

**ARIZONA HOMELESS EVALUATION PROJECT  
PROGRESS REPORT  
(Based on clients who have exited the program)**

**PROGRAM:** Demo Shelter  
**TYPE:** Emergency Shelter  
**CONTINUUM:** MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness  
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We have compared characteristics of Demo Shelter clients to clients from other agencies with like program types within the [name: Maricopa/Pima/Rural] Continuum of Care who entered and exited programs during the same time period (October 2005 through March 2006).

Maricopa County Continuum of Care

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

	Demo Emergency Shelter	Other Emergency Shelters
<u>Typical age</u>	38.5	33.6
<u>Gender (% Female)</u>	53 %	75 %
<u>Primary race</u>		
White	64 %	62 %
Black	24 %	16 %
Asian	1 %	2 %
Native American	11 %	11 %
Other	0 %	8 %
<u>Hispanic</u>	14 %	21 %
<u>DV clients</u>	26 %	26 %
<u>Extent of homelessness</u>		
First time	40 %	43 %
1-2 times in past	46 %	41 %
Long term	6 %	6 %
Chronic	8 %	10 %

In terms of these demographic variables, Demo clients tend to be mildly older, mildly less likely to be female, and mildly more likely to serve black clients and mildly less likely to serve Hispanic clients. However, overall there are not great differences in the demographic characteristics.

**MATRIX SCORES UPON ENTRY**

Dysfunction Score                      Demo clients moderately less dysfunctional  
 Independent Life Skills Score           Demo clients mildly greater life skills  
 Total Self Sufficiency Score           Demo clients mildly less challenging

**DEMO CLIENT OUTCOMES** (totals may be rounded)

	Expected	Actual	Difference
Dysfunction Scores	1.3	1.6	+0.3
Independent Life Skill Scores	6.9	7.3	+0.4
Overall Self-Sufficiency Scores	8.3	8.8	+0.5

The predictive model determines the most likely change each client would make if they were randomly assigned to a homeless program. This expected change is then compared to the actual change clients make in the program. If the difference is positive this program is performing above expectations and if the difference is negative then the agency is performing below expectations.

Overall Demo shelter is mildly better than other programs in decreasing dysfunction and moderately better in increasing independent life skills and overall self-sufficiency. Demo shelter has its greatest success with homeless individuals recently released from jail/prison. An area of challenge for Demo shelter is the program's difficulty in having significant impact with its female clients.