

Arlington's Action Plan for Ending Homelessness

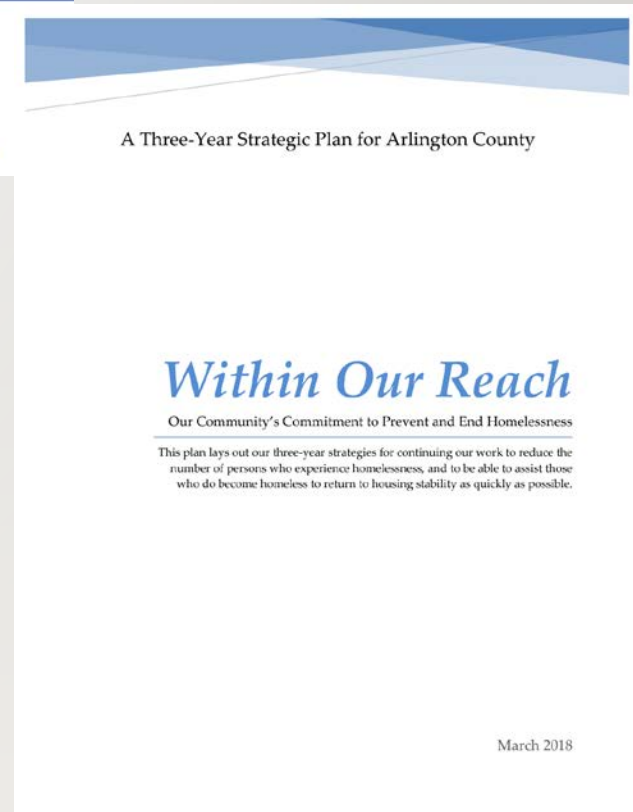
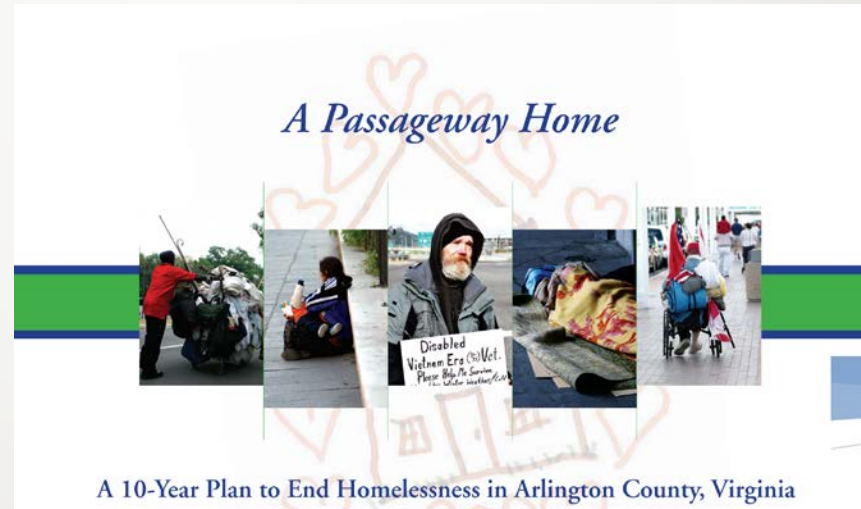
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MISSION

Arlington will sustain an integrated, community-based support system which will help households at risk of homelessness keep their housing, and will assist any household that does become homeless in regaining stable housing within 30 days.



GUIDING PRINCIPLES



COMMITMENT FROM
ALL SECTORS OF THE
COMMUNITY



USE OF BEST PRACTICE,
EVIDENCE-BASED
SOLUTIONS IN
SHAPING PROGRAMS
AND SERVICES



ENSURING THE
AVAILABILITY OF
AFFORDABLE,
APPROPRIATE
HOUSING OPTIONS



USING CULTURALLY
COMPETENT AND
CONSUMER-CENTERED
SERVICES



COMMITTING
SUFFICIENT FINANCIAL
RESOURCES TO
SUSTAIN OUR WORK

ORIGINAL 10-YEAR PLAN GOALS



Affordable housing



Comprehensive supportive services

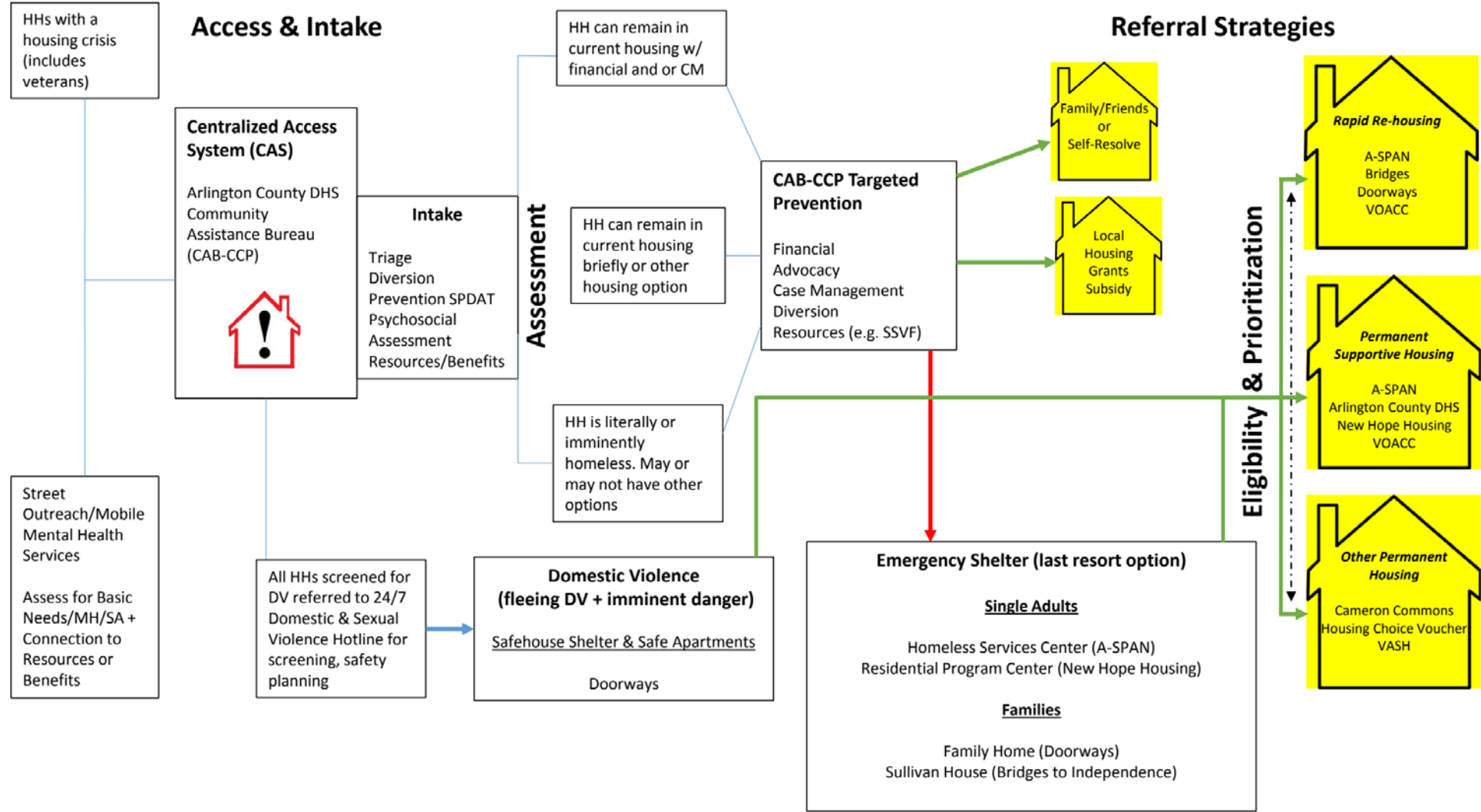


Prevention



Income maximization

Arlington County Continuum of Care – Homeless Services Flow Chart



CURRENT AREAS OF PARTICULAR NEED

Racial Equity

Employment

Recidivism

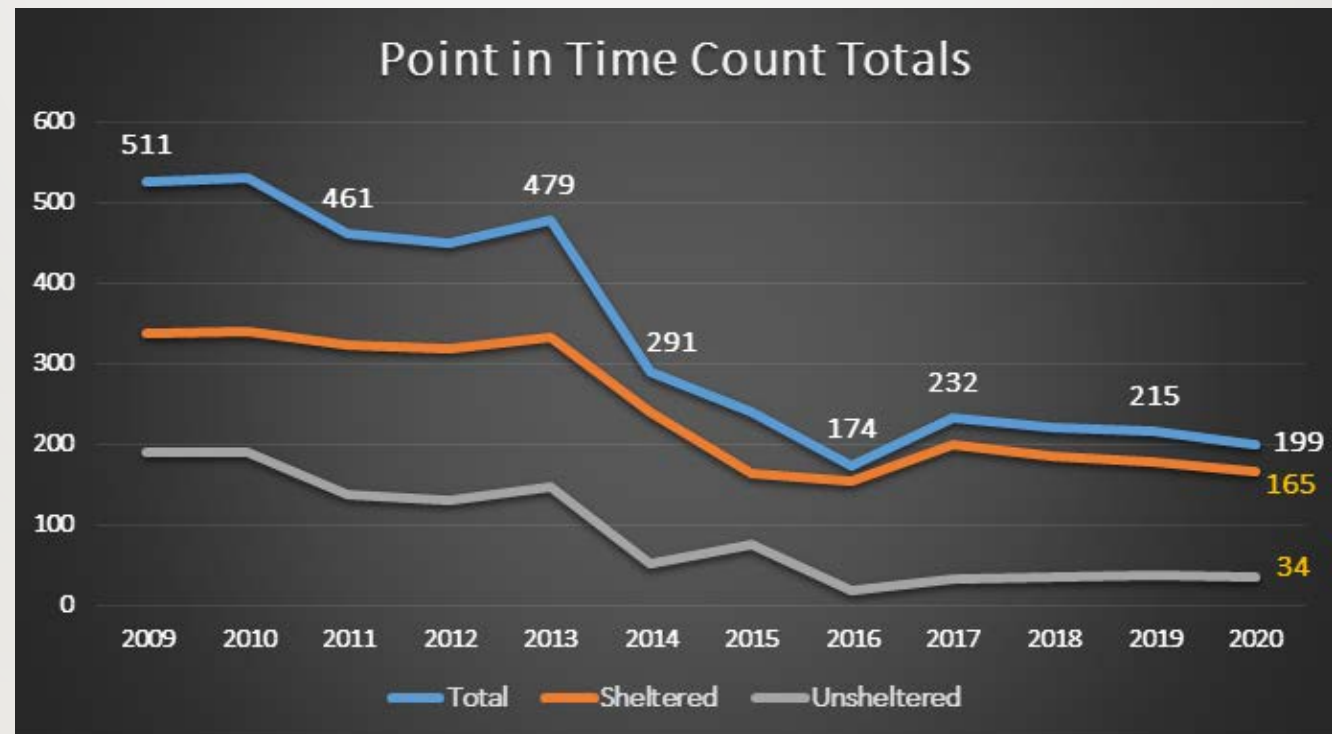
Family
Homelessness

Youth
Homelessness

Immigrant
Households

Domestic
Violence

2009-2020: A 61% DECREASE IN HOMELESSNESS



IMPLEMENTATION: SUCCESSES

- Our strategic plan has supported a **61% decrease in homelessness** which is by far our greatest success.
- **Targeting resources** towards vulnerable subpopulations like veterans and the chronically homeless has allowed us to pivot our focus towards other areas of particular need identified in our plan.
- Arlington and COG's Homeless Services Committee members will be partnering to explore/address **racial equity** as a region.
- **Private-public partnerships** such as the Shared Prosperity Initiative – a collaboration of Urban Institute, The Kresge Foundation, Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program, and Living Cities - have emerged along with a budding relationship with Amazon.

IMPLEMENTATION: CHALLENGES

- While we have made much traction in the development of **affordable housing**, the existing supply and creation of new stock cannot keep up with the demand
- **Employment** continues to be a challenge due to limited pathways to quality jobs that pay a living wage.
- The **current political climate** has created uncertainty around funding, policy priorities and the future of some of our neighbors who have mixed or no legal status.
- **Youth homelessness** has proven difficult to quantify which makes the design of solutions a challenge to address.

Thank you!
