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BrainGain@PEC provides brief summaries of research or publications on family homelessness and related issues. Previous issues of BrainGain@PEC can be found at <http://bit.ly/2iaczvQ>.

We know how to end homelessness

Philadelphia is ending homelessness using an array of strategies, including ...

Overall:

- Of the formerly homeless persons who moved into “permanent supportive” housing in FY2017, 97% have retained their housing or moved onto permanent housing.ⁱ
- Of the participants in the HEARTH Act programs (CoC and ESG) in 2017, 94% were connected to benefits like SNAP and Medicaid.ⁱⁱ
- 43% of people staying in a CoC program funded project had increased their total income since entering the program. Of all the participants who exited a CoC program, 49% had increased their total income since their entry.ⁱⁱⁱ
- Philadelphia’s Homeless System served over 15,000 persons in FY2017 in emergency, transitional, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing programs.^{iv}

Permanent Housing:

- Of the 3,555 households who have received PHA housing opportunities through the Blueprint Partnership between the City of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Housing Authority since 2008, 90% have remained in PHA housing or have moved to another permanent housing situation.^v
- Of the 1,356 persons who exited permanent supportive or rapid rehousing for another permanent housing situation, only 5% returned to homelessness in two years.^{vi}

Transitional Housing

- 75% of exits from transitional housing were to a permanent housing destination between 7/1/2016 to 6/30/2017.^{vii}
- Of the 894 persons who exited transitional housing for permanent housing, only 8% returned to homelessness in two years.^{viii}

Emergency Housing:

- 9,649 unduplicated persons were served in emergency and temporary housing in Philadelphia between 10/01/2016 to 9/30/2017.^{ix}

- Emergency housing providers deliver housing-focused case management services to adults and families in need of emergency housing. The case manager works collaboratively with the participant to develop a housing plan and coordinates assistance to adults and families ensuring access to an array of services and benefits.^x

Rapid Rehousing:

- Assistance to move to permanent housing through short-term rent subsidy and supportive services.^{xi}
- Rapid re-housing has an 85% success rate in preventing a return to homelessness.^{xii}

Prevention and Diversion:

- Counseling, mediation, one-time financial assistance, or if need be, entry into emergency housing provided through our Homeless Response Centers.^{xiii}
- 814 households received homeless prevention assistance in FY2017.^{xiv}
- Helps to identify alternate housing arrangements and connects participants with services and financial assistance to help them return to permanent housing.^{xv}

The **People’s Emergency Center’s** mission is to nurture families, strengthen neighborhoods and drive change in West Philadelphia. PEC offers more than 235 affordable housing units, job training, parenting and early childhood education, financial education and planning, life skills and technology classes for families, youth, and parenting youth experiencing homelessness. PEC advocates for urgently needed public policy changes on behalf of families and youth experiencing homelessness. All inquiries can be sent to policy@pec-cares.org.

ⁱ HUD System Performance Measures Philadelphia in Federal FY2016 and Federal FY2017. City of Philadelphia, Office of Homeless Services. Report date range: 10/1/2016 – 9/30/2017. <http://www.philadelphiaofficeofhomelessservices.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/hud-system-performance-measures-philadelphia-in-ffy2016-and-ffy2017.pdf>

ⁱⁱ Testimony to City Council on FY18 Budget. City of Philadelphia, Office of Homeless Services. April 24, 2017.

<http://www.philadelphiaofficeofhomelessservices.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/testimony-for-council-4-24-17.pdf>

ⁱⁱⁱ HUD System Performance Measures in Philadelphia, FY 2017. City of Philadelphia, Office of Homeless Services. Report date range: 10/1/2016 to 9/30/2017.

^{iv} Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Testimony. City of Philadelphia, Office of Homeless Services. April 18, 2018.

<http://www.philadelphiaofficeofhomelessservices.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/budget-testimony-by-ohs-director-to-city-council-4-18-2018.pdf>

^v FY2017 Clearinghouse Report. City of Philadelphia, Office of Homeless Services.

^{vi} HUD System Performance Measures Philadelphia in Federal FY2016 and Federal FY2017.

^{vii} FY 2017 OHS Combined Annual Data. City of Philadelphia, Office of Homeless Services. Report date range: 07/01/2016 to 6/30/2017.

^{viii} HUD System Performance Measures Philadelphia in Federal FY2016 and Federal FY2017.

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^x Emergency Housing Case Management Standards. City of Philadelphia, Office of Homeless Services.

<http://www.philadelphiaofficeofhomelessservices.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/eh-case-management-standards-july-2017.pdf>

^{xi} Office of Homeless Services 2017 Annual Report. City of Philadelphia, Office of Homeless Services. Report date range: 7/1/2016 – 6/30/2017.

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^{xiv} IBID

^{xv} *Closing the Front Door: Creating a Successful Diversion Program for Homeless Families*. National Alliance to End Homelessness. <http://endhomelessness.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/creating-a-successul-diversion-program.pdf>. Accessed July 9, 2018.