

Homeless Programs in Tarrant County

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Tenant Based Leasing Programs

- Modeled after Section 8
- Include supportive services
- Clients will have a case manager
- Programs are **TRANSITIONAL** (24-month limit) or **PERMANENT** housing



Transitional Housing

- Funded by HUD
- Has time limit – 24 months
- 17 Programs (12 Agencies) in
Tarrant County

AIDS Outreach Center
Arlington Housing Auth
Community Enrichment Center
Cornerstone Assistance Network
Day Resource Center
GRACE in Grapevine

Recovery Resource Council
Safe Haven of Tarrant County
Tarrant Co Community Development
Texas Re-Entry Services
Volunteers of America
YWCA



Permanent Housing

- Funded by HUD
- No time limit
- Most are Permanent *Supportive* Housing – supportive services are required to compliment the housing assistance
- 12 Programs (9 Agencies) in
Tarrant County



Permanent Housing Programs

- **Arlington Housing Authority** – HCV & S+C
- **Day Resource Center** – Project New Start
- **Fort Worth Housing Authority** – HCV & S+C
- **Housing Assistance of Tarrant County** - HCV
- **Housing Authority of Grapevine** - HCV
- **MHMR of Tarrant County** – Gateway, SNAPS
- **Presbyterian Night Shelter** – Housing Solutions (HOSO)
- **Samaritan Housing** – Genesis HOPWA Program
- **Volunteers Of America (VOA)** – Faith Program



Directions Home

- Funded by City through 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness
- Funds 100 Vouchers for new program: Directions Home Voucher Program at FWHA
- Funds supportive services so another 100 clients can be housed under S+C at FWHA



Directions Home Voucher Program

- Run very similar to S+C
- Rent determined by FMR & Reasonableness
- All clients come from shelters or streets
- Clients may or *may not* have a disability
- Some clients will be housed under the Housing First model — house people first and then engage them in supportive services
- Program Coordinator: Van Williams

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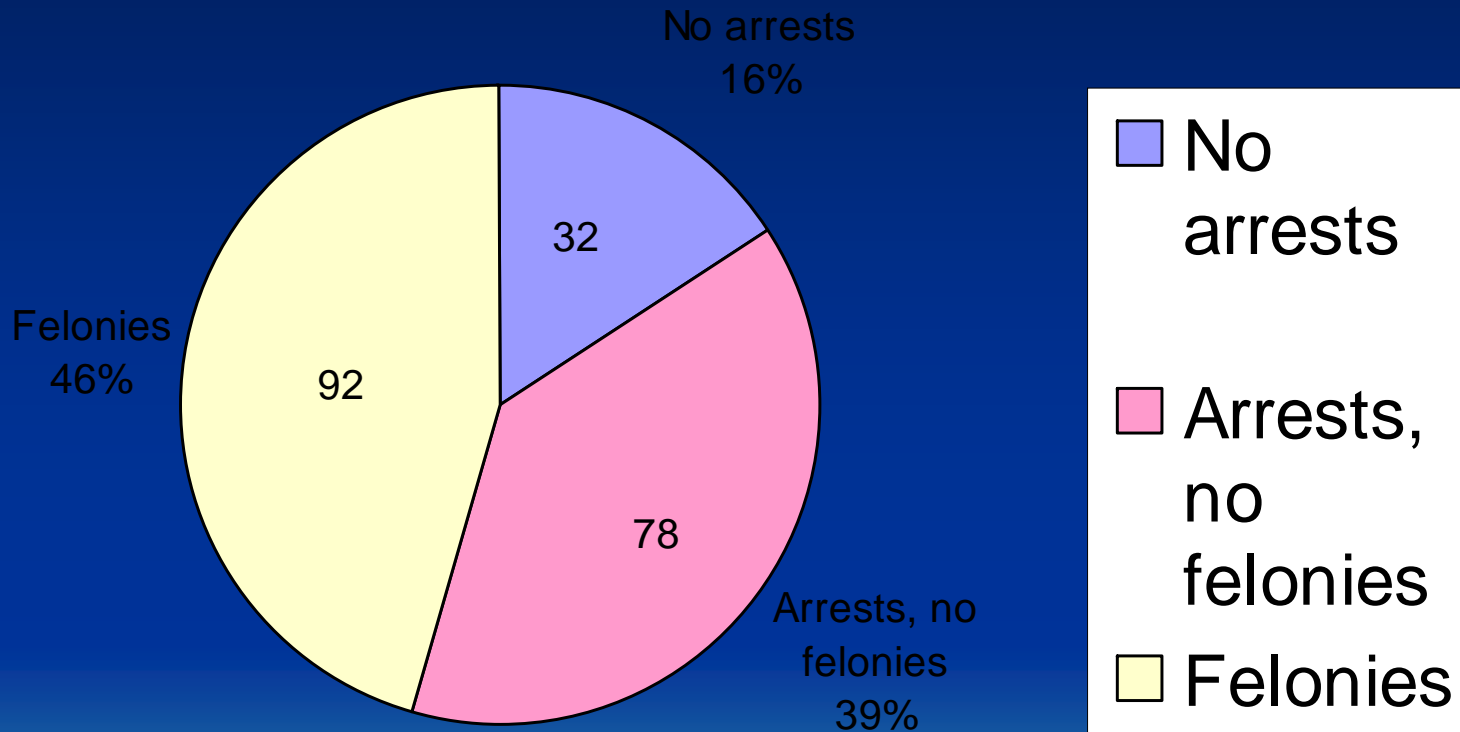


Screening Clients

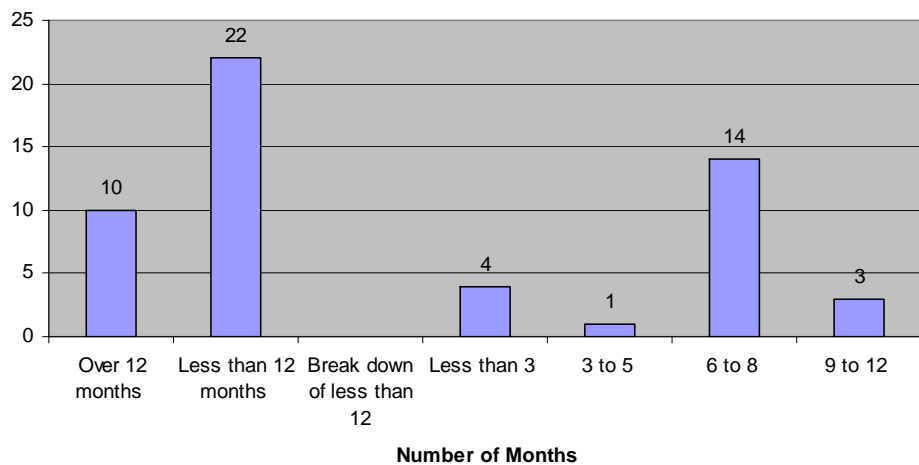
- S+C and DHVP will run criminal background checks on all participants
- Sex offenders with a lifetime registration requirement will be ineligible
- Landlords should complete their own screening according to leasing criteria
- Flexibility with poor credit/rental histories and criminal histories is requested



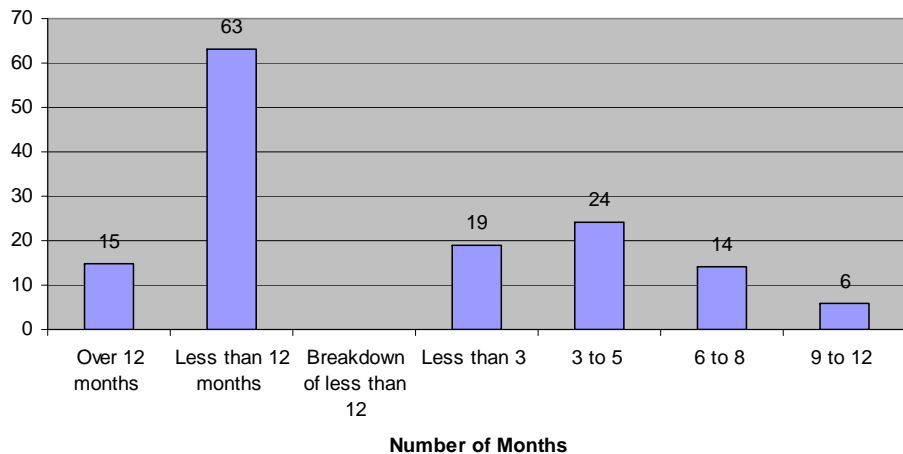
Housing People with Arrest Records



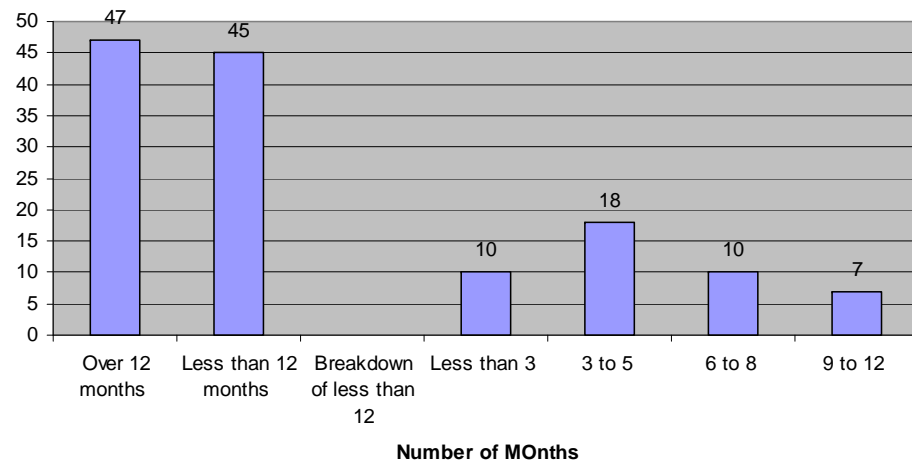
No Arrests - 32 Total



Arrests, No Felonies Total 78



Felonies - 92 Total



Homeless in Tarrant County

- 1448 on the streets and in the shelters
- Primary reason for homelessness: unemployment & financial problems; criminal history is another leading reason
 - 26% Mentally ill
 - 17% Alcohol problems
 - 20% Drug problems
 - 23% Permanently disabled
 - 9% HIV/AIDS
 - 4% Temporarily disabled



S+C Average Client

- Age 47
- White
- Female
- Mental Illness
- Criminal History 47% felons, 29% arrests with no felony, 16% no arrests
- 1 in 4 households have children



S+C Participants

- **568 Households**
- **843 total household members, 210 children**
- **Have Case Managers from:**
 - MHMR of Tarrant County
 - VA Homeless Veterans Program
 - Samaritan Housing
 - Texas Re-Entry Services
 - Salvation Army
 - Recovery Resource Council
 - Presbyterian Night Shelter
 - Catholic Charities
 - Women's Center
 - Helping Restore Ability
 - FWHA – Housing First

S+C Disabilities

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| Physical | 7 | 1.2% |
| Developmental | 7 | 1.2% |
| Alcohol | 9 | 1.6% |
| Alcohol & Mental Illness | 39 | 6.9% |
| Drug Abuse | 41 | 7.2% |
| Alcohol, Drugs, & Mental Illness | 51 | 9.0% |
| HIV/AIDS | 52 | 9.2% |
| Drugs & Mental Illness | 109 | 19.2% |
| Mental Illness | 253 | 44.5% |



Why Do Homeless Programs?

- Sure Rent each month
- Have person to call if tenant problems
- Contributing to the 'greater good' for our community and society

Be an integral part in improving 1,043 lives!!!



What do you need to do?

- Be an approved vendor: attend landlord orientation and submit necessary forms/information
- Make sure you are on our landlord list
- Consider more lenient leasing criteria
- Consider All Bills Paid leasing
- Keep in contact with Case Managers and S+C staff



Thank you for
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of the solution !

