



Leadership Team meeting

February 18, 2019

Welcome & updates



Updates and sharing

- Sharing /agency updates
- OCPEH updates
 - Transition to NC HMIS database
 - CoC Funding Update
 - HUD announced renewal project awards on Jan. 26 and new project awards announced on Feb. 6
 - Renewal projects awarded, IFC projects consolidated, \$630,141 total
 - New housing project awarded to Compass Center – RRH for Domestic Violence Survivors & Their Families, \$50,144
 - CoC Planning grant awarded, \$19,934
 - Increase total funding (new and renewal projects) to \$700,219
 - Plan to End Homelessness Update
 - [2019 Leadership Team Orientation Packet](#)

OCPEH Events

- Save the Date: Charity vs. Justice Community Workshop, Mon. March 25, 5:30-7:30pm, Carrboro Century Center
- Homelessness 101 & 201 at OC Animal Services, noon-1:30pm
 - Homelessness 101, Wed. March 6; [Register online](#)
 - Homelessness 201, Fri. March 8; [Register online](#)



Approve OCPEH Leadership Team meeting minutes

- [January 14](#)



Homeless System Dashboard



Dashboard updated to include data on people seeking services

- [Program Entries](#)



The HOME list is the longest it's ever been; 3 people housed at the last meeting

Month	Beginning count	Returned from Inactive	Returned from housed	Newly ID'ed	Exited to housing	Moved to Inactive	Ending count	Housed YTD
Jan-18	64	0	0	5	7	0	57	7
Jan-18	61	1	0	3	1	4	56	8
Feb-18	80	1	0	23	4	7	69	12
Mar-18	78	1	0	8	2	5	71	14
Apr-18	81	0	0	10	2	6	73	16
May-18	83	0	0	10	5	8	70	21
Jun-18	84	0	0	14	4	5	75	25
Jul-18	78	0	0	3	3	6	69	28
Aug-18	76	0	0	7	4	1	71	32
Sep-18	79	0	0	8	5*	1	73	36
Oct-18	82	1	0	8	2	4	76	38
Dec-18	101	3	0	22	9	8	84	47
Jan-19	105	0	1	20	4	6	95	4
Jan-19	112	0	1	16	3	2	107	7

Domestic Violence Needs Assessment for Orange County



Orange County North Carolina, Domestic Violence, and Housing: A Collaborative Community-Provider and Researcher Needs Assessment

Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness
(OCPEH) Leadership Team
Chapel Hill, NC
February 2019

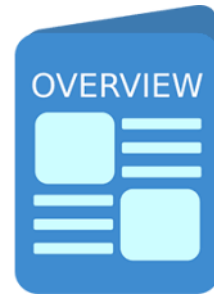
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Presentation

- Introducing the project
- What does research recommend?
- Project methods & key findings
- Recommendations & next steps
- Questions & discussion



“So many survivors stay in [violent] relationships because we don’t have housing”

“I put myself in really unsafe situations with him just because I had nowhere else to go.”

–Domestic Violence Survivor Project Participants

Practitioner-Researcher Partnership

- A research team from UNC-CH School of Social Work led the project
- The research team partnered with:
 - Compass Center for Women & Families
 - Orange County Rape Crisis Center
 - UNC Hospitals' Beacon Program
- ***This project was generously supported by a gift from Mrs. Marilyn Jacob Preyer & Mr. Rich Preyer***

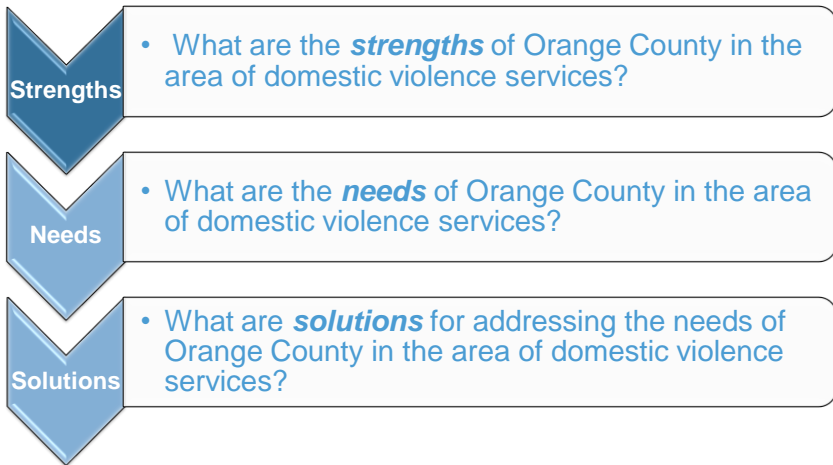


What is a Needs Assessment?

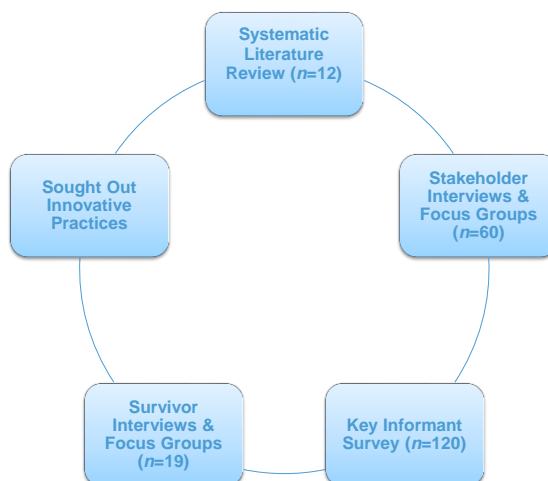
- Determine unmet needs, gaps in services
- Identify & catalog existing services & resources
- Help determine how scarce resources are best applied
- First step in program development
- Decision-aiding tool



Questions Guiding the Project



Needs Assessment Methods



HOUSING FOR DV SURVIVORS – WHAT DOES RESEARCH RECOMMEND?

“...we need to talk more about evidence-based vs. anecdotal evidence. Most people know the anecdotes but don’t stay abreast of what really works.”

–Community Leader/Provider Project Participant

Determined A Total of 12 Varied Articles & Studies

- Shelter is the most commonly assessed & available housing intervention for DV survivors
 - ***However, limited empirical evaluation of its effectiveness***
- Flexible funding & rapid rehousing are promising practices but more evaluation is needed



COMMUNITY DATA COLLECTION: PARTICIPANTS, METHODS & KEY FINDINGS

More Than 200 Orange County Leaders, Professionals, Service Providers & Survivors Participated



Housing for DV Survivors Is An Unmet Need with No One-Size-Fits-All Solution

- DV survivors have complex, diverse & unique needs
- Housing problems complicate survivors' other needs
 - child care, employment, health, & safety
- Services should be survivor-centered
- Consider the underserved & especially vulnerable survivors in our community



“And I remember someone calling in regarding that [changes in children’s school] and needing shelter and a safe place to be, and they determined that they were going to stay in the abusive environment because they did not want to have to remove their child from school. They felt like they already had services established and in place and that it was unfair for them to have to relocate and start everything over.”

–Community Leader/Provider Project Participant

Shelters May Not Always Be the Best Housing Strategy for DV Victims & Their Families

- DV shelters are expensive to develop & sustain
- Communal-based shelter housing might not be trauma-informed or meet victims’ needs



“The practical issue of getting kids to school. Does the bus come to pick them up at the shelter? That’s daunting.”

“You don’t know who is there and sometimes people steal from each other.”

“People would get into fights with each other over dumb things.”

–Domestic Violence Survivor Project Participants

The Orange County Community Context & Challenges

- Lack of affordable housing
- Lack of living wage employment opportunities
- Limited transportation between communities & in rural areas
- Meeting DV services needs of UNC-CH students
- Gaps in current DV services
 - Linguistically appropriate services; programs addressing perpetration; trauma-informed therapists
- Community perceptions that DV & homelessness are not problems
- Not in My Back Yard (NIMBY) sentiments
- Growing regionalism

“One place I had applied to and they wanted certain credit score that I didn’t have and wasn’t able to get housing. This wasn’t emergency housing, it was an apartment. But, it can be difficult. Luckily, I found a landlord that didn’t require a credit check. Challenging if you don’t have a place after leaving an abusive relationship.”

–Domestic Violence Survivor Project Participant

Chapel Hill has an elite opinion of itself, and we tend to think there is no homelessness or domestic violence in Chapel Hill...the perception that we don’t have a problem keeps us from fixing it.”

–Community Leader/Provider Project Participant

INNOVATIVE APPROACHES

An Opportunity to Do Something Novel

- Project findings pointed to a mix of strategies to addressing diverse DV survivors multifaceted needs, in comprehensive & holistic ways



“Housing is more than just a place to live and sleep, it also should be a place where you have community and are close to people who you feel comfortable reaching out to and aren’t isolated.”

—Domestic Violence Survivor Project Participant

Flexible Funding

- Flexible funding programs offer DV survivors access to immediate funds, housing advocacy & case management
- This strategy could prevent homelessness by providing survivors with timely access to financial aid & support



Enhanced Crisis Housing

- Our project findings indicate DV survivors will need emergency short-term housing to ensure their families' safety & well-being
- Not delivered in communal ways
- Enhanced delivered to:
 - Emphasize survivors' empowerment
 - Promote their connections with supports
 - Support their parenting of their children



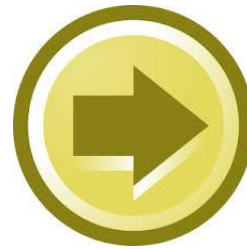
Rapid Rehousing

- Rapid rehousing is a package of housing identification, rent support, & move-in assistance combined with case management to address DV survivors' longer-term housing needs
- Ensures that families experience homelessness for as brief a time as possible



Next Steps

- UNC-CH to disseminate final project report findings
- Building from their housing initiatives, Compass Center working on plans to develop and fund future programs



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- **AND ALL THE PROJECT PARTICIPANTS, ESPECIALLY THE SURVIVORS**

Thanks

Orange County Local Rent Supplement Program



Leadership Team Membership



1 resignation, 2 applications to join OCPEH Leadership Team

- Per OCPEH Governance Charter, Leadership Team can have up to 25 members, now have 24
- 2 applications to join
- Also have pool of alternate applicants from 2018 recruitment
- Potential motion – add member to Leadership Team



Gap of the Month: Income-Based Rental Units



Starting last month, we will take a closer look at each of the homeless system gaps

- In 2017, stakeholders identified eight homeless service system gaps as part of the 2016-2017 system mapping process
- Latest [update to Gaps Analysis from April 2018](#)
 - 1 gap filled
 - 6 gaps had some activity underway but not fully filled
 - 1 gap with no movement yet
- We can end homelessness in Orange County, to do this we must fill the remaining gaps
 - Focus of Leadership Team work for 2019 and beyond
- Gap of the Month through August



#2 Prioritized Gap: Income-Based Rental Units

- What: Rental units that use household income to determine amount of rent paid by clients
- Funding target changes for development vs. non-development
 - Development: millions
 - Non-development: \$455,370
 - Master leasing for rental subsidies and case management for 50 units
- Status: Partial
 - Limited units available from Town/County subsidies, HUD subsidies
 - Referrals not coordinated or prioritized
 - Community need far outstrips number of available units
- Strategy: Continued collaboration, Master Leasing

We can fill this gap thorough development, non-development, and refined referrals

- Not just about building more units, although we need to do this
- Access for new and existing units can be difficult for people experiencing homelessness
 - Identification and other paperwork
 - Process



Next month's Gap of the Month: Drop-In Day Center with Integrated Services

- March – Drop-In Day Center with Integrated Services
- April – Street Outreach Program
- May – 24 hour bathrooms in downtown Chapel Hill/Carrboro
- June – Accessible, housing-focused shelter
- July – no Leadership Team meeting
- August – Diversion funding



Wrap up



See you soon...

- Next Leadership Team meeting
 - Mon. 3/18, 6-7:30 p.m.

