Homelessness Solutions

Welcome!

6:10-7:00 Community Learning

Understanding Homelessness and Solutions

Sharing Success Stories

7:00-8:00 Break-Out Tables

Q&A and Conversations

Thank you!

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Housing Catalyst
Northern Colorado Continuum of Care
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What does ending homelessness look like?

On My Way Homeward

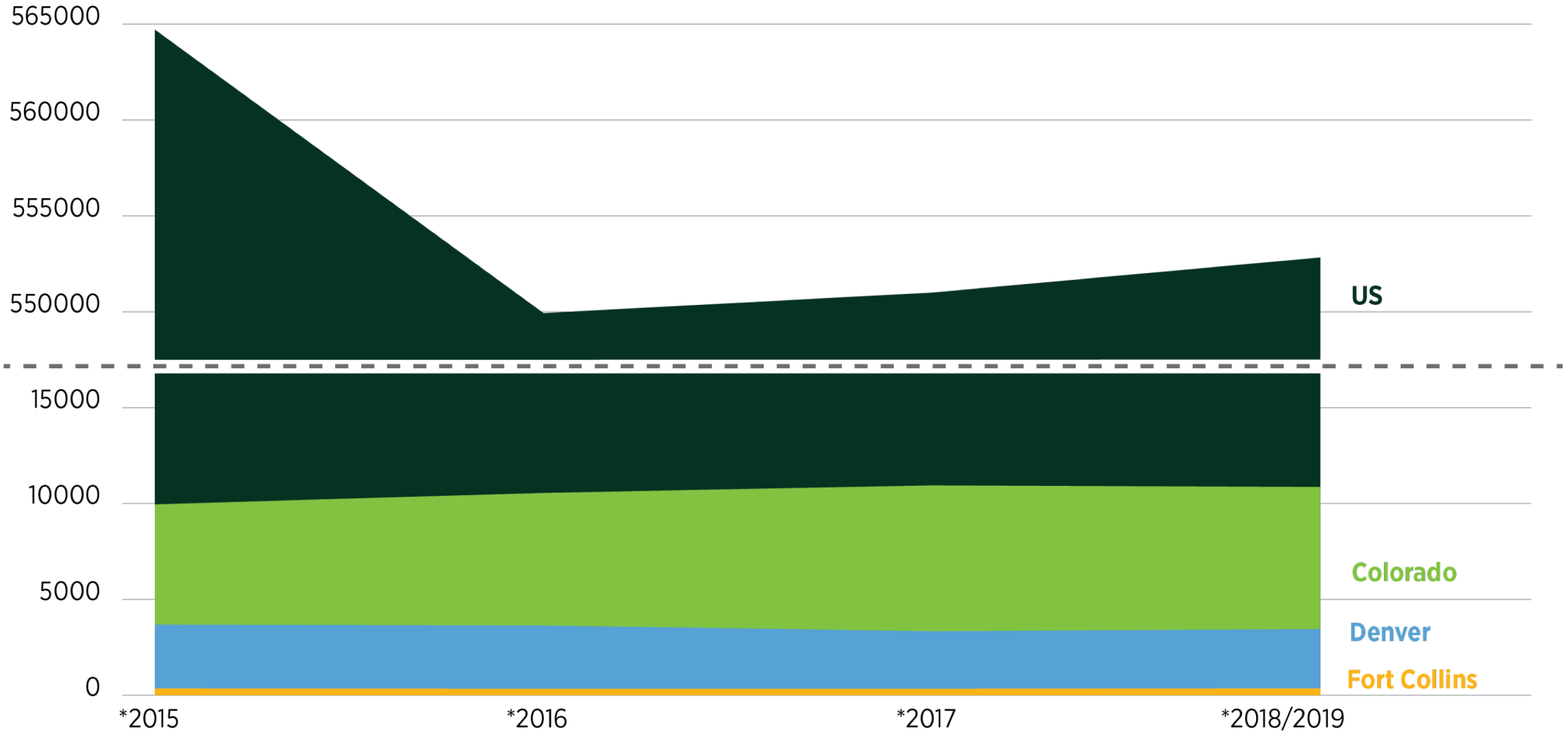
Homeward2020.org/housing-first-initiative

What causes homelessness?

- Individual circumstance
- Wider forces
- Complex interplay

Why does homelessness persist?

- Lack of housing that low income and fixed income people can afford
- Especially most vulnerable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The Growing Chronic Homelessness Crisis
Fort Collins, Q1 2019

- Current total: **432**
- Entered long-term homelessness Jan-Mar 2019: **68**
- Housed/positive exited: **23**
- Seniors 61+: **50**
- Veterans: **27**
- Women: **121**
- Persons reporting a disability: **186**
- Housing barriers: **183 entering with $0 income**

System and Population Data: homeward2020.org/data-dashboard

Homelessness Crisis felt in Communities

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What does ending homelessness mean?

“An end to homelessness means that every community will have a comprehensive response in place that ensures homelessness is prevented whenever possible, or if it can’t be prevented, it is a rare, brief, and one-time experience."

United States Interagency Council on Homelessness

Together, we will make homelessness rare, short-lived and non-recurring in Fort Collins.

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Homelessness Solutions

= Supportive Housing-oriented System

The Economic Case for Supportive Housing: Over 85+ Cost-Benefit Analysis Studies*

Cost of Random Ricocheting in emergency room, shelter, jail, etc.

$35,000 - $150,000

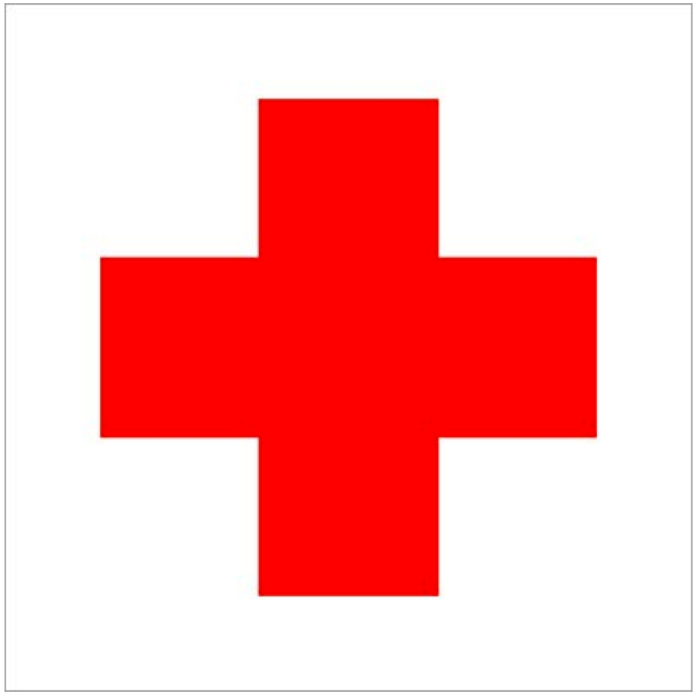
Cost of Housing and Services

$13,000 - $25,000

*Chronically homeless and high-utilizers

What is Housing First?

What is supportive housing?



What are key *prevention* interventions?

- Identify at-risk
- Eviction Prevention
- Inreach before discharge
- Adequate affordable units
  - (0-30% AMI)

What are key *shelter* and 'exit' interventions?

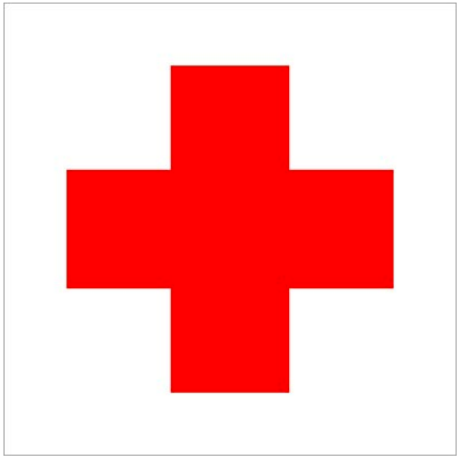
- Low barrier
- Coordinated intake and assessment
- Housing search and placement
- Outreach
- 'Navigation Centers'
- Recovery programs

What are key *housing* interventions?

- More Supportive Housing units
- Deepest affordability: 0-30%AMI
- Rapid Rehousing and flex funds
- Housing Retention
- Landlord Engagement
- Hotel/motel conversions

What are key *services* interventions?

- Consumer-driven
- Intensive & Clinical Case Management
- Healthcare
- Income development
- Police Co-responders
- Alternative Sentencing



What are key *system* interventions?

- Housing First
- Resource alignment
- Coordinated prioritization
- Cross sector and niche partnerships
- Housing as healthcare

A system of accountability.

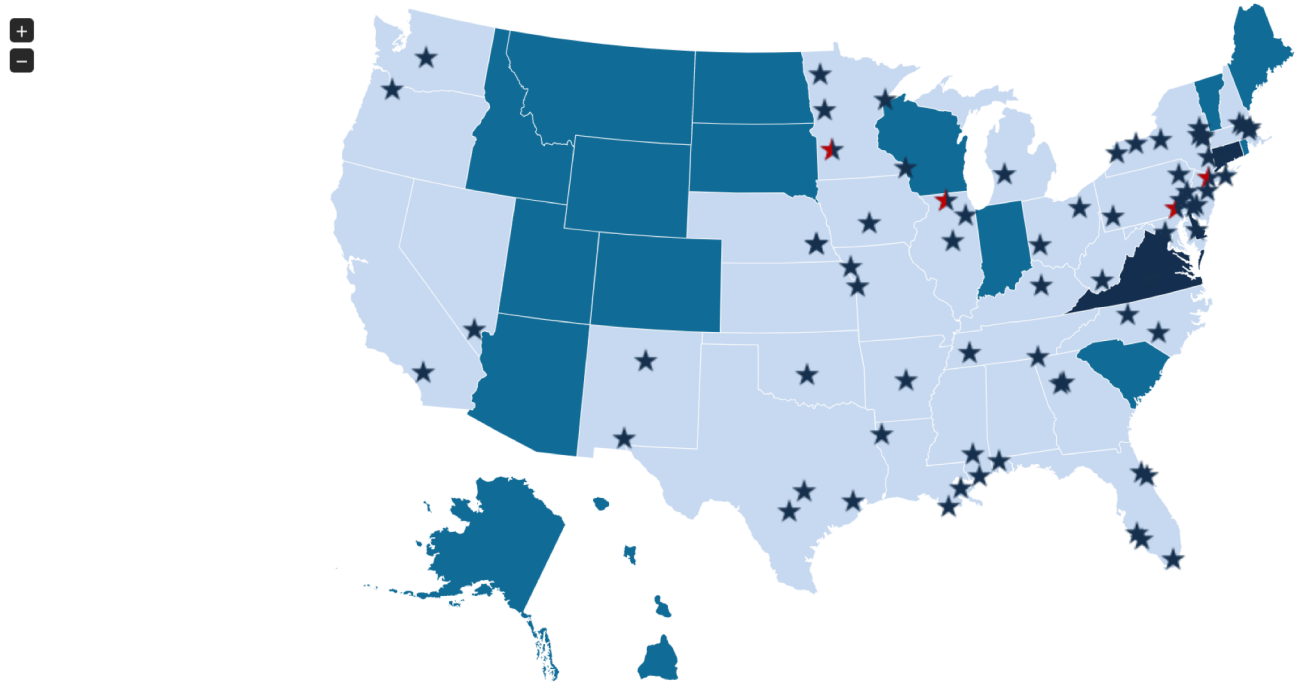
- Clearly identify intended outcomes.
- Alignment.
- Assess progress.
- Continuously improve.

Aggressive, results-based approaches.

- Data-driven
- Right-sized
- Consumer driven
- Evidence-based practices
- Resource alignment
- Professionalization of interventions
- Performance Measures

Communities That Have Ended Homelessness

To be recognized as having achieved the goal, communities **must meet the requirements laid out in the federal criteria and benchmarks** for ending homelessness.



★ **69** communities and **3** states have ended Veteran homelessness

★ **4** communities have ended Chronic & Veteran homelessness

States that have at least one community that has ended homelessness

Advocate for a housed and healthy community.

Advocate for ending homelessness.

Ending homelessness is achievable.

We know what to do.

We know how to do it.

There is only one issue: scaling up the solutions.

Together, we can make homelessness rare, short-lived and non-recurring.

Success Stories

Success Stories:
Coordination and Collaboration

City of Fort Collins, Special Agency Session: Andrea Akin

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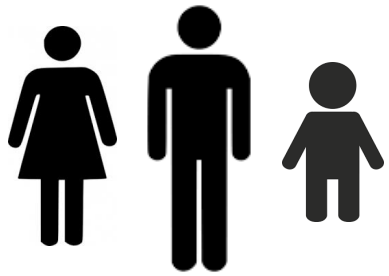

Villages
BY HOUSING CATALYST

Catholic Charities: Joe Domko

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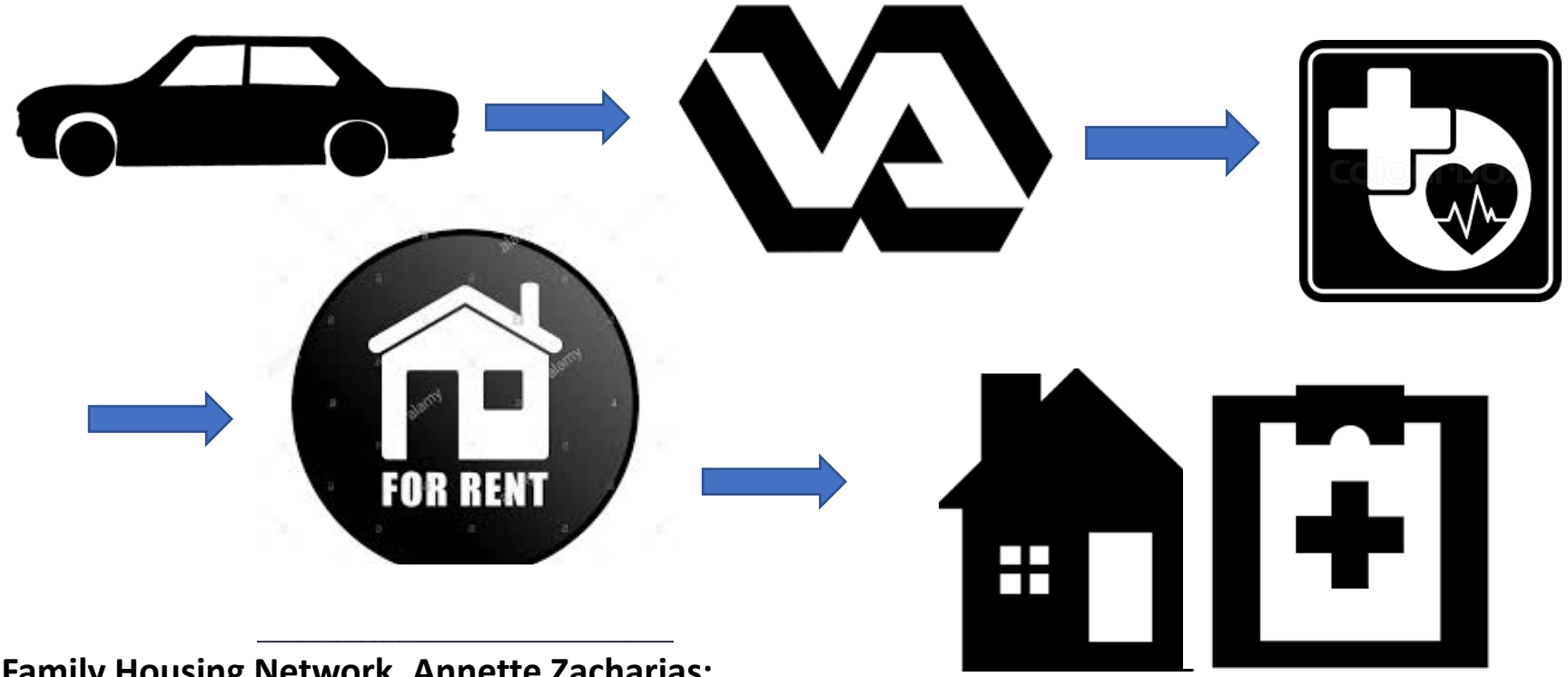

Family Housing Network, Annette Zacharias;
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