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TEXAS HOMELESS NETWORK

TX BoS CoC and Education Liaisons

Oct. 2017

Strategies For Change

Welcome and Introductions

Session 1.4 Continuum of Care (CoC) and Education Liaison Meeting for the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX BoS CoC)

- Texas Homeless Education Organization (THEO) staff
- Texas Homeless Network (THN) staff
- Attendees

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- Texas Homeless Network @TXHomeNet

- Conference Hashtag #EndTXHomelessness

- Website www.thn.org

- Facebook https://www.facebook.com/TexasHomelessNetwork/

- Instagram https://www.instagram.com/txhomenet/

Agenda

- 2:00-2:10 Introductions
- 2:10-2:30 What are CoCs and Local Homeless Coalitions (LHCs)? (slides 1-26)
- 2:30-2:50 Resources (27-37)
- 2:50-3:20 Needs assessments (39-43)
- 3:20-3:30 Conclusion (44-49)

CREATIVE AGENDA

THN

- Incorporated in 1991 to help the Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless (TICH) carry out its legislatively mandated activities

- Mission: *Texas Homeless Network provides support to agencies and communities that are building systems to end homelessness in Texas through education, resources, and advocacy.*

- Funding from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), and Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Program
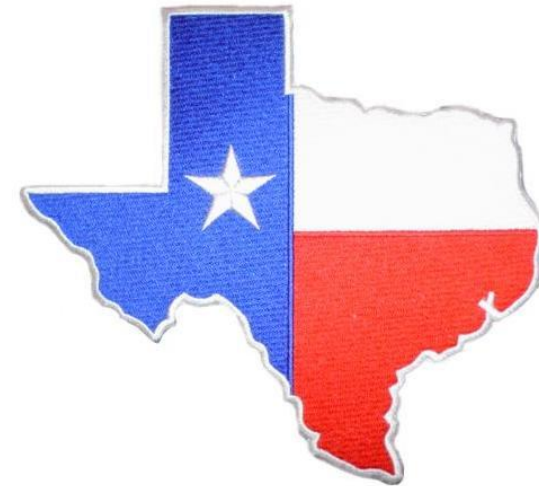
Continuum of Care

THN and the TX BoS CoC

- THN is the Lead Agency for the TX BoS CoC

- THN is the HMIS Lead Agency for the TX BoS CoC

- TX BoS CoC covers 215 of Texas' 254 counties (85% of Texas's land mass)

What is a CoC?

A CoC, as defined by HUD in the CoC Program Interim Rule at 24 CFR Part 578.3, is the group organized to carry out the responsibilities required under the CoC Program for a defined geographic area.
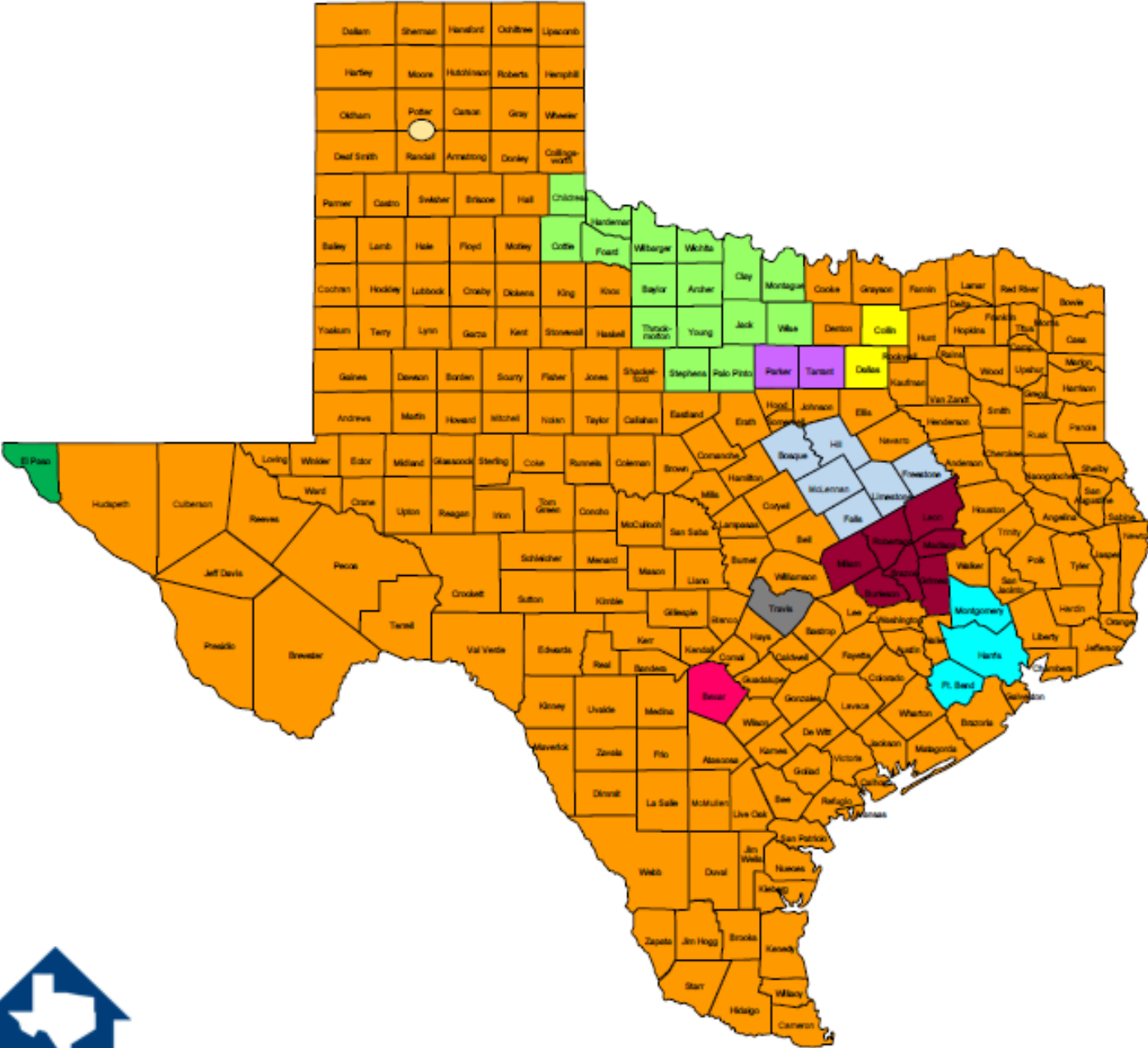
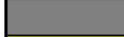A community-based planning network for homelessness assistance.

The geographic area covered by the community-based planning network.

A program operated by the Dept. of Housing & Urban Dev. (HUD)

CoCs in Texas

Map Key		
	TX-500	San Antonio/Bexar County CoC
	TX-503	Austin/Travis County CoC
	TX-600	Dallas City & County, Irving CoC
	TX-601	Fort Worth, Arlington/Tarrant County CoC
	TX-603	El Paso City & County CoC
	TX-604	Waco/McLennan County CoC
	TX-607	Texas Balance of State CoC
	TX-611	Amarillo CoC
	TX-624	Wichita Falls/Wise, Palo Pinto, Wichita, Archer Counties CoC
	TX-700	Houston, Pasadena/Harris, Fort Bend Counties CoC
	TX-701	Bryan, College Station/Brazos Valley CoC

HUD CoC Program's Purpose

Effectively Use Mainstream Resources

Promote Community Commitment

Provide Funding for Rehousing People

Optimize Self-Sufficiency

CoC Responsibilities

Establish a CoC and a CoC Board

Conduct CoC Planning and Operations

Administer and Operate HMIS

Facilitate Application for Funds

CoC Planning across the TX BoS

- THN conducts CoC Planning activities with the entire TX BoS CoC, even in communities that do not have CoC Program-funded or ESG Program-funded projects.

  - Implementing best practices in housing interventions and service delivery
  - Collecting, analyzing, and reporting data and making decisions using that data
  - Partnering with Local Homeless Coalitions (LHCs)
  - Maximizing available resources and community strengths
  - Tailoring processes and activities to local needs

Federal Strategic Plan

Opening Doors Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

- End Veteran Homelessness
- End Chronic Homelessness
- End Homelessness for Unaccompanied Youth Under Age 25
- End Homelessness among Families with Children
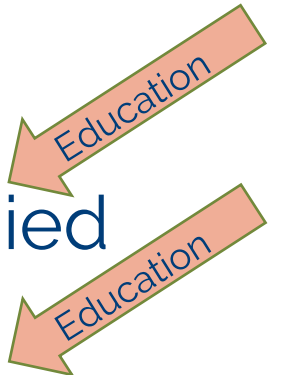
www.usich.gov/opening-doors

Education

Education

Governance Structure

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                    TX BoS CoC
                     General
                    Membership
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                     CoC Board
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  Local Homeless   Collaborative    HMIS Lead      CoC Committees
  Coalitions (LHCs) Applicant/CoC   Agency
                    Lead Agency/
                    CoC Staff
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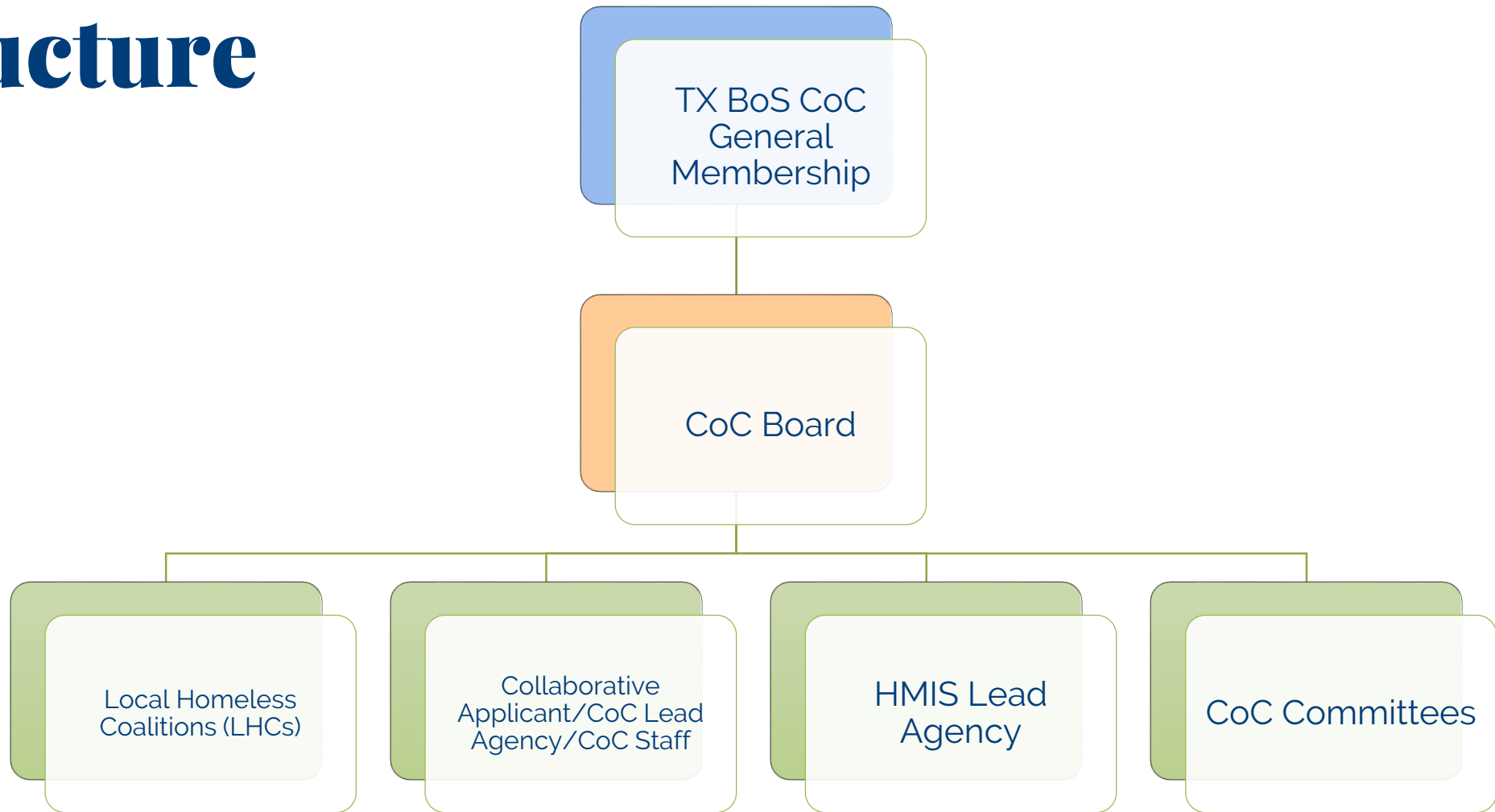
CoC Board

- Is the primary decision-making body for the TX BoS CoC

- Determines the policy direction of the CoC

- Ensures that the CoC fulfills its responsibilities assigned by HUD

- Oversees and approves the work of the other entities in the CoC governance structure

http://thn.org/texas-balance-state-continuum-care/governance/

Board Seat Designations

- Seat 1: Person with lived experience

- Seat 2: Homeless veterans

- Seat 3: Chronically homeless persons

- Seat 5: Homeless youth

- Seat 4: Homeless families

- Seat 6: Victim services

- Seat 7: Mental/behavioral health

- Seat 8: Health/medical

- Seat 9: Local government

- Seat 10: Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) recipient

- Seat 11: Public Housing agency

- Seat 12: Law enforcement/criminal justice

- Seat 13: Business

- Seat 14: Faith community or faith-based organization

- Seat 15: TICH or state government agency

Education

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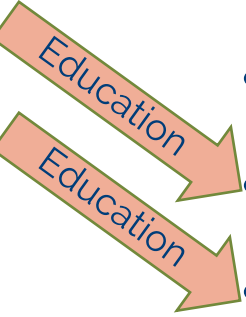
Local Homeless Coalitions (LHCs)

- LHCs are groups that plan, deliver, and evaluate homeless services, housing, and supportive services in communities
- LHCs have broad membership that includes a variety of stakeholders
- LHCs' goals align with the CoC's goals and revolve around preventing and ending homelessness
- LHC Chairpersons serve as liaisons to the CoC
- LHCs cover portions of the CoC geography

TX BoS CoC Local Homeless Coalitions (LHCs) August 2017

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LHC Engagement

- Persons with lived experience of homelessness
- Homeless services providers
- Housing providers
- Homeless Education Liaisons in schools ← Education
- Public Housing Authorities (PHAs)
- Health care providers
- Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHAs)
- Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs)
- Local governments, Councils of Governments (COGs)
- Social Services Providers
- United Ways

GET INVOLVED

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THN Website – www.thn.org

TX BoS CoC Section

Get Involved

- TX BoS CoC General Meetings
- Local Homeless Coalitions
- General Resources

Governance

- Governance Structure
- CoC Board
  - Elections
- Local Homeless Coalitions
- CoC General Membership

Local Homeless Coalitions (LHCs)

Local Homeless Coalitions (LHCs) lead homeless assistance efforts in their coverage area. In order to be formally recognized as an LHC by the TX BoS CoC, LHCs must adhere to some requirements. Don't see an LHC near you? Fill out the form below to get started.

- LHC Requirements
- LHC Map
- LHC Contacts

Local Homeless Coalitions (LHCs) Request

Fields marked with an * are required

First Name *

Last Name *

Email *

Phone

Data

- Point-in-Time (PIT) Count
  - How many people experiencing homelessness (needing housing) are counted on one night?

- Housing Inventory Count (HIC)
  - How many beds are available?

- Gaps analyses
  - Difference between the need and the inventory

- Data requests, reporting, performance

www.thn.org/data

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Data (cont.)

System Performance Measures

1: Length of time persons remain homeless

2: Extent to which persons who exit homelessness to permanent housing destinations return to homelessness

3: Number of homeless persons

4: Employment and income growth for homeless persons

5: Number of persons who become homeless for the first time

6: Homelessness prevention and housing placement of persons defined by Category 3 of HUD's homeless definition

7: Successful placement into permanent housing

Coordinated Entry

- Systematic, streamlined way for persons experiencing homelessness to quickly access housing and services that meet their needs

- Uses a common assessment tool

- Involves systems change and agency coordination

- Incorporates prioritization of persons based on vulnerability
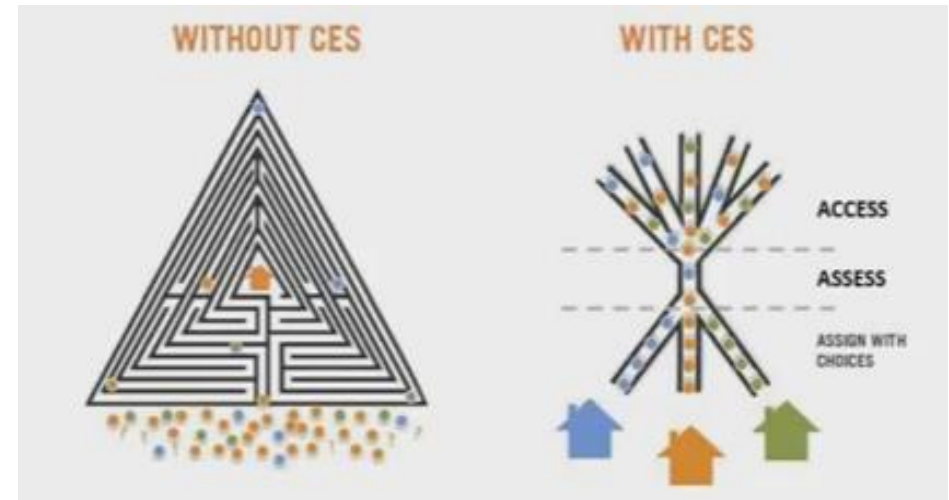
Resources

Partners for Homeless Assistance Planning

- Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions
- Public Housing Authorities (PHAs)
- Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHAs)
- Health Centers and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)
- Regional Councils/Councils of Governments (COGs)
- Community Action Agencies (CAAs)
- Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs)
- Community Development Corporations (CDCs)

Coalition Building/Collective Impact

- TX BoS CoC's LHC Toolkit – coming to www.thn.org soon

- HUD: Building Effective Homeless Coalitions – https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/1117/building-effective-homeless-coalitions/

- Coalitions Work – http://coalitionswork.com/

- Collective Impact – http://www.collaborationforimpact.com/collective-impact/

HUD Exchange

- https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/

Find a Grantee

What are HUD Homeless Programs Doing In Your Area?

View local contact information, reports, and data by selecting a state on the map or choosing a state in the dropdown menu.

Go to State:

Choose a State...
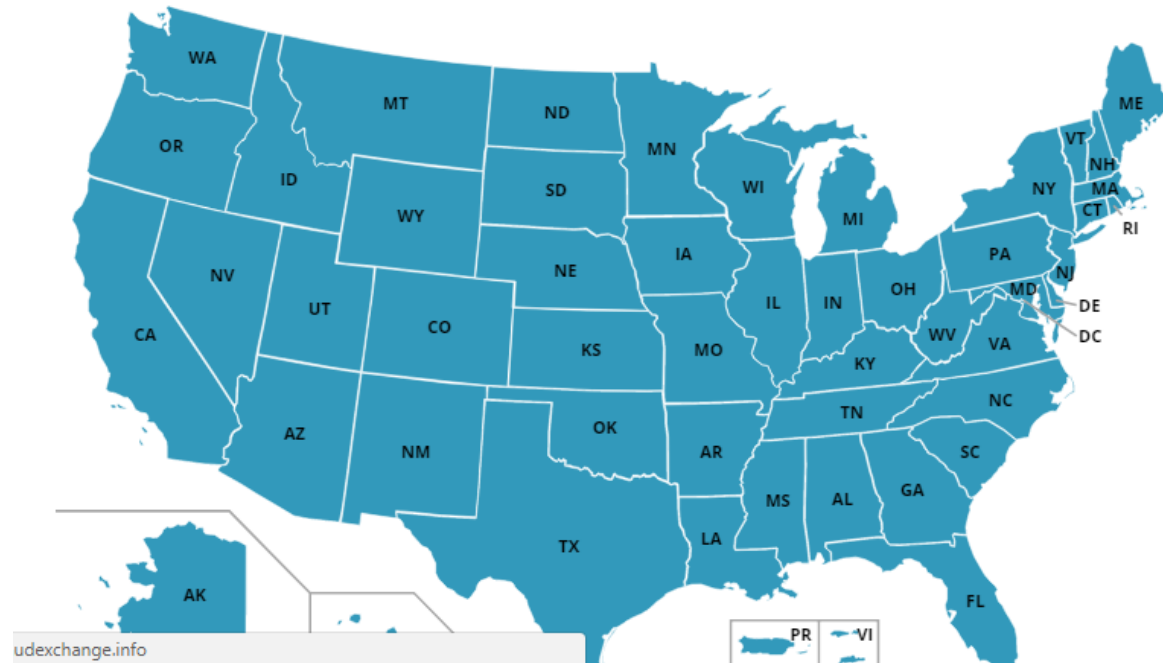
HUD Homeless Assistance Programs

Continuum of Care (CoC)

- Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)
- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/

http://thn.org/texas-balance-state-continuum-care/continuum-care-program/

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

- Street Outreach (SO)
- Homelessness Prevention (HP)
- Emergency Shelter (ES)
- Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)
- HMIS

www.hudexchange.info/programs/esg/

FY 2016
HUD CoC Program
Grantees
in the TX BoS CoC

Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions

- Receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investments Partnership Program (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA), and/or ESG funds

- Coordination and collaboration with CoC and LHCs
  - Consolidated Planning and Annual Action Planning
  - Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER)

- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Recipients
  - Consult on funding allocations, performance, written standards for service delivery

  https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/consolidated-plan/con-plans-aaps-capers/

Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions in the TX BoS CoC

	State				
1	Texas*	15	Lewisville	31	San Marcos
	Cities	16	Longview	32	Sherman
2	Abilene	17	Lubbock*	33	Temple
3	Beaumont	18	Marshall	34	Texarkana
4	Brownsville*	19	McAllen	35	Texas City
5	Corpus Christi*	20	Midland	36	Tyler
6	Denison	21	Mission	37	Victoria
7	Denton	22	New Braunfels		**Counties**
8	Edinburg	23	Odessa	38	Brazoria County*
9	Flower Mound	24	Orange	39	Hidalgo County*
10	Galveston	25	Pearland	40	Williamson County
11	Harlingen	26	Pharr		
12	Killeen	27	Port Arthur		* also an ESG Recipient
13	Laredo*	28	Round Rock		
14	League City	29	San Angelo		
		30	San Benito		

PY 2016 State Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Subrecipients
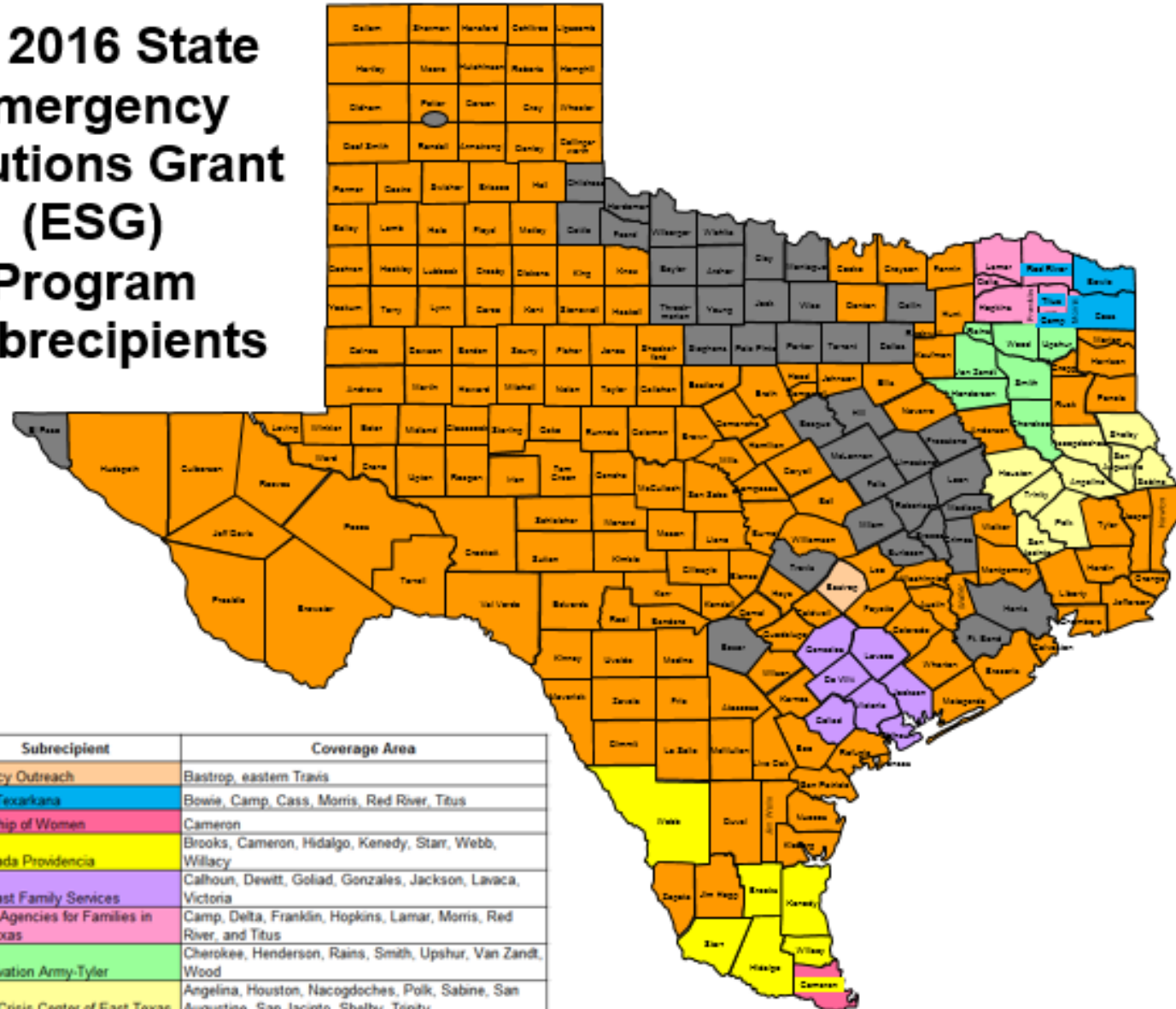
Subrecipient	Coverage Area
Advocacy Outreach	Bastrop, eastern Travis
City of Texarkana	Bowie, Camp, Cass, Morris, Red River, Titus
Friendship of Women	Cameron
La Posada Providencia	Brooks, Cameron, Hidalgo, Kenedy, Starr, Webb, Willacy
Mid-Coast Family Services	Calhoun, Dewitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca, Victoria
Shelter Agencies for Families in East Texas	Camp, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, and Titus
The Salvation Army-Tyler	Cherokee, Henderson, Rains, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, Wood
Family Crisis Center of East Texas	Angelina, Houston, Nacogdoches, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity

Other Funding for Homeless Assistance

- Federal
  - Veterans Administration – HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH), Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)
  - Health and Human Services – Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), Health Care for the Homeless (HCH), Projects for Assistance in Transition to Homelessness (PATH), Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)
  - Non-homeless-targeted – Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), CSBG, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Social Security Insurance (SSI)/Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Sec. 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV), CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, Housing Trust Fund (HTF), Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP)
  - https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/H2-Innovative-Funding-Strategies.pdf (pp. 13-15)

Other Funding for Homeless Assistance

- State
  - Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP), State ESG, CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, Sec. 8
  - http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us

- Private – foundations, faith communities, local governments

Needs Assessment

SWOT Analysis

A structured planning method that evaluates 4 elements of an entity:

- **S**trengths: characteristics of an entity that give it an advantage over others
- **W**eaknesses: characteristics of an entity that place it at a disadvantage relative to others
- **O**pportunities: elements in the environment that the entity could exploit to its advantage
- **T**hreats: elements in the environment that could cause trouble for the entity

Needs Assessment "Service Tree"

- Comparing resources and needs to identify gaps

Services in Comal County

	Shelter-Services	Housing	Food/Nutrition	Health Care	Clothing/Personal Svcs.	Employment	Education	Migrant Services	Immigrant Svcs	Legal	Mental Health/Substance Abuse	Transportation
■ St. Jude's Ranch for Children	1	1									1	
■ Connections	1	1									1	1
■ CCCC	1	1										
■ Salvation Army	1		1			1						
■ CIS	1	1	1			1						
■ Family Promise	1	1			1		1					1
■ Family Life Center	1	1	1	1	1	1						1
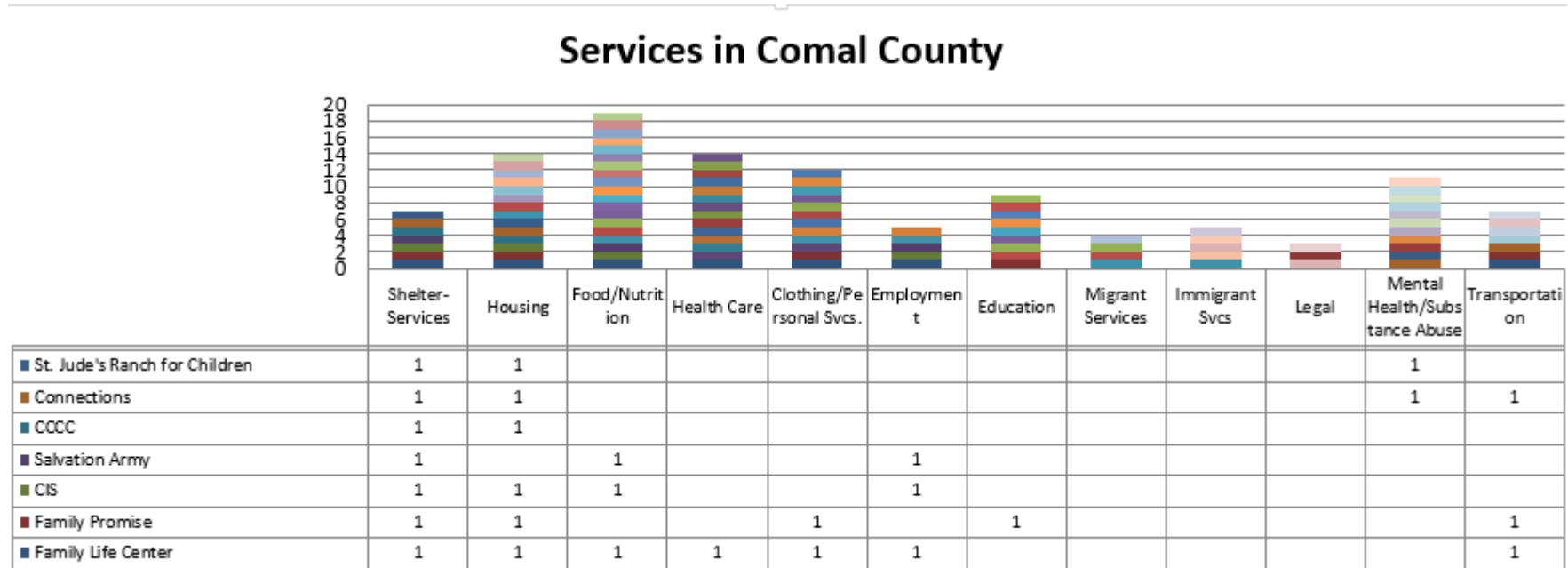
Austin's Needs/ Gaps Analysis

Using homeless and housing data

http://austinecho.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Austin-Homelessness-Needs-and-Gaps3.pdf
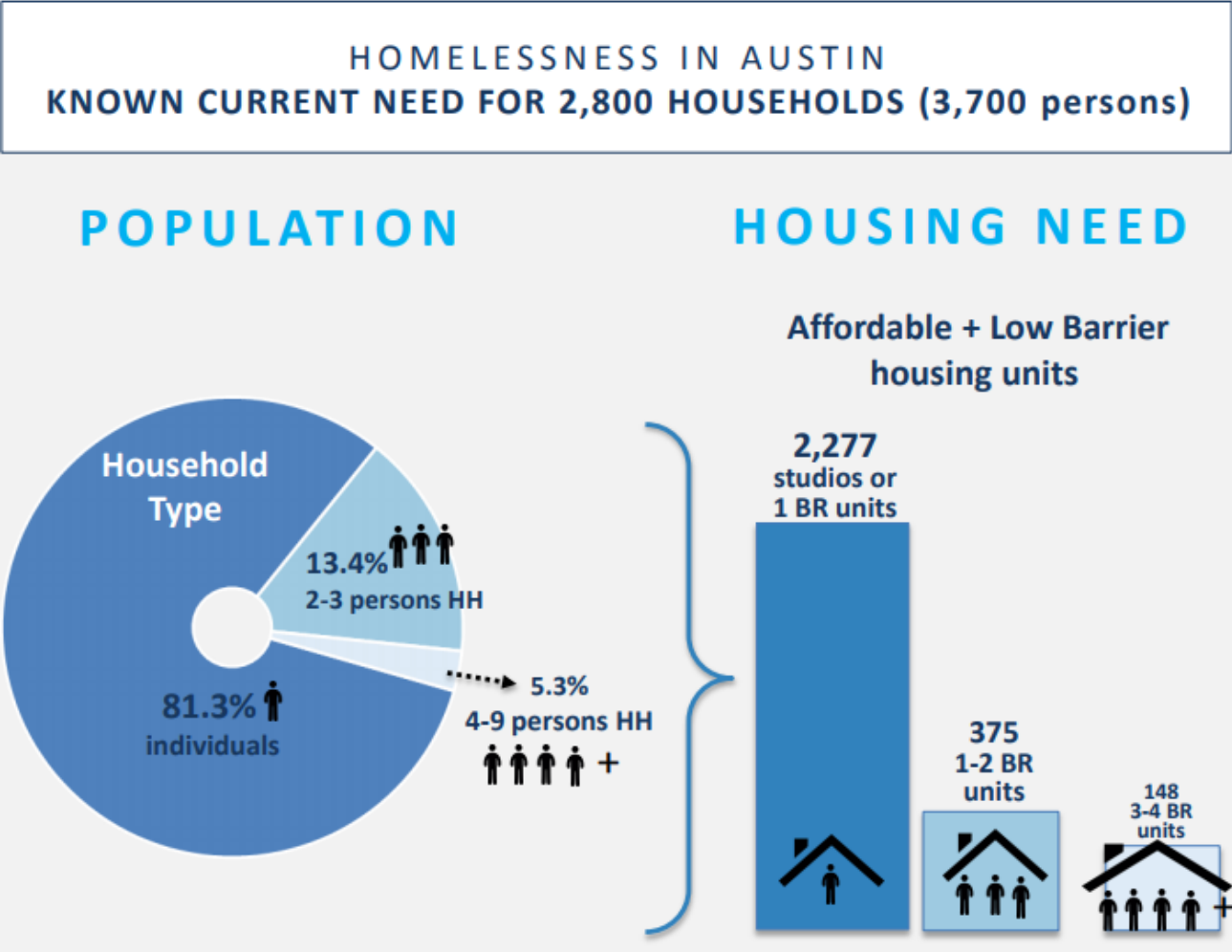
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Get Involved!

- Join your Local Homeless Coalition (LHC)
  - Contact list available at
    http://thn.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/LHC-contacts-8-18-2017.pdf

- Attend monthly TX BoS CoC General Meetings
  - Second Wed. of the month at 2:00 via webinar
  - Meeting schedule:
    http://thn.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/CoC-General-Meeting-schedule-2016-17-rev-7-28-2017.pdf
  - Contact mary@thn.org to receive meeting invitations via the CoC's email list

- Join the TX BoS CoC News email list at
  http://thn.org/updates-and-events/sign-news-updates/

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TX BoS CoC Conference Track

Wednesday, Oct. 4

- 1.6: High Fidelity Housing First (2:00 PM)

- 2.2: Revise and Strengthen the Federal Plan to End Homelessness (3:45 PM)

Thursday, Oct. 5

- 3.2-4.2: LHC's Role in Ending Homelessness in the TX BoS CoC (8:30 AM)

- 5.2: T-Minus 111 Days: Coordinated Entry in the TX BoS CoC (1:45 PM)

- 6.2: Goal Setting Using Your Data/Data Driven Strategies (3:30 PM)

Friday, Oct. 6

7.3: A Year in the Life of an HMIS User (10:30 AM)