

HOUSING — FOR — HEALTH

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GOALS

- 1. Create 10,000 units of housing quickly**
- 2. End homelessness in LA County**
- 3. Reduce inappropriate use of expensive health care resources**
- 4. Improve health outcomes for vulnerable populations.**

WHY HOUSING MATTERS TO DHS

- **Chronically homeless individuals are our most vulnerable residents – studies have shown that living on the streets can take up to 25 years off an individual's life**
- **A chronically homeless person can use over \$8,000 in public services each month**
- **Homeless patients stay in the hospital an average of 4 days longer (10.6 vs. 6.4 days)**

OUTCOMES

- **1110 patients attained housing since program launch November 2012**
- **96% retention rate in housing after 12 months**
- **\$32,000 year-over-year health care savings post-housing per DHS patient**
- **Reduction in hospital utilization by homeless patient before and after housing:**
 - 77% reduction in emergency room visits
 - 77% reduction in inpatient admissions
 - 85% reduction in inpatient days

POPULATION

Homeless DHS patients with

- Complex physical and
- Behavioral health conditions

HEALTH OF CLIENTS

MOST COMMON CONDITIONS:

- Hypertension
- Diabetes
- Asthma
- Heart disease
- Congestive heart failure
- Cancer
- HIV/AIDS
- Hepatitis
- Depression
- Bipolar disorder
- PTSD
- Schizophrenia

Most HFH clients have **MULTIPLE CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS**

HFH CLIENT PROCESS

