

HRAP ANNUAL REPORT

2019



HRAP Housing Stability Coordinators, Jack, Eddie, Christine, Client Service Manager, Kimberley, and Dr. Jeanne Savage (Center).

THANK YOU SALEM!

A LETTER FROM CLIENT SERVICE MANAGER,
KIMBERLY MCBETH

2019 marked significant growth for the Homeless Rental Assistance Program. In April of 2019 I was lucky enough to join this amazing team as the Client Services Manager along with the addition of Jack Elliot Vermeer as a Housing Stability Coordinator. We felt so lucky to bring Jack onto our team as he brings a plethora of knowledge and understanding and really rounded out this amazing group. With new energy we continued to engage the homeless community, focusing on strengthening existing partnerships, developing an already growing program, and cultivating relationships with landlords and property management companies.

We saw the fruit of our efforts when several clients exceeded expectations. With HRAP's support to secure housing, several clients secured their Section 8 Voucher before 1 year; one client even started their own business and is flourishing. These clients focused on gaining income, developing healthy working relationships with their landlords and navigated area resources with self-sufficiency, relying little on our intensive case management. To their credit, their success proves that we continue to achieve our mission and prove again and again that housing first; providing housing for the homeless without conditions or hurdles, is the most effective way to end homeless for that individual.

We continue to find new ways to engage the community. We hosted Northwest Human Services' Stephen Goins at SHA for a presentation on The Homeless Brain to educate the housing and social service providers about the profound ways being homeless affects the physiology of the brain. We also hosted a Landlord education night on all of the new laws that pertain to our tenants and landlords. This next year we hope to have even more events that will educate and include our community in the lives of our unsheltered neighbors, and together as a community work to end homelessness.

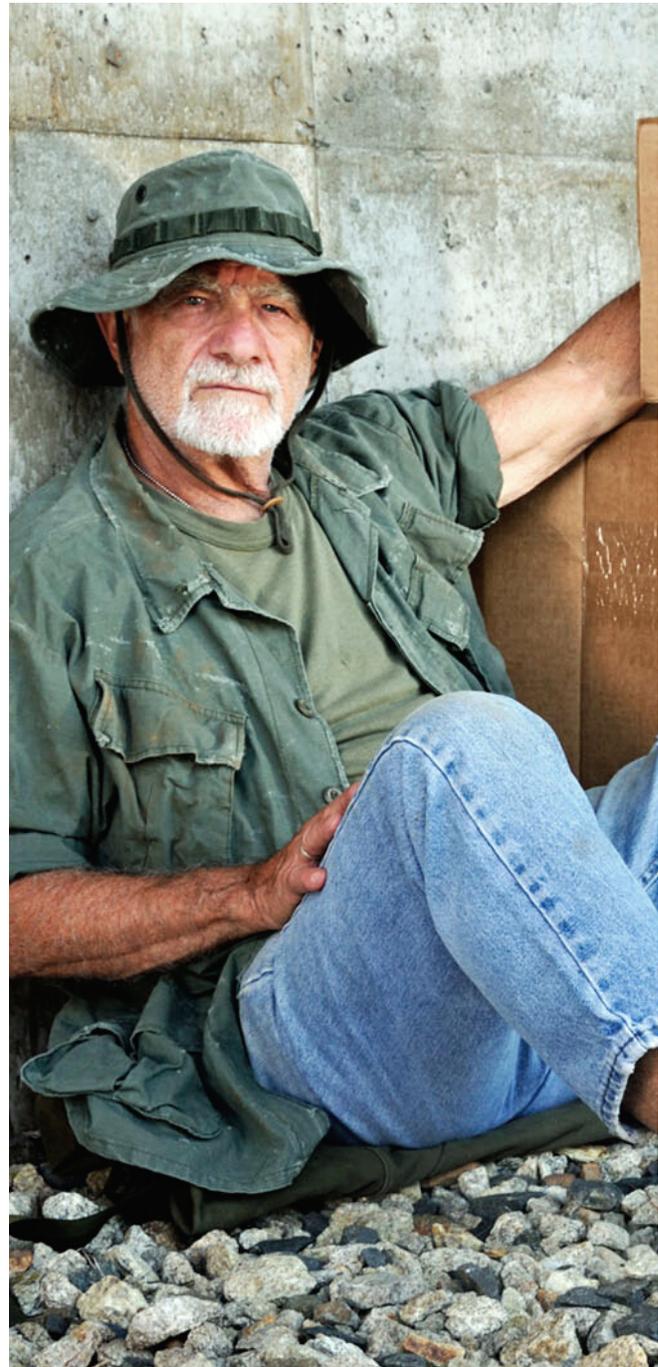
Together with a host of landlord and property management companies, with the help of local health and social service providers, we look forward to putting more of our communities most vulnerable in homes of their own. However, this herculean effort is not one a team of our modest size can do alone. We need the provisional support of the Salem and Keizer communities; we cannot do it without you. For us to continue to do this vital work, we need you. We need the support of generous donors, like Dr. Jeanne Savage, who gave \$10,000. Gifts like Dr. Savages' cover monthly rent and utilities, furniture, kitchenware, even monthly bus passes for everyone in the program. We were fortunate to have been the recipient of a \$116,900 grant from Willamette Valley Community Health upon it is closing but we can only house, furnish, and hire as many case managers as our budget allows. We hope you discover all that HRAP does, the tremendous impact it has for our homeless neighbors' lives, and that you will be inspired to partner with us.

"HOUSING FIRST IS NOT CHARITY BUT A FORM OF SOCIAL JUSTICE."

SAM TSEMBRIS, CREATOR OF HOUSING FIRST, AUTHOR *"HOUSING FIRST: ENDING HOMELESSNESS"*

The Homeless Rental Assistance Program exists to house the most vulnerable, chronically homeless in Salem and Keizer. Using a Housing First approach, HRAP provides rental assistance and housing opportunities without preconditions; income, employment, treatment, ect. In partnership with local property management companies and landlords, HRAP connects clients to available affordable housing in the Salem and Keizer areas to secure housing with a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher. Upon move in case management by Housing Stability Coordinators beings to connect clients to necessary forms of government assistance, healthcare and employment services, life skills building, and other forms of support. This case management is provided up to 1 year and during this time, both Clients and Property Management have access to Housing Stability Coordinators for additional support and mediation. Upon completing a year of case management both the Housing Stability Coordinators and the clients work together to transition from HRAP rental assistance funds to the Section 8 Program.

Clients are referred to HRAP through the Coordinated Entry Program which assess an individuals' risk of mortality due to exposure in combination with current health needs. By targeting our communities' most vulnerable, HRAP aims to decrease chronic or repeated homeless in Salem and Keizer and allows other low-barrier individuals with housing needs to access available community services.



1,918 Home Visits

83% National Housing First Ave. Success Rate

83% HRAP Success Rate

75 Referrals Received

49 Homeless Housed Through HRAP

42 Graduated to Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher or Secured Permanent Housing

33 Enrolled Homeless Individuals Receiving Support

FINANCES

1.4 Mil

City of Salem

465 K

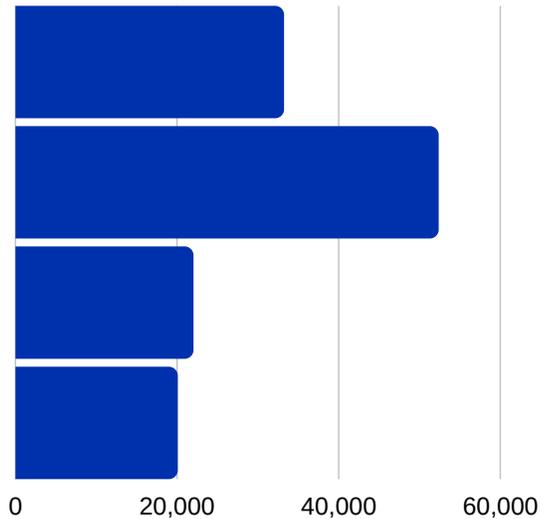
Willamette Valley Community Health, Continuum of Care

Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers

Meyer Memorial Trust Foundation

Salem Health

MWVCAA Emergency Housing Grant



HARM REDUCTION

"Harm reduction can be described as a strategy directed toward individuals or groups that aims to reduce the harms associated with certain behaviours... It emphasizes the measurement of health, social and economic outcomes, as opposed to the measurement of drug consumption."

'Harm reduction: An approach to reducing risky health behaviours in adolescents'

Canadian Paediatric Society
(2008 Jan; 13(1): 53-56.)

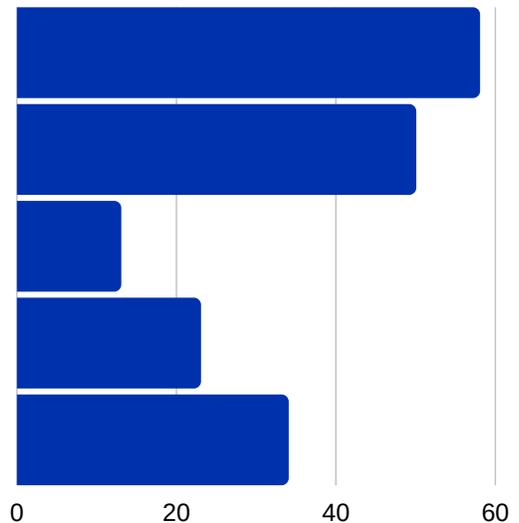
Gained Health Insurance

Obtained Primary Care

Obtained Mental Health Support

Receiving Drug and Alcohol Treatment

Obtained Income



(Data as of FY 2019)

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LLOYD PENDELTON, FORMER STATE OF UTAH DIRECTOR OF THE HOMELESS TASK FORCE

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