

5Cities Homeless Coalition Programs 2021 Program Report



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Information & Coordinated Entry

Assistance begins with a Coordinated Entry Intake, a service utilized by Homeless Service Providers throughout the County that provides a standardized assessment to ensure a consistent, streamlined experience for those seeking services. Clients complete a comprehensive needs assessment, identify barriers to employment or housing, and develop an immediate action plan. Those visiting 5CHC's offices are provided access to computer, internet, phone charging, mailing address, food, and hygiene supplies.

Number of Coordinated
Entry Surveys: 554



Households with
Children: 203



Households w/o
Children: 351



Total Number of
Calls Received:

6549



Single-Parent
Households:

121

Seniors (62+):

90

Disabled:

269

Youth
(under 25):

45

Veterans:

23

Total Number of
Walk-ins:

1091



Rapid Re-Housing and Homeless Prevention Programs

Case management and financial assistance for deposit, rent and immediate needs for those who are homeless or facing homelessness. In 2021, we partnered with the California COVID-19 Rent Relief Program to file applications on behalf of those behind on rent due to the impact of the coronavirus.



Rehoused in 2021:

163



Eviction Prevention
Applications Filed

136

Homeless Youth

Outreach and case management targeting homeless youth age 16-24, providing support for immediate needs, education and job development, and housing assistance. Program is offered in partnership with Dignity Health, Good Samaritan Shelter, and Lucia Mar Unified School District, Police Departments of Arroyo Grande and Grover Beach.

Average #
of Case
Managed
Youth



20

Average
New
Contacts
Made
Each
Month



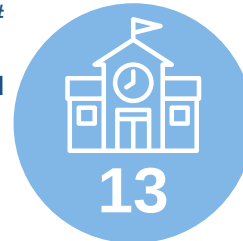
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Average # of
Youth Who
Gained New
Housing,
Employment,
Benefits, or
Education



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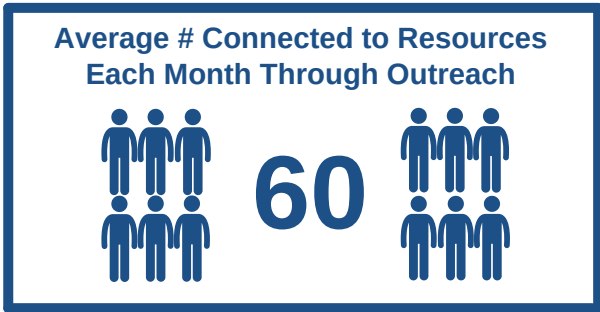
Average #
of Youth
Employed
or in
School
Each
Month



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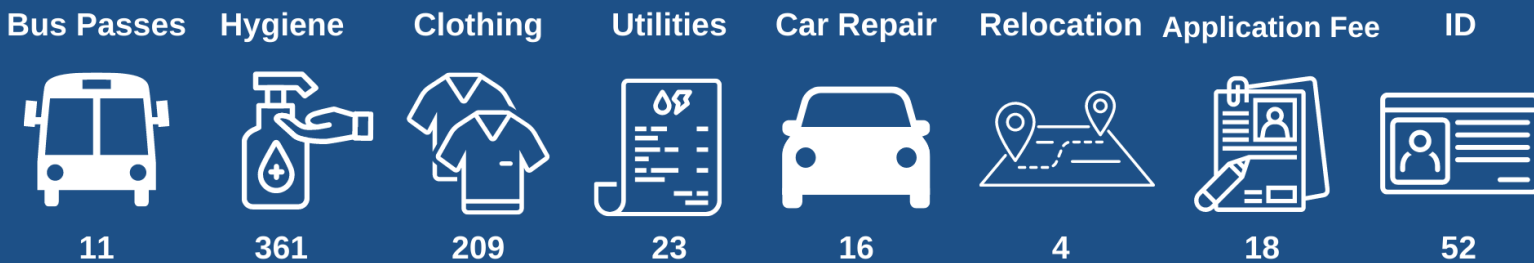
Outreach Efforts:

5CHC staff conducts outreach to ensure the health and safety of individuals and families living in local encampments. 5CHC works with law enforcement, County Public Health, and others to conduct health checks and provide food, hygiene, and access to case management. This month, we targeted Grover Beach, Oceano, and Pismo Beach.



Immediate Needs:

Assists homeless and low-income families and individuals in the Five Cities area with limited funds to address their immediate needs, and move them to self-sufficiency. Helping families overcome a one-time barrier can enable them to move toward self-sufficiency, stability, and economic improvement. Examples of assistance include gasoline, clothing, employment readiness, detox/sober living, basic needs, etc.



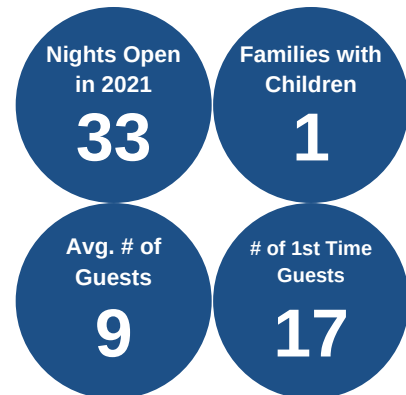
Benefits Advocacy/Medically Fragile Clients:

5CHC clients are offered guidance in attaining public benefits, including SSI, Cal Fresh, etc. Housing clients are also encouraged to participate in financial literacy and budgeting training. Our work with medically fragile clients is aimed at improving discharge planning and case management with Arroyo Grande Community Hospital.



Winter Warming Center

5CHC operates an overnight warming center to provide a safe, warm, and dry place for homeless adults to find shelter on nights with forecasted lows below 38°F, or especially stormy weather (with rain forecast at 50% or greater). Funding is made available by the City of Grover Beach Community Development Block Grants, and additional funds from the County of San Luis Obispo, and Cities of Arroyo Grande and Pismo Beach.



News & Happenings

Temporary Emergency Shelter Gets Approval

In 2021 5CHC, in partnership with the City of Grover Beach and the County of San Luis Obispo, announced a new Temporary Emergency Shelter program in Grover Beach. The project, which will feature 20 individual cabin structures for local individuals experiencing homelessness as they transition into permanent housing, was approved by the Board of Supervisors in a unanimous vote. We're excited to meet the needs of our community in new ways in 2022!