



Opening Doors New Jersey
**Presentation to the New Jersey Interagency
Council On Homelessness**

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The Role of USICH

- **Coordinates** the federal response to homelessness
- **Maximizes** the effectiveness of our 19 federal agency partners
- **Shares** best practices
- **Drives** collaborative solutions



USICH Vision

- No one should experience homelessness
- No one should be without a safe, stable place to call home



Opening Doors

Goals of Opening Doors

1. Finish the job of ending chronic homelessness by 2015
2. Prevent and end homelessness among Veterans by 2015
3. Prevent and end homelessness for families, youth, and children by 2020
4. Set a path to ending all types of homelessness



Opening Doors

Five Themes

1. Increase leadership, collaboration, and civic engagement
2. Increase access to stable and affordable housing
3. Increase economic security
4. Improve health and stability
5. Retool the homeless crisis response system

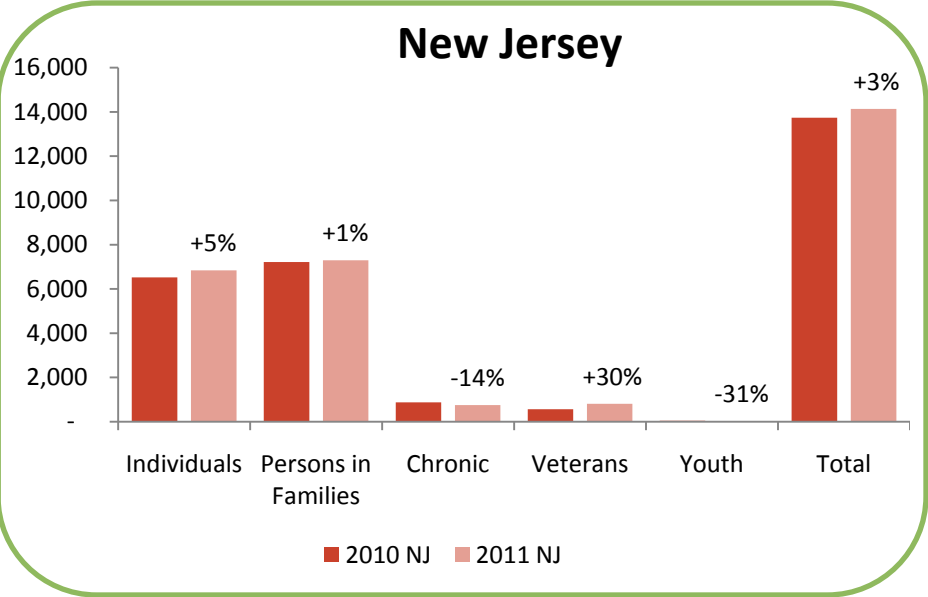
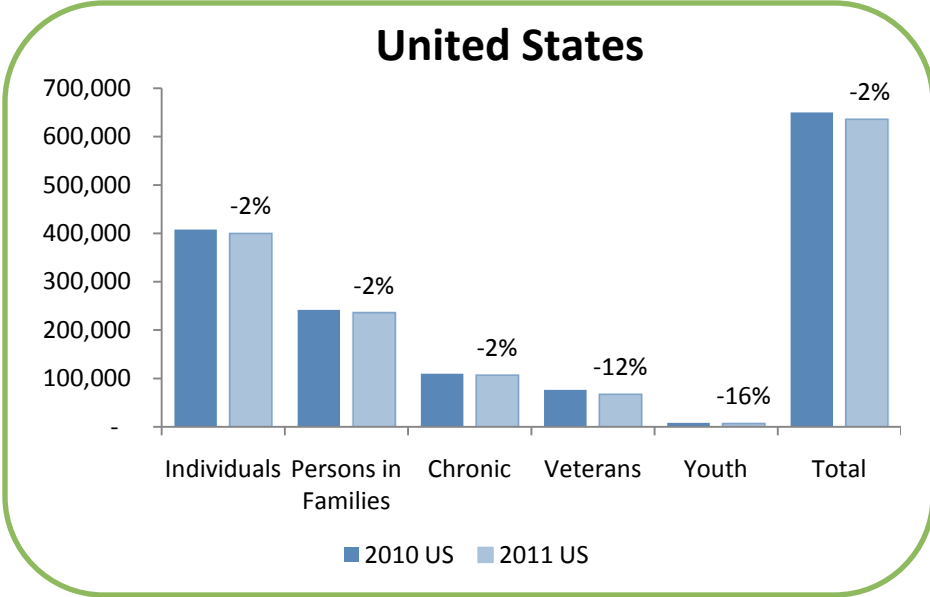


Progress Highlights

- Strong support for Opening Doors and unprecedented collaboration at federal level
- Increased engagement with states and local communities
- Strengthening and expanding HUD-VASH program
- HPRP successes and applying lessons to systems
- Framework on Youth



National and New Jersey Point in Time Homelessness Count by Subpopulation, 2010-2011



	2010 NJ	2011 NJ	2010 US	2011 US
Individuals	6,520	6,841	407,966	399,869
Persons in Families	7,217	7,296	241,951	236,181
Chronic	877	750	109,812	107,148
Veterans	567	811	76,329	67,495
Youth	42	29	8,153	6,826
Total	13,737	14,137	649,917	636,017

Source: HUD HRE



Purpose of a Interagency Council

An Interagency Council Coordinates the Response to Homelessness

Creates a plan to prevent and end homelessness that assesses overall needs, coordinates resources, and promotes national best practices. ICHs can facilitate alignment of state-wide and local plans with the goals, vision, values, and strategies of *Opening Doors*.

Fosters the development of local community plans to end homelessness.

Recommends policy, regulatory, and resource changes needed to accomplish the objectives outlined in the plan.



Critical Role of SIChs

- Partnerships
- Linkages to Mainstream Services
- Strategic Direction/ Focus on Proven Solutions and Outcomes
- Accountability



Planning and Formation

- Determine a lead and purpose.
- Convene a meeting with a broad spectrum of stakeholders.
- Ask questions:

What do best practices look like on the ground?

How do different practices work together?

How would we bring them to scale?

- Don't reinvent the wheel.
- Be open-minded, creative and flexible.



Aligning State and Local Efforts

- Improve access to interventions by streamlining collaboration at all levels of government and across jurisdictions
- Encourage uniform use of best practices
- Coordinate outcome measures
- Access federal resources and ease federal reporting requirements.
- Save state dollars



New Jersey Cost Analysis

	Average monthly cost for motel	Average monthly cost for rent plus case management services	Annual savings per household
GA Recipients	\$1,231	\$750	\$5,772
TANF Recipients	\$1,844	\$1,392	\$5,424

October 2010 Report of the New Jersey Interagency Council on Preventing and Ending Homelessness



Costs of Chronic Homelessness

10% of shelter users but more than half of shelter nights

Frequent users of expensive crisis services

Emergency and inpatient health and psychiatric services

Detox/sobering centers

Jails and prisons



Best Practice: Chicago Housing for Health Partnership

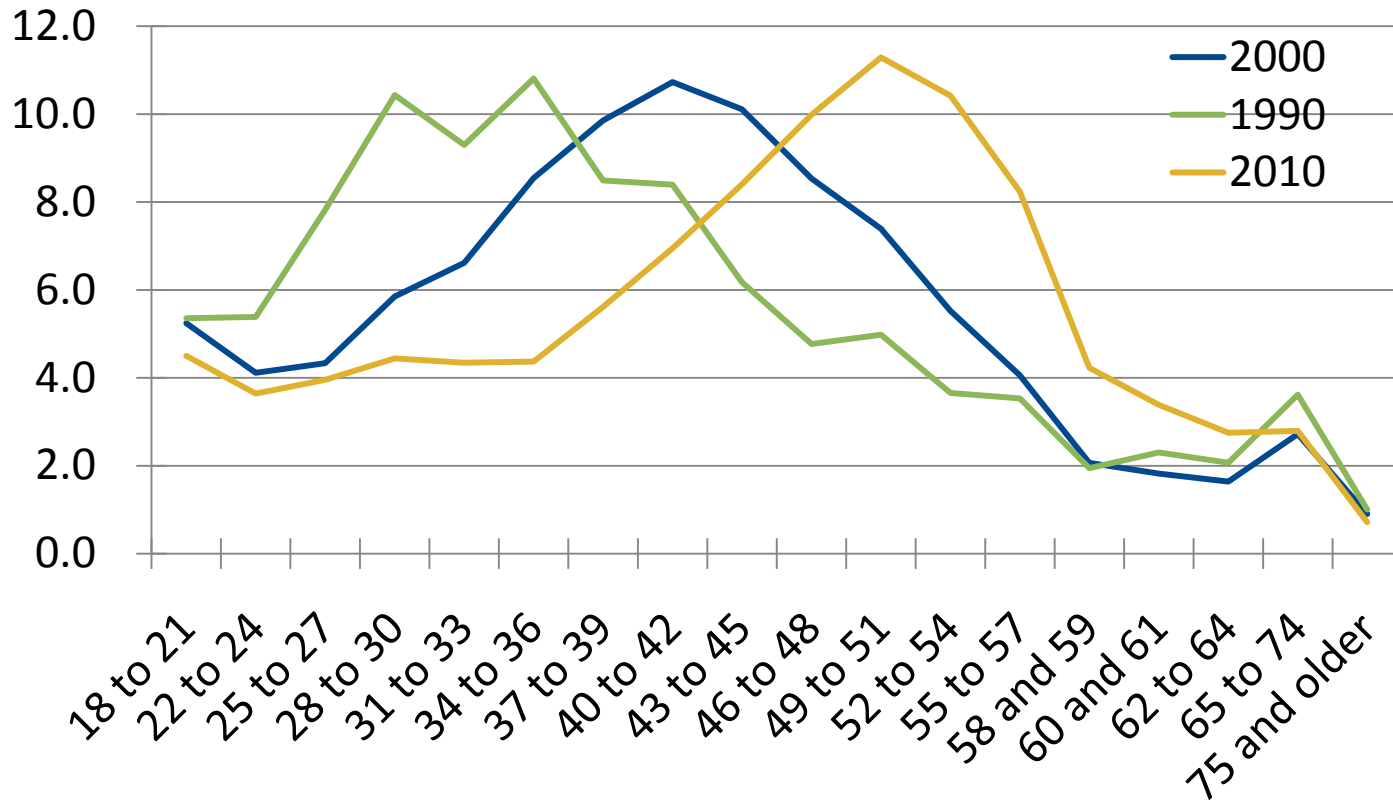
- Keys to success:
 - Agency-level leadership
 - A coordinating entity
 - Keeping collaborations small
- Results:
 - A study of CHHP, published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, reported that participants used one-third less hospital inpatient days, and one-quarter less emergency room visits than those who relied on the usual system of care
 - *Cost savings for the subpopulation living with a chronic illness is estimated at nearly \$1 million in public funds per year*

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Health and Well Being

Average Age of Sheltered Chronically Homeless Population

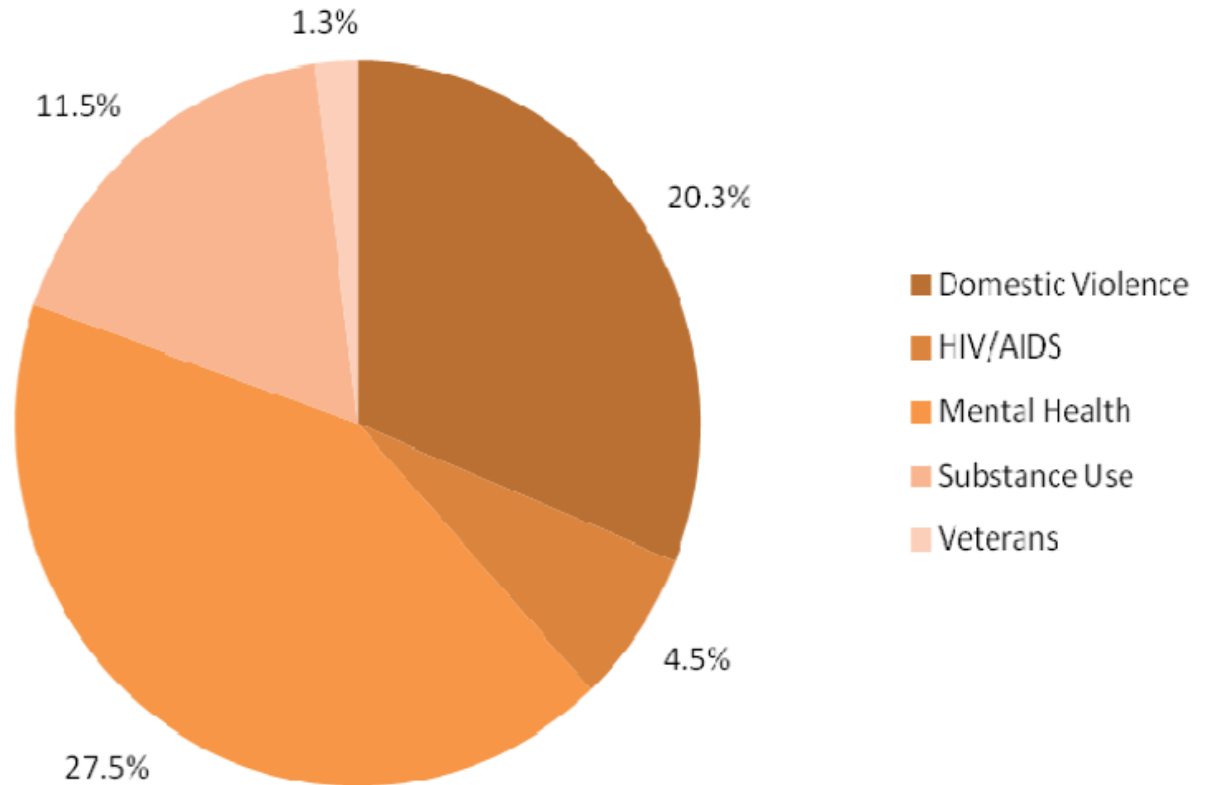




Families – NJ 2012 PIT

Homeless Subpopulations

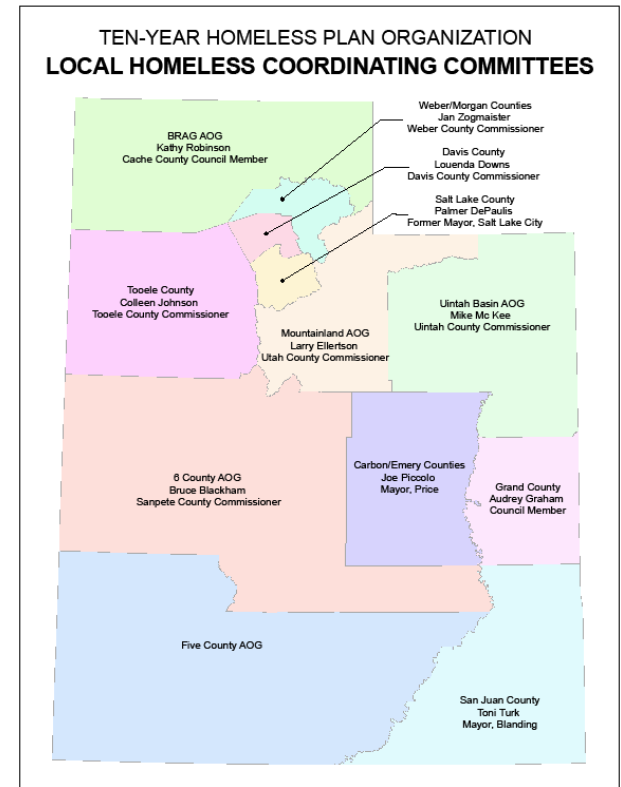
Financial Resources	
TANF	69%
Food Stamps	65.6%
Medicaid	51.5%



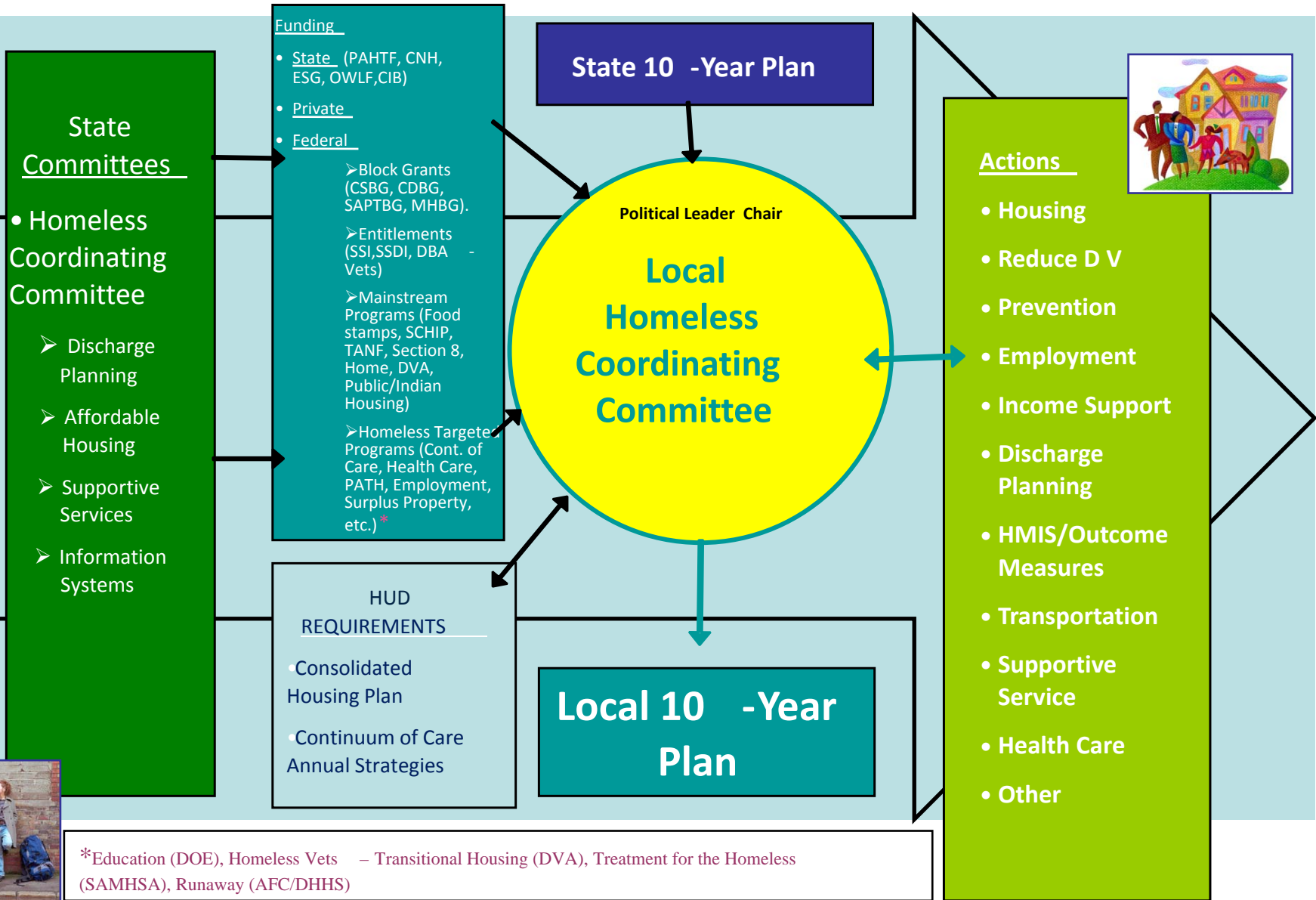


Utah State Homeless Coordinating Committee

- Senior leadership and membership
- Purpose
- Diverse funding sources
- Regional approach



Utah Local Homeless Implementation Plan





Massachusetts Interagency Council on Housing and Homelessness

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- Purpose
- Regional approach
- Data and Evaluation



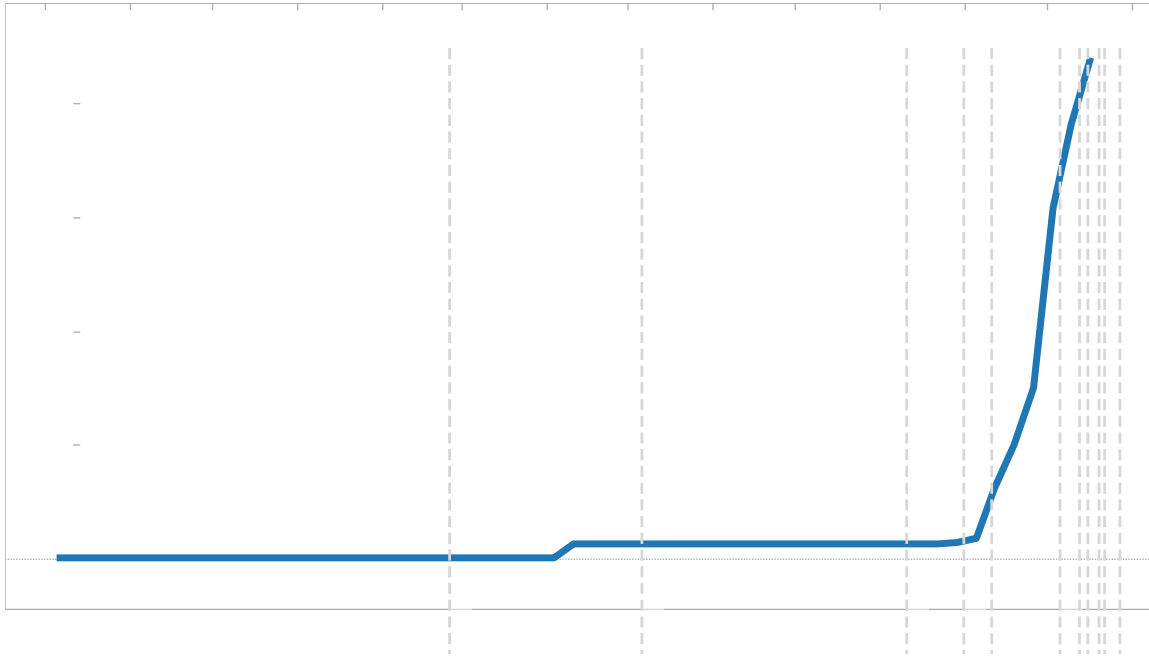
Spotlight on Innovations in NJ: Bergen County

- Retooling Crisis Response
 - **Access** to services
 - **Assessment** of individual/family situation and needs
 - **Assign** to housing intervention
- Bergen County One-Stop Shop – Partnership with PHA





DC Example Accountability



CapStat Daily: Blackberry view

Daily Report

Sent: Fri 5/21/2010 7:10 AM

To:

VC	26	2,465	2,646	-7%
PC	79	8,017	9,844	-19%
PSH Housed				
	Daily	ToDate	Trgt	Diff
Families	0	153	80	**
Individuals	0	641	620	20
VA Clients	0	89	105	16
Homeless Shelter Census 5/19				
	Daily	BedAvl	Vacancies	
Families	262	267	5	
Women	354	352	0	
Men	963	980	17	



Opening Doors Across America: Call to Action



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a USICH Call to Action

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Set Targets and Measure Results

New York Times article [Teaming up to End Homelessness](#)



Community	100 day Goal	Reported Results
Houston/Harris County	House 100 chronically homeless individuals, 60 of which are veterans, in 100 days	Housed 101 Chronic Vets in 100 days, 140 Vets total Increased targeting from 22% to 63%
New Orleans/Kenner	House 117 chronically homeless veterans, clearing up VA backlog	Housed 121 chronically homeless vets in 100 days, uniform application across 5 housing authorities/VAMC
San Antonio	100% utilization, house chronically homeless veterans in no more than 30 days	100% utilization Decreased process time by 60%



Act Strategically

- Transform homeless services to rapid-response systems
- Implement Housing First and Rapid Re-housing
- Collaborate with VA Medical Centers
- Work with PHAs to help prioritize individuals and families experiencing homelessness



Act Strategically

- Commit to using data as a management tool
- Work collaboratively and build relationships to streamline resources and invest dollars where they make the most impact



Partner

- Identify and recruit new partners
- Keep lines of communication open with leaders at all levels of government during local plan implementation
- Urge local officials to formalize their partnerships and leverage their resources
- Share what you're doing and learning



Support from USICH

- A new extensive **toolkit** for communities and states to utilize on www.usich.gov
- Feedback from our regional staff on plan implementation and we'll **connect** you with other signatory communities
- **Be publicly recognized** by USICH as leaders in the field, which will assist you in applying for federal, state, and local funding



Tools to Help

Visit the USICH Toolkit: www.usich.gov/tools

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