

SANTA CLARA COUNTY HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION SYSTEM



In 2017, Destination: Home helped launch a countywide Homelessness Prevention System - a unique partnership between public agencies, private funders, and non-profit organizations to help at-risk families and individuals maintain their housing and avoid falling into homelessness. Based on the promising results from this initiative, we believe that homelessness prevention can play a critical role in reducing, and ultimately, ending homelessness in our community.

HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS

The Homelessness Prevention System provides critical assistance to low-income households at imminent risk of becoming homeless, including:



Temporary Financial Assistance



Legal Support



Case Management and other services

The system prioritizes those at the highest-risk of falling into homelessness, utilizing a standardized pre-screening interview and questionnaire to help evaluate each household's risk and the amount and type of assistance they need to stay housed.

In addition, the system is administered through a unique partnership with 19 community-serving non-profit organizations - ensuring residents can receive Homelessness Prevention assistance at locations throughout the county and easily accessing the many other services provided by these non-profits.



WHY PREVENTION?

Homelessness prevention strategies have long held potential for reducing homelessness at a lower-cost and with much less suffering than assisting a family or individual who's been pushed onto the streets. But prevention is more important than ever, as we see more of our neighbors being pushed into homelessness than ever before.

In Santa Clara County:

- **73%** of extremely low-income households and **29%** of very low-income households are severely rent-burdened, and often just one unexpected expense away from being unable to make rent and losing their home.
- For every one homeless household we connect to housing, **another 1.7** are experiencing homelessness for the very first time.

PARTNER AGENCIES



Emergency Family Shelter Support



Legal Support



Domestic Violence Advocacy Consortium



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MEASURING OUR IMPACT

Since the system was launched in 2017, we have helped prevent homelessness for thousands of our most vulnerable residents - demonstrating the enormous potential impact that prevention strategies can have in our efforts to end homelessness in our community.

We have helped



at imminent risk of
homelessness

Average financial assistance
provided per family

\$7,397



94% of families remained stably housed while receiving prevention services.



TWO YEARS LATER



Only **7% of households** became homeless.

THE HOUSEHOLDS WE SERVE

Through the Homelessness Prevention System's standardized assessment process, we have not only received rich data on the people we serve, but also gained insight the factors correlated with those who are at greatest risk for homelessness in our community:



90%

Extremely Low Income at Enrollment



84%

People of Color



60%

Included Children

TOP REASONS FOR ASSISTANCE



52%

Income Not Keeping Pace with Rent

OTHER CONTRIBUTING FACTORS



73%

have a disability or chronic physical or mental health issue



28%

have history of incarceration



48%

experienced homelessness in the last three years



24%

are survivors of domestic violence

OUR GENEROUS FUNDERS

The Homelessness Prevention System has been funded through a unique public-private partnership model that includes a broad coalition of more than a dozen funders:



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