



# Stanislaus Homeless Alliance

*A collaborative entity formed to align homelessness services, planning, and funding among stakeholders in Stanislaus County.*

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

# Agenda

- I. Roll Call – Stanislaus Homeless Alliance Representatives
- II. Public Comment Period
- III. Action Items
- IV. Informational Items
- V. General Membership Announcements
- VI. Adjournment

# Agenda Item I – Roll Call

Agency	Primary Voting Member	Alternate Voting Member
City of Ceres	Rosalinda Vierra	Mayor Javier Lopez
City of Modesto	David Wright	Nick Bavaro
City of Oakdale	Christopher Smith	Jerry Ramar
City of Patterson	Gabriela Hernandez	Kendra Mora
City of Riverbank	Stacy Call	Marisela Garcia
City of Turlock	Cassandra Abram	Kevin Bixel
City of Waterford	Elizabeth Talbott (Co-Chair)	Christine Harris
Community System of Care	Fred Berry	Maryn Pitt
Focus on Prevention	Brad Hawn (Chair)	Tim Byrd
Stanislaus County	Terry Withrow	Ruben Imperial
Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority	Carlos Estacio III	Jim Kruse

# Agenda Item II – Public Comment Period

*PUBLIC COMMENT: Matters under the jurisdiction of the SHA and not on this posted agenda may be addressed by the general public at this time. However, California law prohibits the SHA from taking any action on a matter that is not on the posted agenda unless it is determined to be an emergency by the SHA. Any member of the public wishing to address the SHA during the “Public Comment” period shall be permitted to be heard once for up to **5** minutes.*

To make a comment please complete a Request to Comment form (available at the entrance to Chambers) and provide it to staff. Speakers will be recognized by the SHA Chairperson and called to the podium to speak in the order of receipt.

# Agenda Item III – Action Items

- a. June 2025 Minutes
- b. July 2025 Minutes

## Agenda Item III(a.) – Action Items

Approval of Minutes for June & July 2025 Meeting

# Agenda Item IV – Informational Items

- a. Modesto City Schools
- b. City of Modesto 2024-2025 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)
- c. Comprehensive Report to Community re: Homelessness Update

# Agenda Item IV (a.) – Informational Items

## Modesto City Schools

*Guest presenter:* Tony Lomeli, Senior Director; Margarita Castillo, Homeless Coordinator; Stefani Ortiz, Student Support Counselor, Modesto City Schools



# **Homeless Education** and **McKinney-Vento Homeless Act**



**Tony Lomeli**

**Senior Director**

**Margarita Castillo**

**Homeless Coordinator**

**Stefani Ortiz**

**Student Support Counselor**

**Student Support Services**

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# Purpose of Presentation

- Understand Homeless Education and Modesto City Schools Efforts
  - Eligibility
  - Immediate Enrollment
  - School of origin
  - Transportation
  - District Liaison



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# Homeless Education & McKinney-Vento Homeless Act

## Main focus

- School access
- School stability
- Support for academic success
- Child-centered, best interest decision making
- Role of the district homeless education liaison



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# Barriers our students Face

- Lack of identification
- Parents not wanting to get involved due to fear
- Lack of enrollment documents
- Lack of awareness for both school staff and parents
- Lack of legal guardian for an unaccompanied youth



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# Who Qualifies for Services

Children or youth who **lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence**, including:

- Shared housing due to economic hardship (“doubling up”)
- Living in motels, hotels
- Public or private places not designed for sleeping
- Trailer parks or campgrounds
- Cars, parks, and abandoned buildings
- Shelters
- Emergency or transitional shelters



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# Who Qualifies for Services

Additional examples of homelessness include children or youth who are:

- Migratory children who qualify as homeless
- Refugees
- Abandoned in hospitals
- Unaccompanied homeless youth



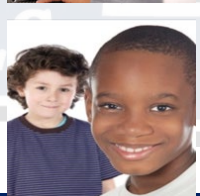
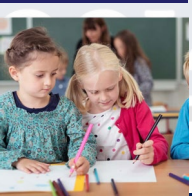
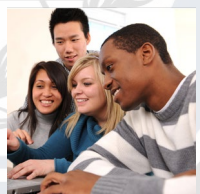
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# Determining Eligibility

## “Fixed, Regular, and Adequate?”

- **Fixed:** Stationary, permanent, and not subject to change
- **Regular:** Used on a predictable, routine, or consistent basis (e.g. nightly)
- **Adequate:** Sufficient for meeting both the physical and psychological needs typically met in home environments

*Can the student go to the SAME PLACE (fixed)  
EVERY NIGHT (regular) to sleep in a  
SAFE AND SUFFICIENT SPACE (adequate)?*



# Determining Eligibility

Determinations are made by Student Support Services Office on a case-by-case basis

## Verification of Homeless Status:

- District Homeless Coordinator
  - Margarita Castillo

OR

- District Homeless Liaison
  - Tony Lomeli, Senior Director, Student Support Services

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# Types of Services and Support Available:

- Immediate enrollment
- Transportation
- Educational support
- Counseling & Mental Health Support
- Clothing, hygiene items, and school supplies
- Expanded learning programs (ASES, Summer School)
- Coordination with Community Services
- Verification of status for college financial aid

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# Enrollment at MCS

Homeless students are entitled to immediate enrollment in any public school that students living in the same attendance area are eligible to attend.

- Homeless children have the right to enroll in school **IMMEDIATELY** - Even if missing:
  - Immunizations or immunization records
  - documents from prior school
  - proof of residency
  - Please contact Margarita Castillo to make determination of placement

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# Transportation

If a student is determined to meet eligibility as Homeless and transportation *out of the regular school boundaries* is needed:

**Contact the District Homeless Coordinator or**

**Liaison** who will determine:

- a. if transportation is necessary
- b. if so, the best method of transportation

# Student Assistance Specialist

- Provides:
  - short-term education
  - prevention
  - intervention
  - to build life, social and coping skills.
- The goal of SAP, is to provide support and opportunities for students to learn life skills so they may achieve greater success in school and in life.
- The Student Assistance Specialist is able to make referrals to community resources and longer-term services as needed.


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# Family Support Specialist

- Provides:
  - Provides ongoing support, education opportunities and resource linkage to families who are in relationship with schools throughout Stanislaus County.
  - Connect with families to provide resources, concrete support, and coaching interventions to assist parents in expanding their family's success. Services are provided in English and Spanish.

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# Integrated Mental Health Clinicians

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- Health Program (IMHP) provides
    - **mental health treatment**
    - **case management** services
  - IMHP's primary purpose is to provide:
    - emotional/social support to students who meet Tier 3 criteria and/or who have a mental health diagnosis impairing their functioning.

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# Expanded Learning Programs

- Enrollment in before and after school programs
  - All Elementary School open doors at 7:00 am
  - Includes Breakfast
  - Enrollment in after school programs at all Elementary and Jr. Highs
    - All schools support til 6:00 PM
  - Prioritized Enrollment



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# NEW!

## EHCY-Homeless Grant

- Modesto City Schools is a recipient of the Education for Homeless Children and Youth(EHCY) grant
  - Hiring of Student Support Services Counselor
  - Additional support from Family Support Specialist
  - Additional Transportation support.

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# District Homeless and Foster Youth Liaison

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Student Support Services Counselor

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# Required Postings

- Public notice of educational rights is required to be posted in locations frequented by parents, guardians, and unaccompanied homeless youth.
- Posters (English & Spanish)
- Posters can be requested through Student Support Services for all schools through SSS

# Questions



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# Agenda Item IV (c.) – Informational Items

City of Modesto 2024-2025 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)

*Guest presenter: Blanca Ramirez, Administrative Analyst II, Community and Economic Development, City of Modesto*



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# MODESTO'S CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2024-2025

CAPER

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# Background

As an Entitlement Community, the City of Modesto is eligible HUD funds:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
- HOME-ARP

Purpose:

- Serve low-income persons/households
- Develop viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunities.

Each FY, an Annual Action Plan and a Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) are completed detailing use of HUD funds.

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# 2024-2025 HUD Grants Expended Funds

\*Funding may include roll over funds and program income from previous funding years

Program	Amount Awarded	Expended*
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$1,794,264	\$1,201,709*
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)	\$156,831	\$108,195*
HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)	\$776,449	\$77,645*
HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP)	\$3,414,872	\$3,233,676.65
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,142,416</b>	<b>\$4,621,226</b>

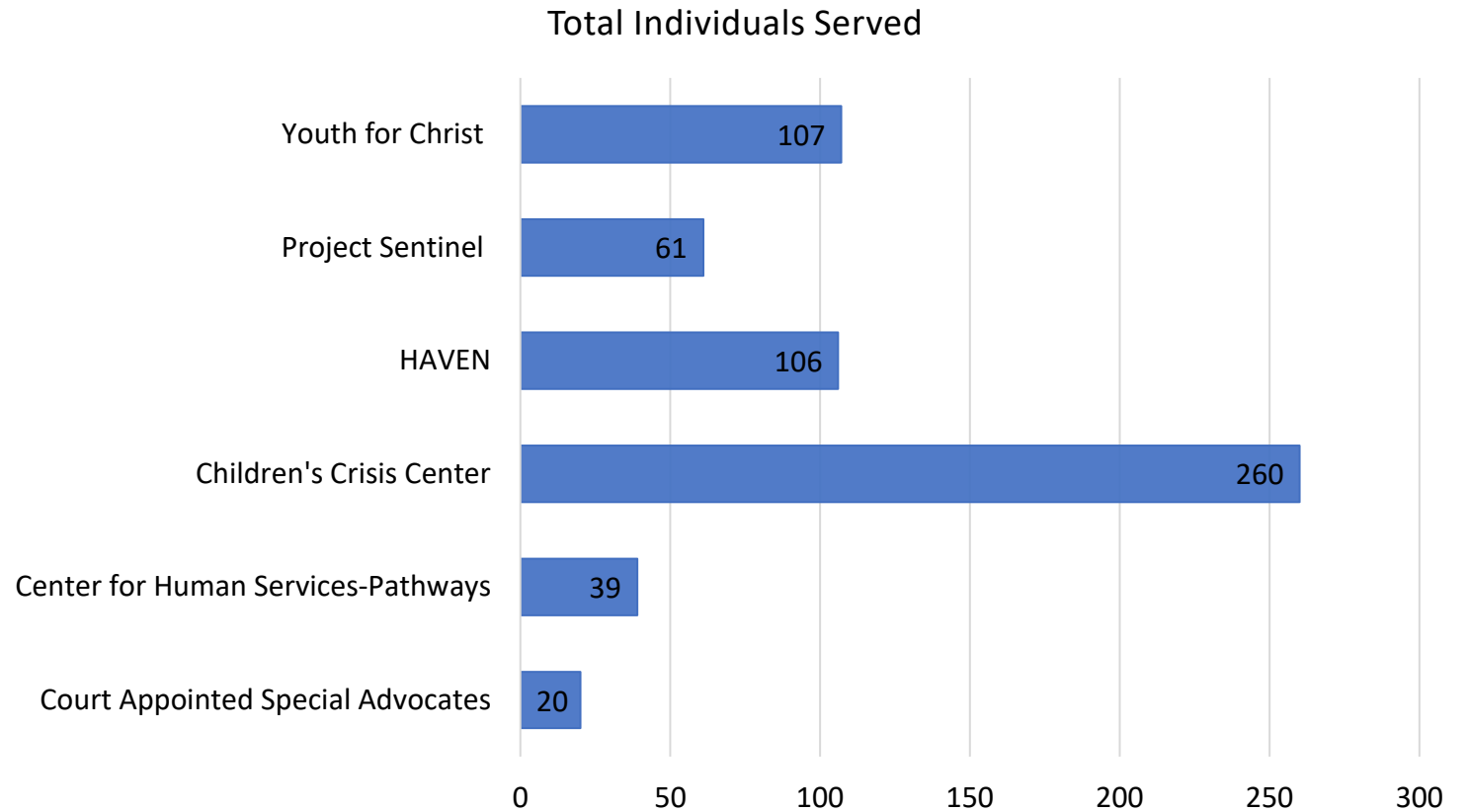
\*Expended numbers are as of 07/30/2025 there may be further adjustments during the draft period.



# FY 2024-2025 Program Outcomes

## CDBG Public Services

- Total Non-Profit Organizations Awarded: 6
- Total Awarded/Expended: \$226,000
- Total Individuals Served: 593



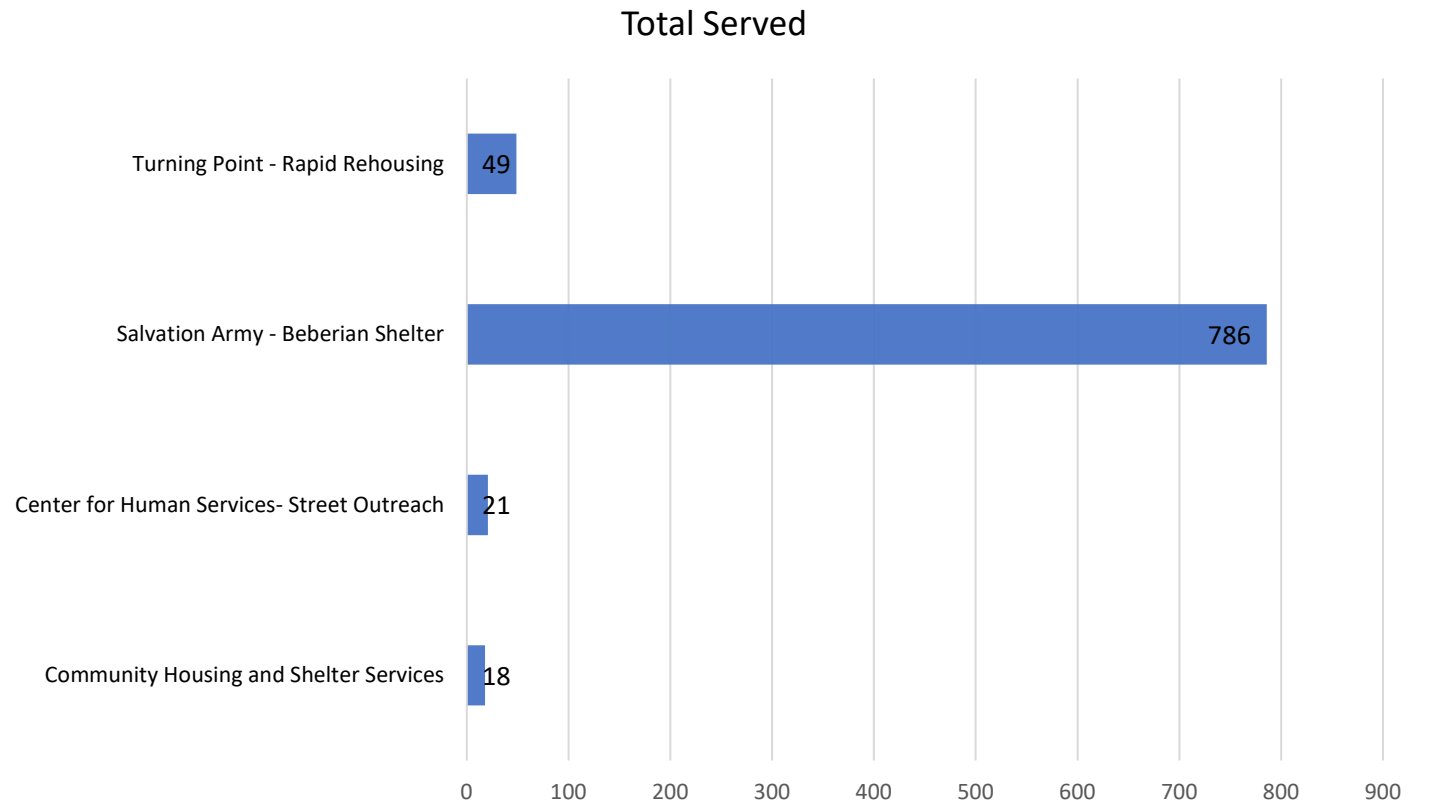


# FY 2024-2025 Program Outcomes

## ESG Homeless Services

- Total Non-Profit Organizations Awarded: 4
- Total Award \$136,000
- Total Expended: \$127,171
- Total Individuals Served: 874

\*CHS & Turning Point rolling over funds





## CDBG Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park

- Partner: Parks Department
- Location: 601 S Martin Luther King Jr. Dr, Modesto, CA 95351
- Status: Procurement
- Repairs Included: Multi purpose building, fitness stations, splash pad, game plaza, stage, baseball field, soccer field, basketball court





# HOME & HOME-ARP Jenny's Place 710 N. 9th Street

- Partner: Modesto Homekey LP
- Funding: \$3,473,712
- Leveraged Funds: \$19,350,077
- Permanent Supportive Housing
  - 54 Units
    - 16 Homeless
    - 37 Youth
    - 1 manager unit
- Status: Fully Occupied

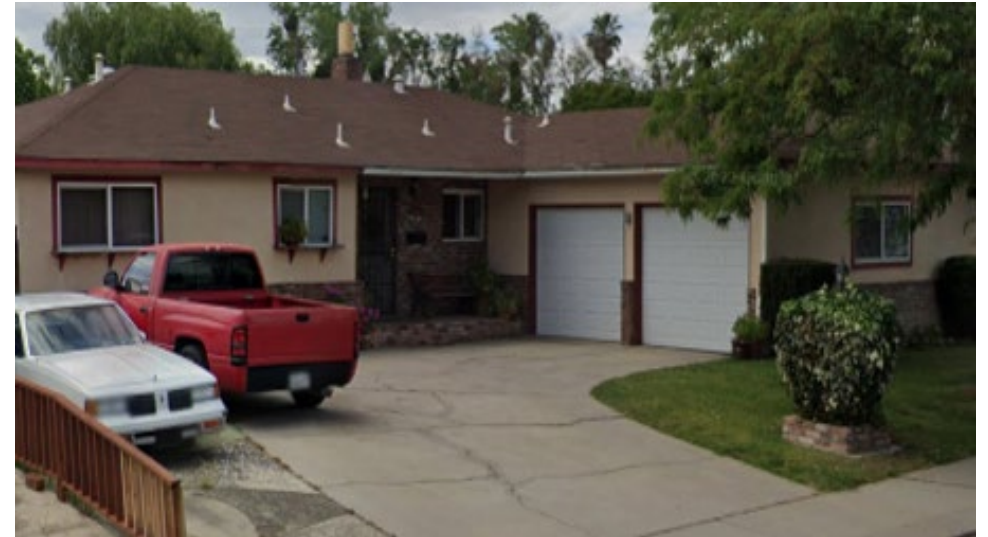




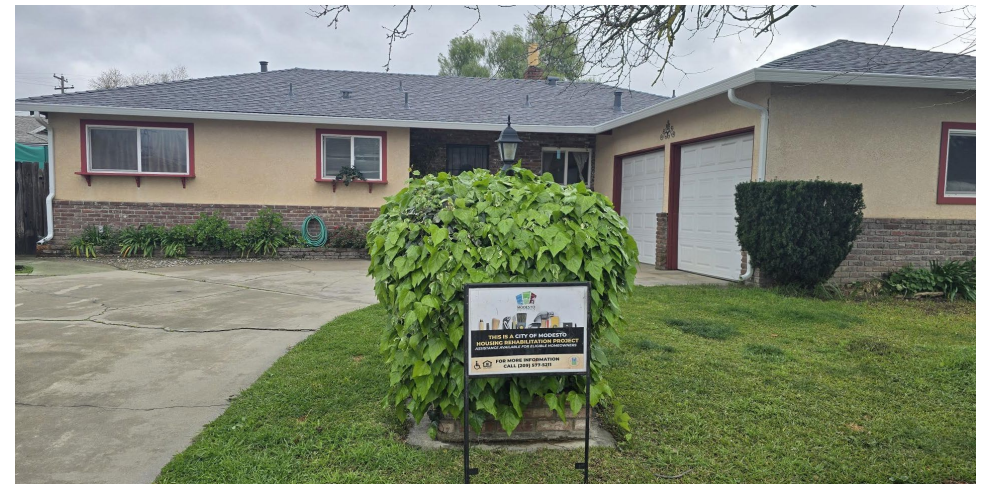
# CDBG Homeowner Rehabilitation Program

- Total Households Assisted: 13
- Total Awarded: \$395,855 through loans and grants
- Repairs Included:
  - Health & Safety Repairs
  - Energy Efficient Windows
  - HVAC Repairs/Replacements
  - Roof Repairs/Replacements
  - ADA Accessibility

Before



After





## Camp2Home (CDBG & ESG)

- Launched in 2020 with community partners
- Camp2Home provides a path to self-sufficiency for people trying to rebuild their lives out of homelessness through:



**Outreach**



**Shelter**



**Robust Job Training**



**Permanent  
Employment**



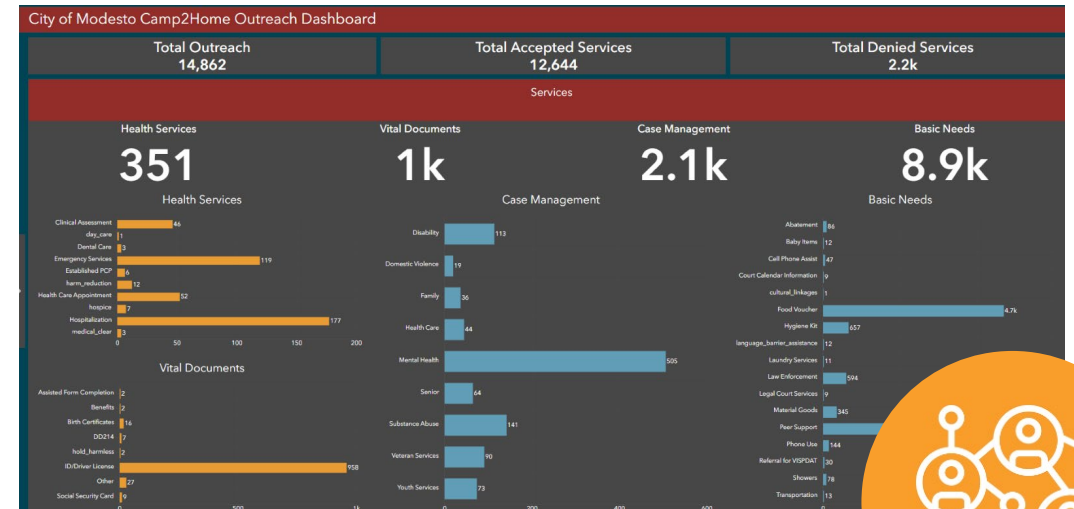
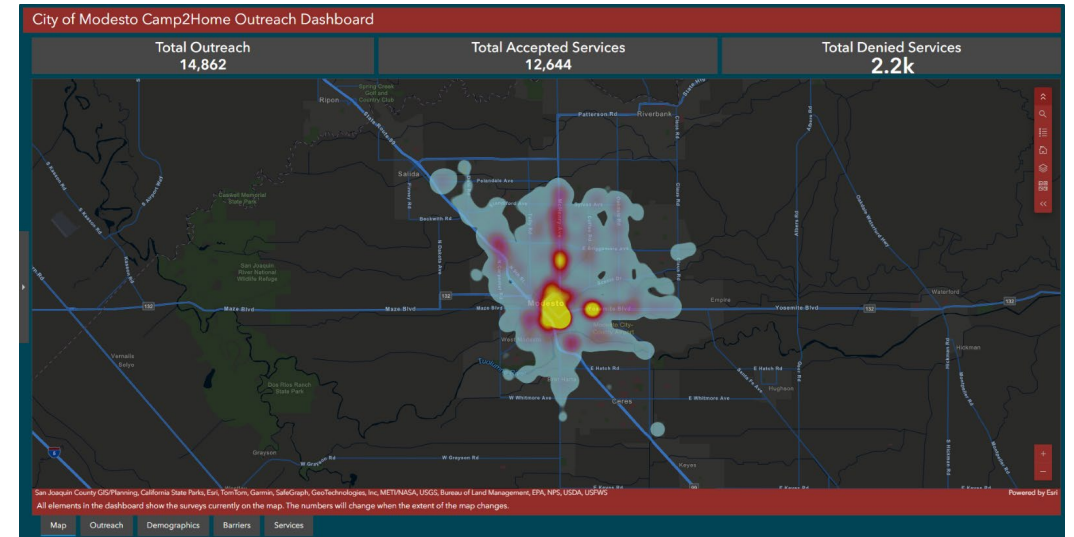
**Permanent Housing**

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# Camp2Home Outreach

- Center for Human Services Youth Street Outreach
  - Homeless Outreach Contacts: 108
  - Total Expended: \$29,633
  - Total Leverage: \$30,663
- CHAT
  - Homeless Outreach Contacts: 5,920\*
  - Services Provided: 4,940\*
    - Obtaining vital documents
    - Health service connections
    - Case management services



\*numbers as of July 18, 2025



# Camp2Home Shelter

- Salvation Army
  - Awarded: \$40,000
  - Leveraged Funding: \$120,000
  - Individuals Served: 786
- HAVEN
  - Awarded: \$39,000
  - Leveraged Funding: \$9,140
  - Individuals Served: 106





# Camp2Home Job Training & Housing

- Housing - Turning Point Community Programs
  - Individuals Served: 49
  - Awarded: \$25,000
  - Leveraged Funds: \$270,520
- Job Training - Downtown Streets Team
  - Members employed: 31
  - Job Workshops: 441





# Citizen Participation Process

## Schedule of Events

Citizen's Housing & Community Development Committee	August 14, 2025
Neighborhood Meetings – West Modesto People of Action Council	August 20, 2025
Airport Neighborhood Meeting	September 8, 2025
Stanislaus Homeless Alliance (SHA) Meeting	September 10, 2025
Stanislaus Community System of Care – Community Meeting	September 18, 2025
City Council Public Hearing	September 23, 2025

*All Comments received between August 14, 2025 and September 23, 2025 will be included in the final document.*



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# Agenda Item IV (c.) – Informational Items

Comprehensive Report to Community re: Homelessness  
Update

*Guest presenter.*

# Agenda Item V – General Membership Announcements





# Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 8, 2025

If you have any questions or comments, please contact [CSA-SHA\\_Email@stancounty.com](mailto:CSA-SHA_Email@stancounty.com)