



YOUR WAY HOME
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Community Impact Report

May 2014

Last year, 1,172 people in Montgomery County experienced homelessness.



Photo: Fred R. Conrad/The New York Times

Our bold goal is to reduce homelessness in Montgomery County by over 50% in the next five years while exiting people from homelessness to permanent housing more rapidly.



Our Common Agenda

To improve the housing stability, economic security and health of all Montgomery County residents.

Our Shared Vision

By creating more coordination, collaboration, communication and accountability among government, philanthropic, nonprofit and community partners, we will achieve better health, housing and financial outcomes for the most vulnerable members of our community.

Our Strategies For Change

1

Embrace a collective impact model for solving the complex problem of homelessness

2

Provide a centralized and coordinated “front door” entry into our housing crisis response system

3

Prioritize services for the most vulnerable members of our community

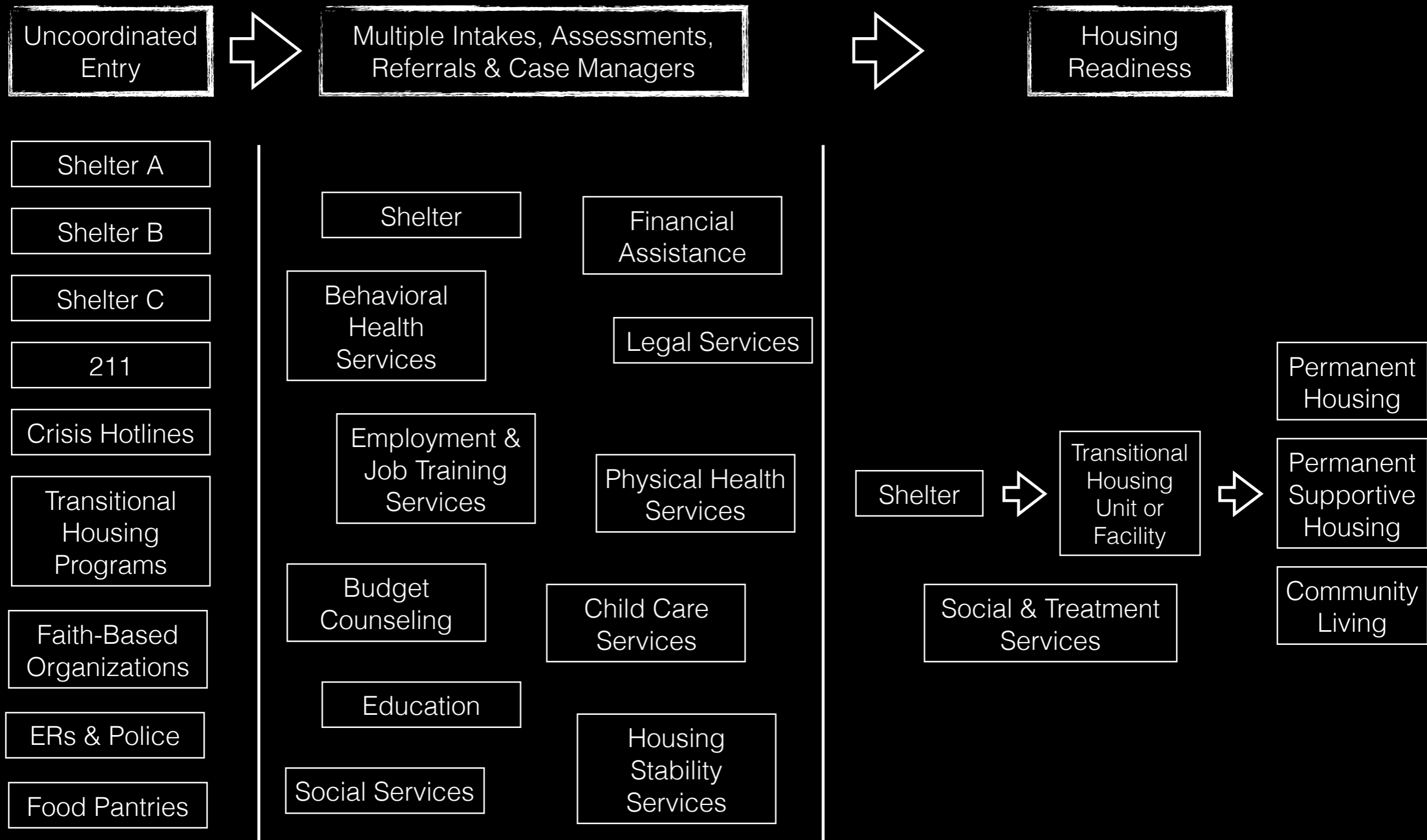
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Help residents establish and achieve their own goals for permanent housing stability

5

Help residents with severe barriers to housing stability live successfully in permanent supportive housing or community living

The Old Ways: Silos & Side Doors



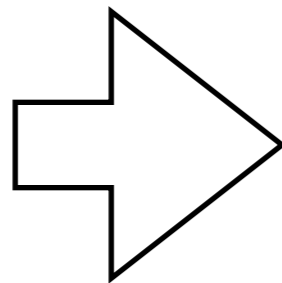
The New Way: Your Way Home

**Coordinated Entry,
Diversion & Centralized
Shelter Intake**

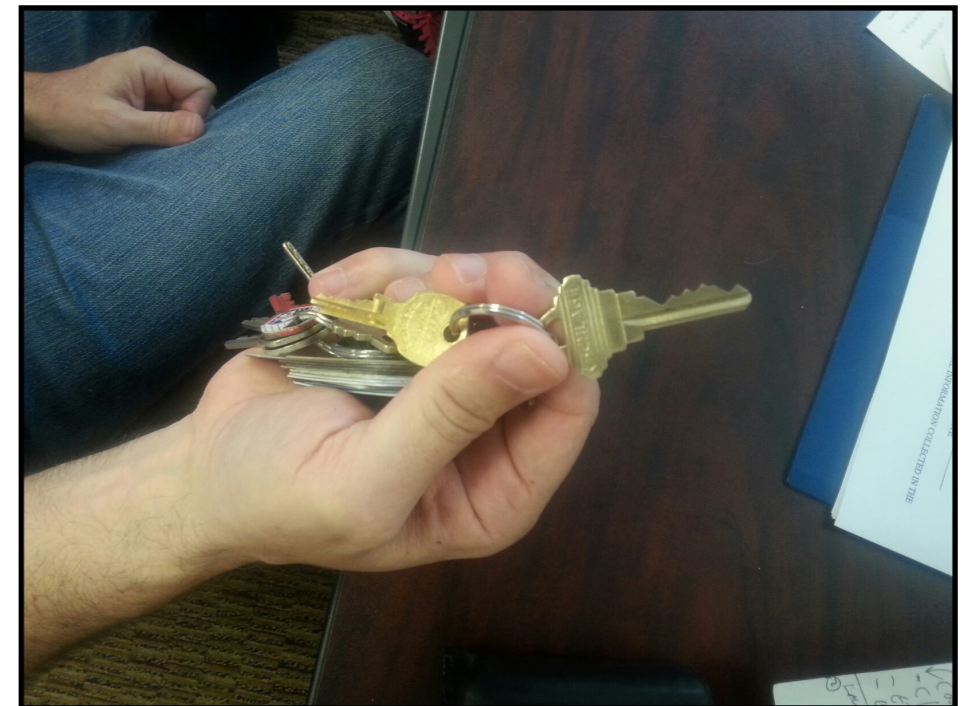
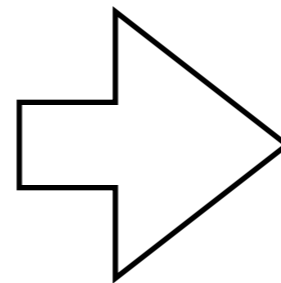
**Coordinated Assessment
& Housing Stability
Services**

**Permanent Housing
and Financial, Health &
Human Services**

YWH
Call
Center



YWH
Housing
Resource
Centers in
Norristown,
North Penn
and
Pottstown



Our Progress In 2013

In 2013, 177 people experiencing homelessness in Montgomery County exited from shelter to permanent housing.

Our Impact In 2014

Since January 17th 2014, Your Way Home Montgomery County has helped 274 people move from shelters or the streets to their own apartment.

The Your Way Home Public-Partnership in 2014

Over **\$415,000** in philanthropic investments to spur innovation and scale our impact

Over **200** funders, providers, community partners and consumers participating in our Action Teams to make policy and funding recommendations

Annual Summit
Capacity Building Grants
Client Subsidies
Formal Evaluation
Learning Collaborative
National Conference
Attendance
Pilot Projects
Website Design

Affordable Housing
Continuum of Care Grant
Application
Health & Human Services
Housing Crisis Response
Shelter
Permanent Support Housing

Our Future Priorities

1. Become a more trauma-informed and responsive crisis response system
2. Deliver more robust prevention, diversion and permanent supportive housing services
3. Develop more safe and affordable housing opportunities countywide
4. Engage and inspire more champions and partners for our collective impact work
5. Advance our goal of ending homelessness

Change Is A Process, Not An Event

Your Way Home Montgomery County needs your...



...ideas and support as we strive to make the impossible
possible.

Your Way Home Funders & Partners

Funders	Providers	Community Partners
County of Montgomery Genuardi Family Foundation North Penn Community Health Foundation North Penn United Way The Montgomery County Foundation, Inc. The Philadelphia Foundation The United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey	Carson Valley Children's Aid Genesis Housing Hedwig House Inter-Faith Housing Alliance Interfaith Hospitality Network Laurel House Keystone Opportunity Center NJ211 Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities Resources for Human Development Salvation Army of Norristown and Pottstown Valley Youth House	Advanced Living Communities Creative Health Services Montgomery County Community Connections Greater North Penn Collaborative for Health and Human Services Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County Philanthropy Network Greater Philadelphia TriCounty Community Network Visiting Nurse Association Community Services

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