History and Purpose of the Plan

- Legislation in 2005 required counties to create localized plans to end homelessness
- Same legislation provided revenue to fund the plans via Document Recording Fees
- In 2015 housing providers and community partners drafted a plan that identified local priorities to direct efforts



# 2015 Planning Process

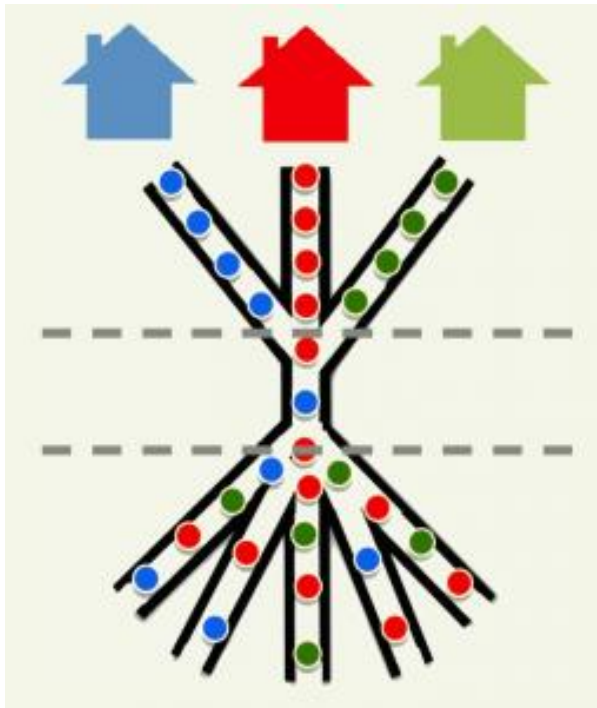


- Formation of Executive Committee
- Information gathering via data and interviews
  - Current draft of plan works to incorporate input from stakeholders
  - Bringing the plan back to the community for review and reflection (does it reflect our concerns and priorities?)
- Needs Assessment
- Workshops and Site Visits
- Identify Strategies to Address Homelessness
- Draft a work plan to guide efforts

# Contributing Factors to Homelessness

- **High and Long-term Unemployment and Poverty**
  - Lack of employment opportunities
  - End of unemployment benefits for many
  - 46% of Grays Harbor residents accessed DSHS services in 2014
- **Barriers to Housing**
  - Poor Credit History
  - Criminal History
  - Rural geography
  - Mental health, substance abuse, and physical disabilities
- **Lack of Safe, Affordable Housing**
  - 30% of all County Households are severely cost-burdened, paying 50% or more of their household income towards housing
  - For every 100 Households who earn 0-30% of AMI (\$0 - \$15,630) there are only 17 units of safe, affordable housing available

# Identified Strategies



1. Fully Develop Coordinated Entry
2. Maintain and Expand Affordable Housing options
3. Invest in Housing Resources for vulnerable populations
4. Build and Strengthen Housing System
5. Increase Community awareness and education

# Much is being done

- CCAP is rapidly re-housing increasing numbers of people
- Faith based groups are taking action to support the homeless
- Habitat for Humanity is accepting applications for their program
- UGM is fundraising to expand services
- CCS is providing leadership and expertise to local efforts
- Powerful citizens with resources are looking for opportunity to make a difference

Passion

Workforce

Talent

Resources

Leadership

