

CAMpassion Care

Meeting the Moment with Mental Health Care for Unhoused Neighbors

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FACTS!!!

**67% of people experiencing
homelessness with a current mental
health disorder**

**lifetime prevalence of mental health
disorders is 75%**



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Most common



substance use disorders

anti-social personality disorders

major depression

bipolar

PTSD



Increase in homelessness

housing affordability

limited mental health care access

low income

challenges reintegrating



CAM's Purpose

- Founded in 1977
- Serve individuals and families in crisis
- "Emergency Room" of social services
- Treating immediate needs and connecting to long term support
- What is the root of the problem?
- Is there a higher level of advocacy?



The Journey to CAMpassion

- Preparation for CAMpassion Care began in the fall of 2024
- Physical space adjustments
- Legal Consultation
- Partnership Planning
- Pilot in November 2024



CAMpassion Care is designed to meet chronically homeless individuals where they are—literally and figuratively—by offering low-barrier mental health care within CAM’s existing day-to-day operations. Many of our clients struggle with severe and persistent mental illness but face overwhelming obstacles to accessing traditional mental health services.



Key Components to the CAMpassion Care Model

Entrance points: daily food distribution, showers, clothing, and relationships with caseworkers

On-site psychiatric evaluations and diagnoses

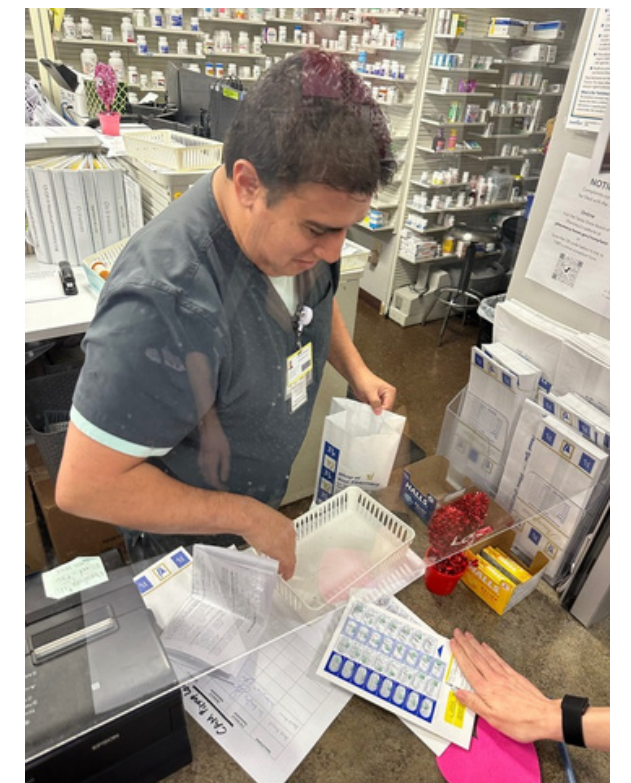
Consistent mental health nurse practitioners

Prescription and coordinated delivery of medications

Daily medication management

Progression to Long-Acting Injectables (LAI's)

Ongoing outreach and stabilization



CAMpassion Goal

Support clients in finding mental and emotional stability so they can access benefits, treatment, and permanent housing—empowering them to leave the streets and thrive with long-term mental health care.



**no barrier
mental health care access**

Access to medications

Access to providers

Access to pharmacy



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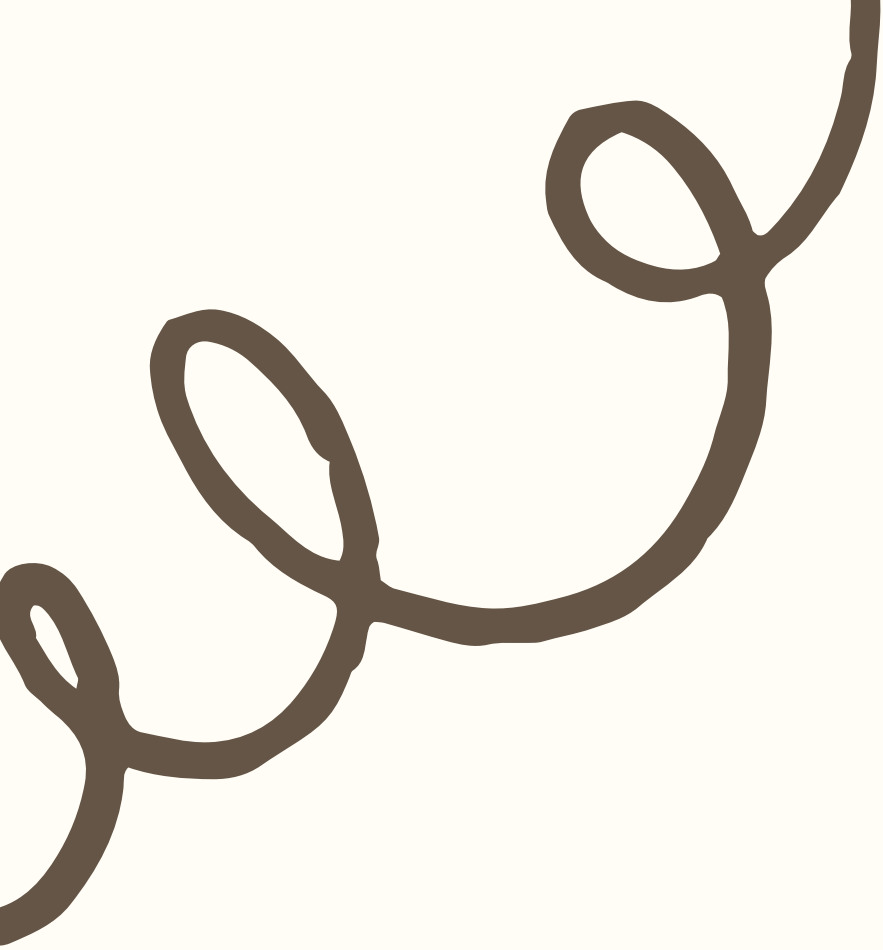
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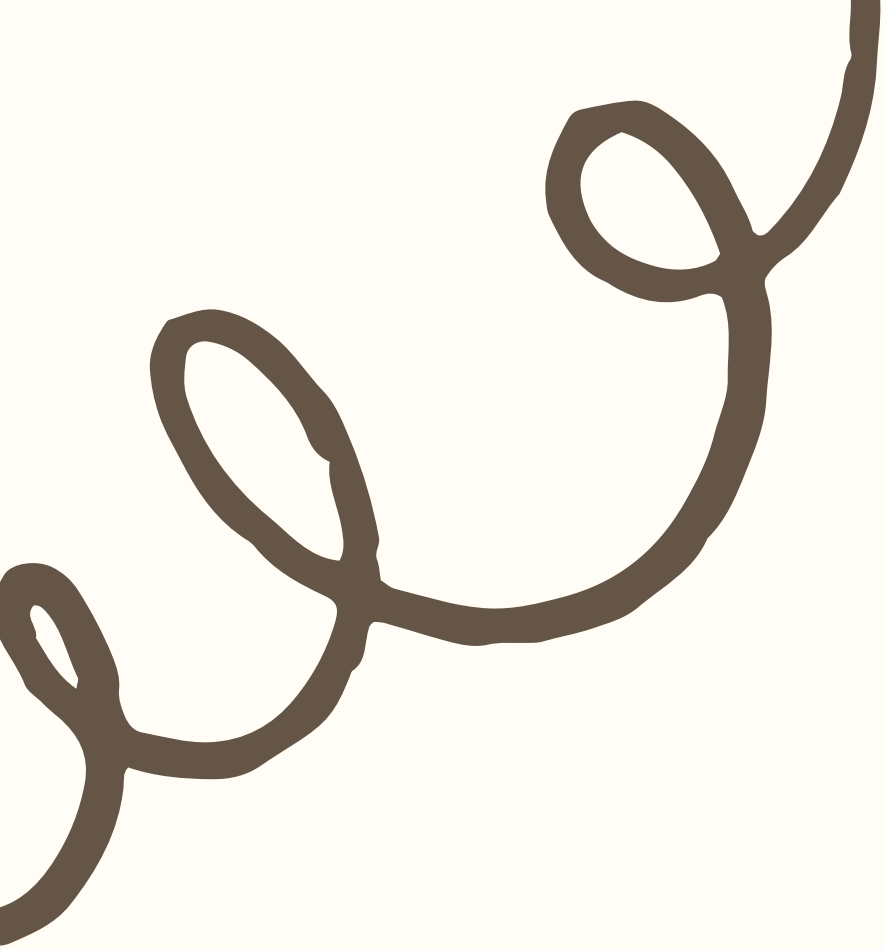


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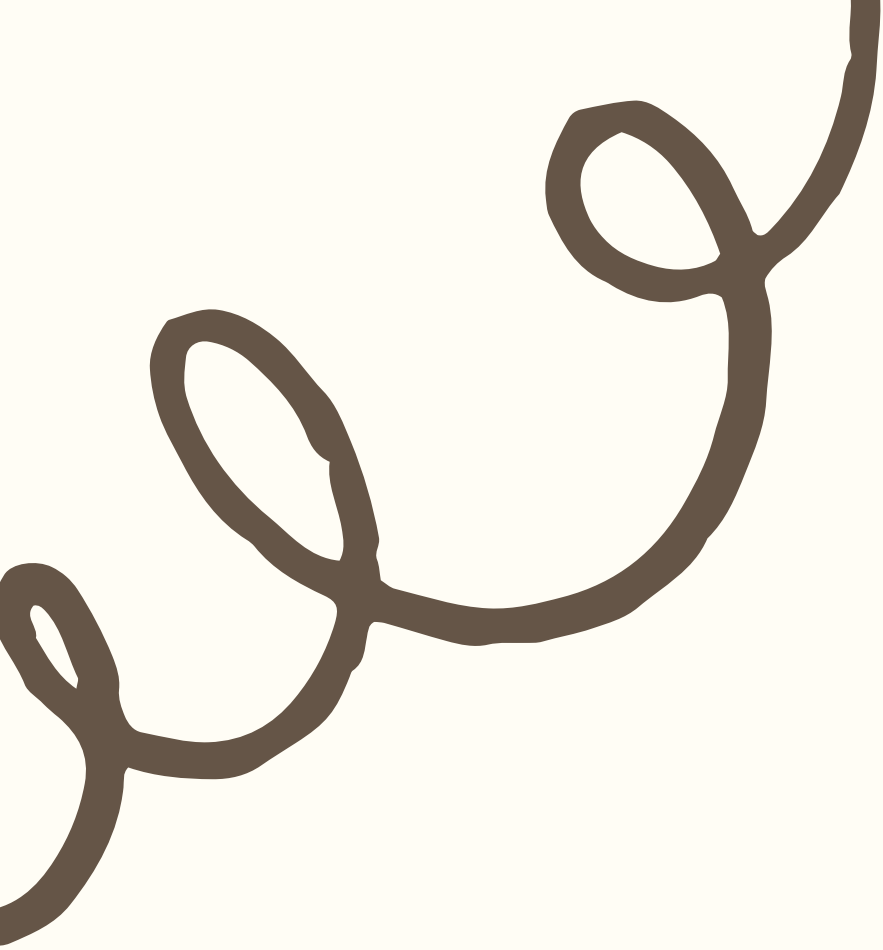
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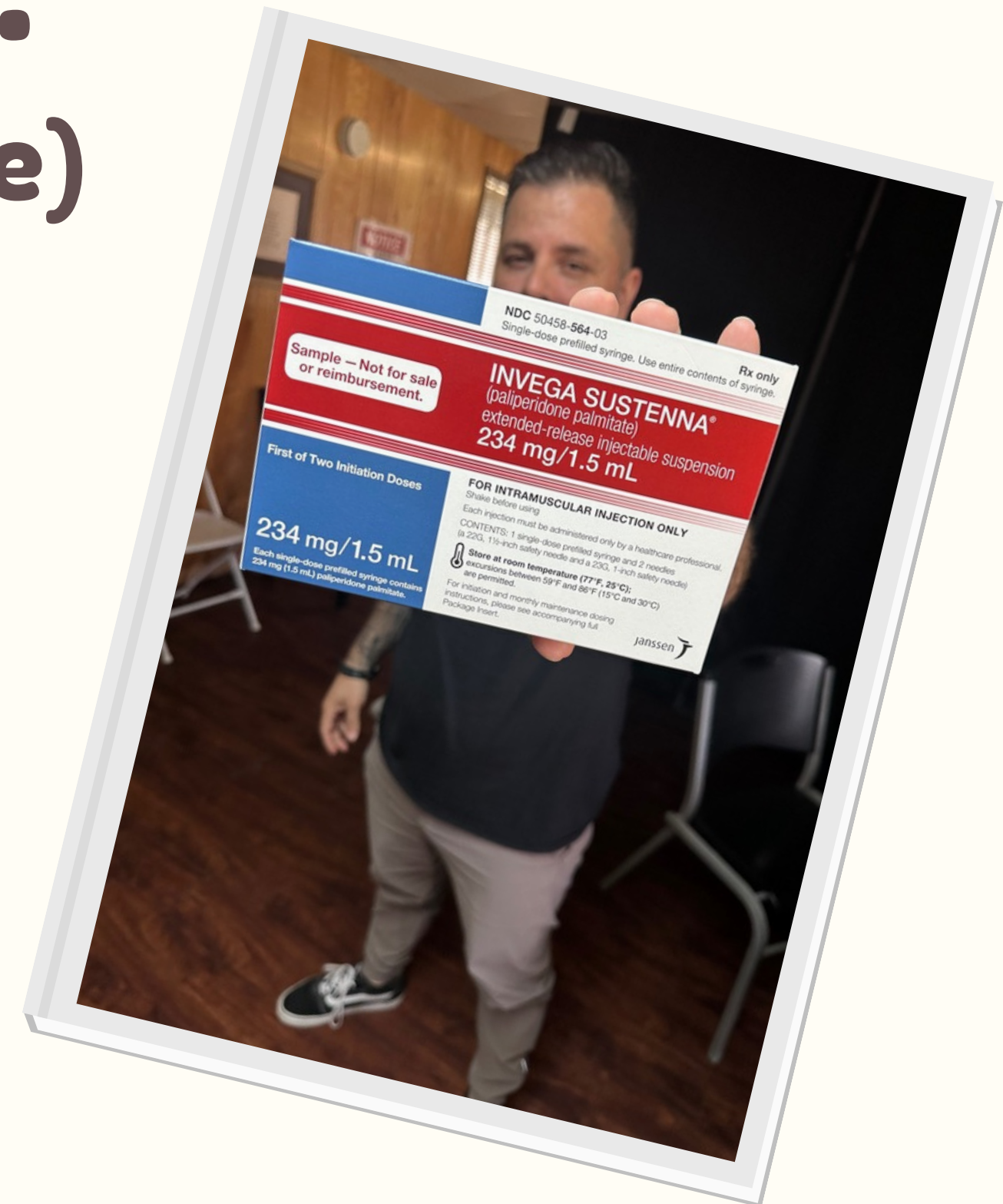
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What is a LAI?

(long acting injectable)

Invega
Risperdal
Abilify



A photograph of a crowded shelter or emergency housing facility. In the foreground, a person is lying on a wooden board on the floor, partially covered by a blue blanket. A wheelchair is positioned next to them. In the background, many other people are sleeping on the floor, some on blankets and some on the floor itself. The room has a high ceiling with fluorescent lights and a tiled floor. The overall atmosphere is one of overcrowding and lack of privacy.

Most CAMpassion Care participants are chronically unhoused, often 3+ years on the streets, with histories of incarceration, psychiatric hospitalization, and frequent emergency system use.

CAMpassion key findings

- Not all clients receive ongoing treatment
- Assessments lead to other referrals
- Have discovered some clients are insured
- Progressing to LAI's showing visible improvement
- 10 clients have now entered the housing priority pool
- 5 have secured permanent housing

These initial results affirm the necessity of providing mental health care at the street level, and we are proud to carry forward this critical mission as an extension of CAM's work to serve with compassion, dignity, and hope.





Next Steps

Connection to resources
wrap around support
community connections



Questions/Comments

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