



Regional Task Force on the Homeless

Homeless Services Profile

An update on Facilities and Services for
Homeless Persons throughout San Diego County



Villa Harvey Mandel, built by St. Vincent de Paul Village, offers a Shelter Plus Care program and affordable housing in San Diego. Harvey Mandel was a long time Vice President of Development for St. Vincent de Paul Village and a leader in the non-profit sector.

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The Cabo Café, operated in conjunction with Rubio's and Monarch School for homeless youth, provides an opportunity for job training, and profits which go to the School. The Café is located at 808 West Cedar Street in San Diego.

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Introduction

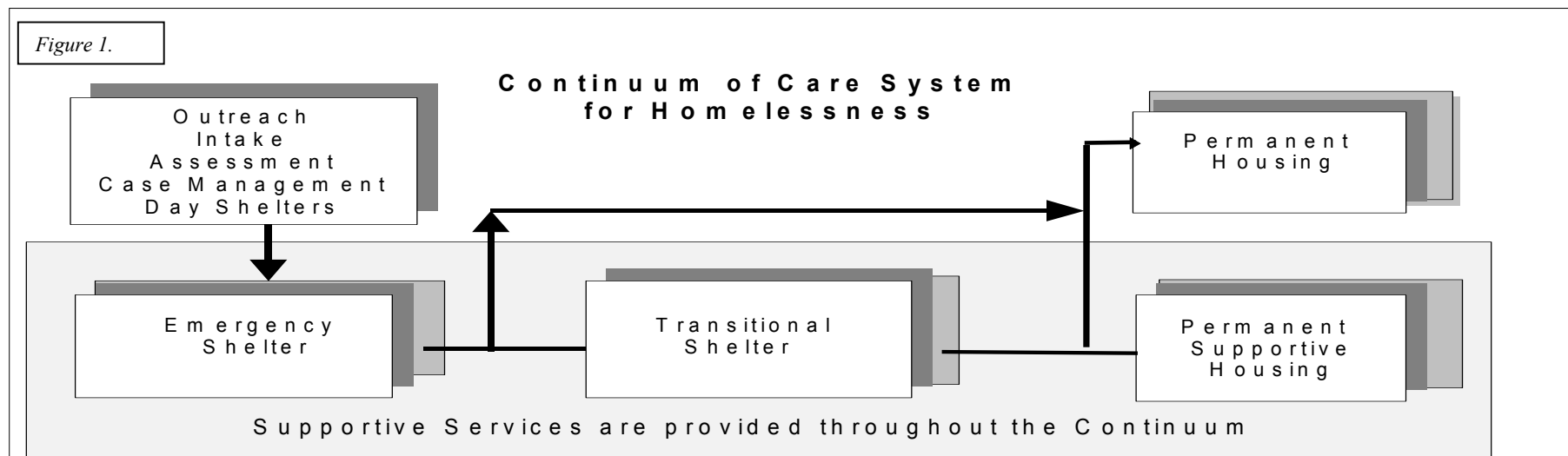
This report describes over 200 programs, both services and beds available to homeless persons in San Diego County. It provides an overview of how these programs are distributed, and how they fit into the “Continuum of Care,” (see Figure 1). The Continuum of Care is a countywide homeless housing and service delivery system developed by local homeless service providers. The report can be used as a resource by local policy makers, administrators, planners, community agencies and groups, grant writers, and individuals.

In the past, this report has listed all beds and services that serve homeless individuals. However, some of these beds and services also serve non-homeless individuals. This may have provided a slightly inflated view of the actual beds and services available to the homeless. This year, the report will focus on agencies that provide “homeless specific” beds and services. Agencies’ beds will be counted as “Year-Round” homeless beds or “Seasonal” homeless beds.

“Homeless specific” beds and services are those where the primary occupancy or availability criterion is homelessness. “Year-Round” beds and services are, as the name states, available all year. “Seasonal” homeless beds and services are generally available only during the winter months.

All “homeless specific” beds and services may also have secondary and tertiary occupancy or availability criteria. The additional criteria may focus on Target Population, Special Needs Issues, or multiple combinations of these groups. For example, they may focus on homeless families, homeless youth, homeless single adults, HIV/AIDS services, mental health issues, substance abuse treatment, or any variety of other homeless populations or special needs issues.

Some of the other beds and services that were previously counted in the past are not “homeless specific” and therefore, will not be counted this year. These beds and services may be provided to homeless individuals when they are available. However, since the primary focus is not homelessness, they are not reserved for homeless individuals. These beds and services primarily focus on a specific Target Population or Special Needs group such as persons with HIV/AIDS, mental health, or substance abuse issues. Most of these beds and services are provided in residential treatment facilities. Agencies that provide homeless beds and services, even if they are not “homeless specific” and not counted in the total, will be listed in the reference section. This is because, even though they are not reserved for the homeless, they can still be offered to the homeless when they become available.



SUMMARY

Section One (*pages 5 - 7*) summarizes the Year-Round beds and types of programs available to homeless persons in San Diego County, with **charts and tables**, by geography, shelter type, target population, and special client needs.

Section Two (*pages 8 - 15*) provides a **listing of homeless programs and services**. It includes type; agency and program name; target population; special client needs; total beds and the location of the program. It also includes the page number in Section Three where each program is more fully described.

Section Three (*pages 16 - 55*) **provides detailed information for each program** offering homeless services. Programs are listed alphabetically by their sponsoring agency.

Appendix (A) **provides homeless liaison information for each School District** (Countywide).

This *Profile* covers programs in operation as of October 2003. Programs funded but not started until later are omitted.

DEFINITIONS

The categories of programs and homeless populations used to present this information match many used by public agencies in the planning, funding, and evaluation of homeless facilities. They are used by local jurisdictions in the writing of HUD-required Consolidated Plans. They also appear in other Task Force documents, such as the annual report on the "*Distribution of Public Funds for Homelessness*" and the "*Regional Homeless Profile*."

Definitions of shelter and service categories used in this report are as follows:

- **Case Management Agencies** offer emergency and supportive services to assist clients in developing a plan for achieving independent living. Many serve non-homeless persons as well.

- **Day Shelters** provide daytime support services in a safe environment. Some of the day shelters are for persons with severe mental illness or recovering from substance abuse.
- **Emergency Shelters** offer temporary overnight sleeping accommodations, for one to three months. Case management is sometimes available to clients.
- **Health Service** programs are clinics that are designed to meet the outpatient medical needs of homeless persons.
- **Permanent Supportive Housing** offers housing for persons with disabilities who need supportive services to maintain their living accommodations. Targeted disabilities are serious mental illness, chronic alcohol/or other drug abuse, and AIDS or related diseases. Persons with a severe chronic developmental disability may also be included. The Shelter Plus Program provides permanent supportive housing through collaboration with City of San Diego service providers and the San Diego Housing Commission and Countywide service providers and the County of San Diego (see page 4 for a description of this program).
- **Supportive Services** assist with issues that have either led to homelessness or are obstacles in overcoming homelessness. These include: mental health; substance abuse recovery; life skills training; domestic violence issues; job assistance; child care; food; access to public entitlements; and housing counseling/placement.
 - **Transitional Shelters** offer housing, case management, and supportive services to return people to independent living as soon as possible, often within 6 months, and usually not longer than 24 months.