



Stanislaus Homeless Alliance

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

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

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 (Co-Chair)	James Casey
City of Modesto	David Wright	Nick Bavaro
City of Oakdale	Vacant	Jerry Ramar
City of Patterson	Gabriela Hernandez	Kendra Mora
City of Riverbank	Cindy Fosi	Vice Mayor John Pimental
City of Turlock	Cassandra Abram	Kevin Bixel
City of Waterford	Elizabeth Talbott	Christine Harris
Community System of Care	Fred Berry	Maryn Pitt
Focus on Prevention	Brad Hawn (Chair)	Tim Byrd
Stanislaus County	Terry Withrow	Raul Mendez
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. May 2026 Minutes

Agenda Item IV – Informational Items

- a. Point In Time Count (PIT) 2026 Update
- b. Transitional Rent
- c. Community Report on Homeless

Agenda Item IV (a.) – Informational Items

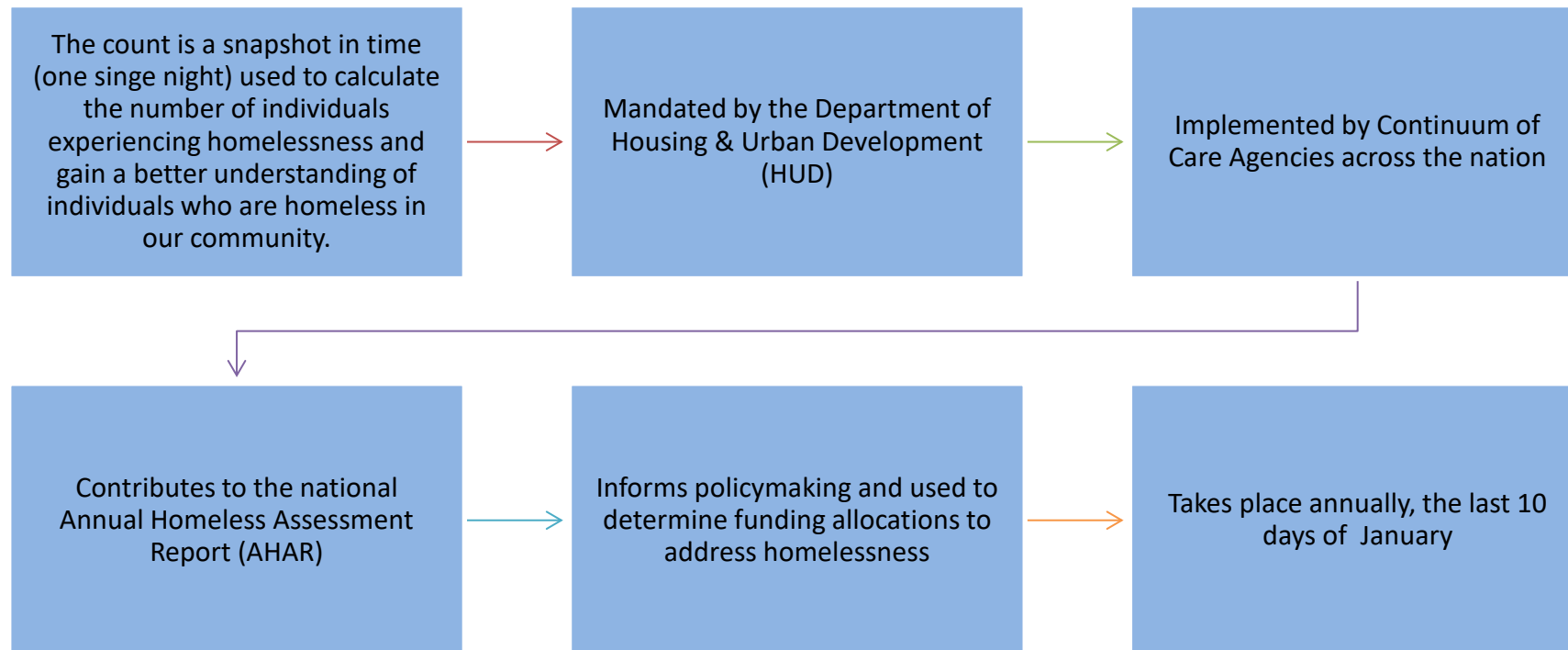
Point In Time Count 2026 Update

Guest presenter: Lynnell Fuller, HMIS Administrator

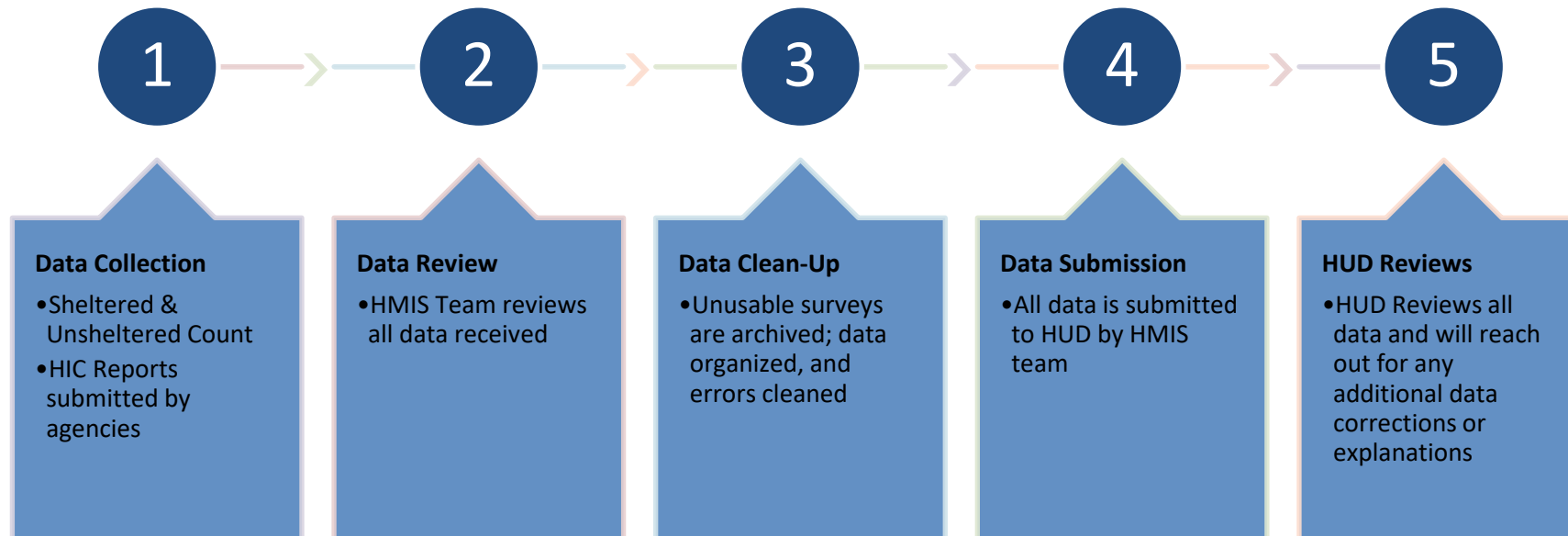
2026 Stanislaus County PIT Summary Overview

Presented by: Lynnell Fuller, HMIS Administrator

What is the PIT?



PIT Process



Command Center



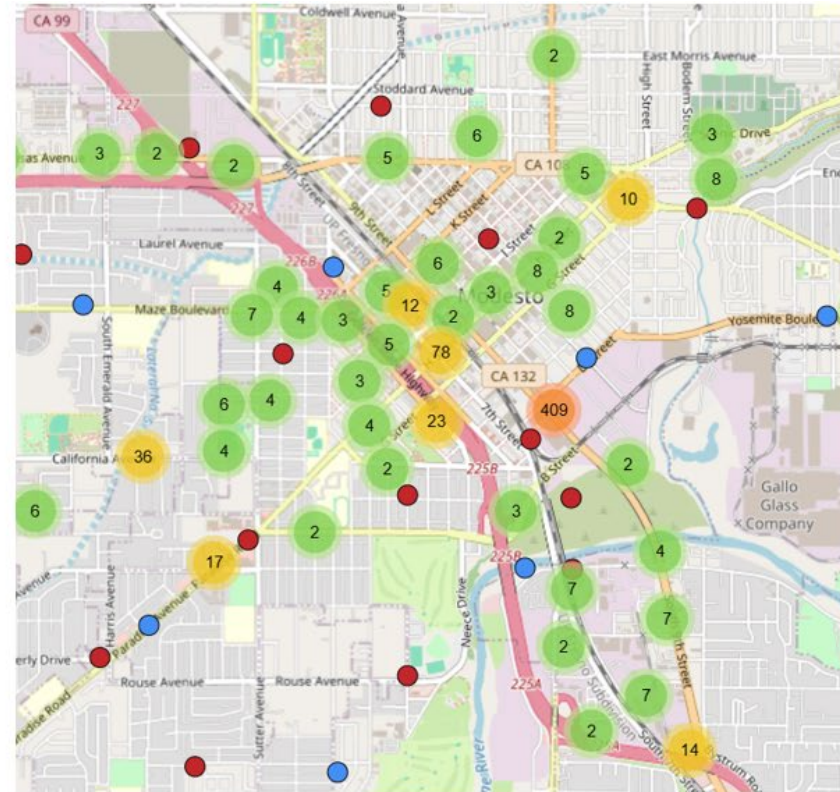
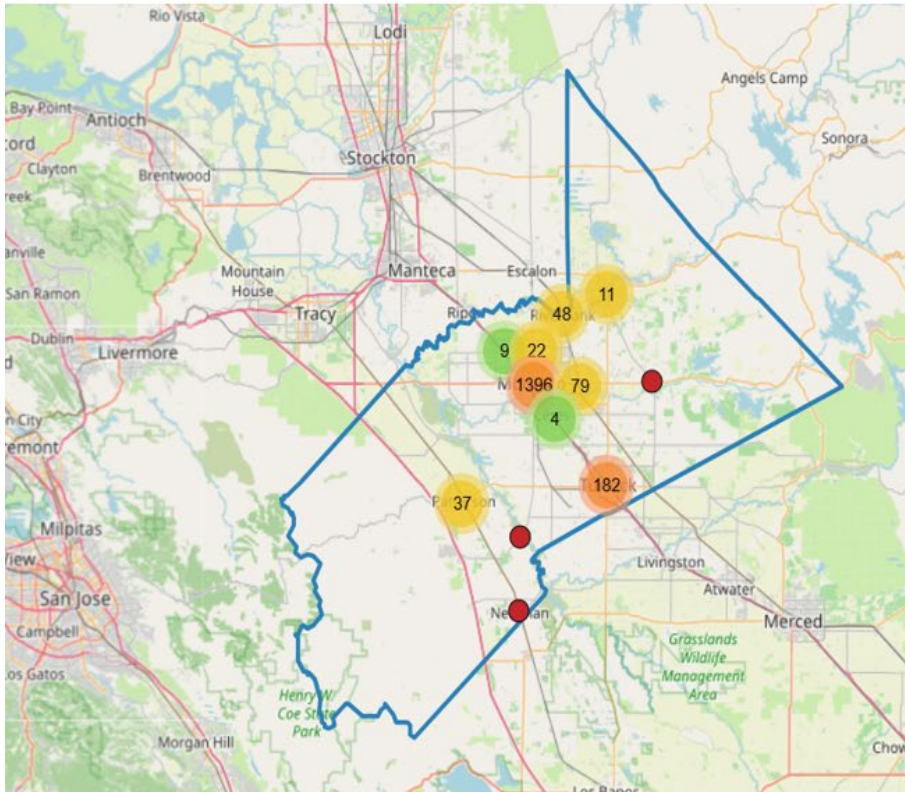
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Interviews



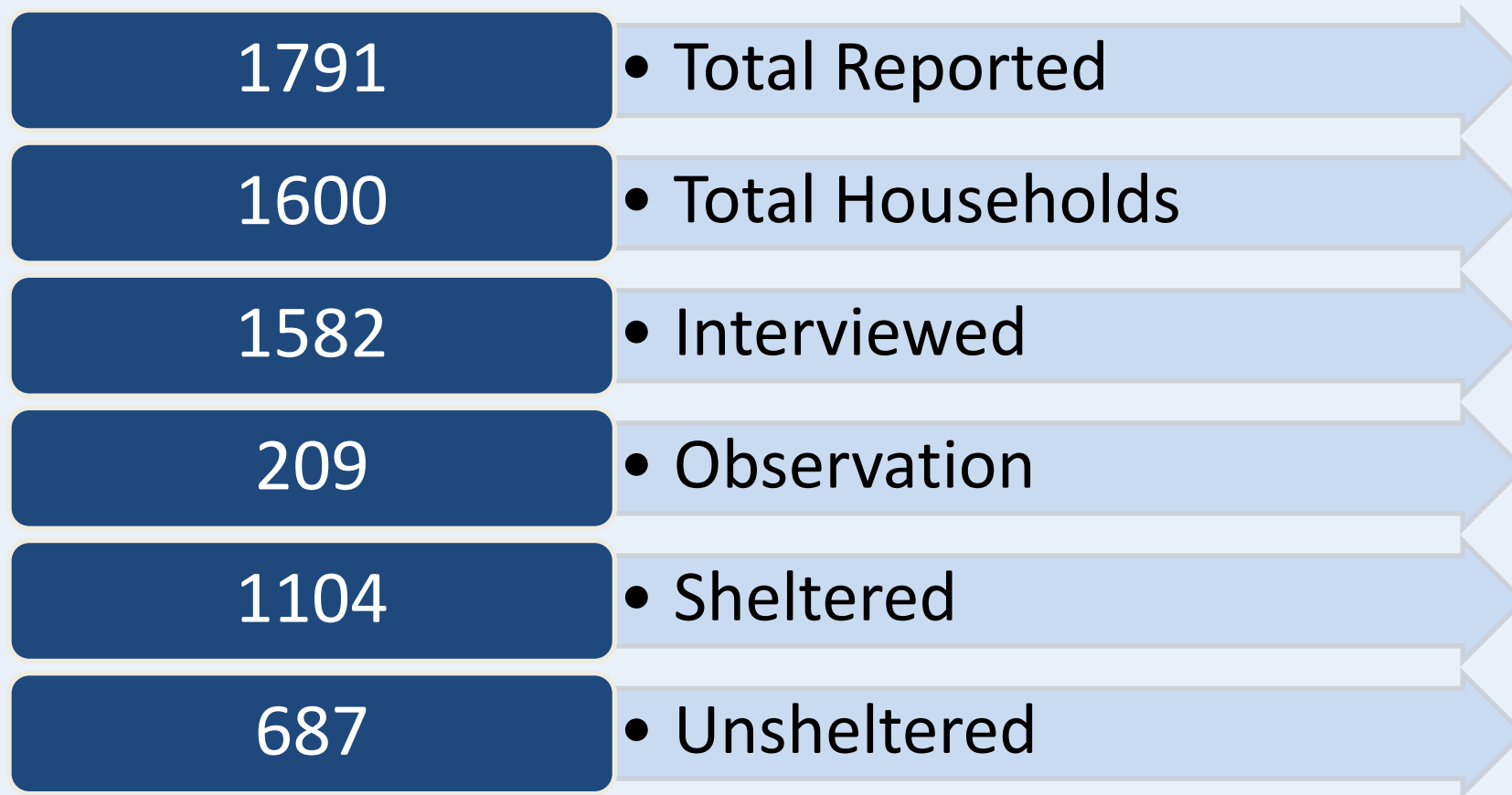
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Observations



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Total Responses

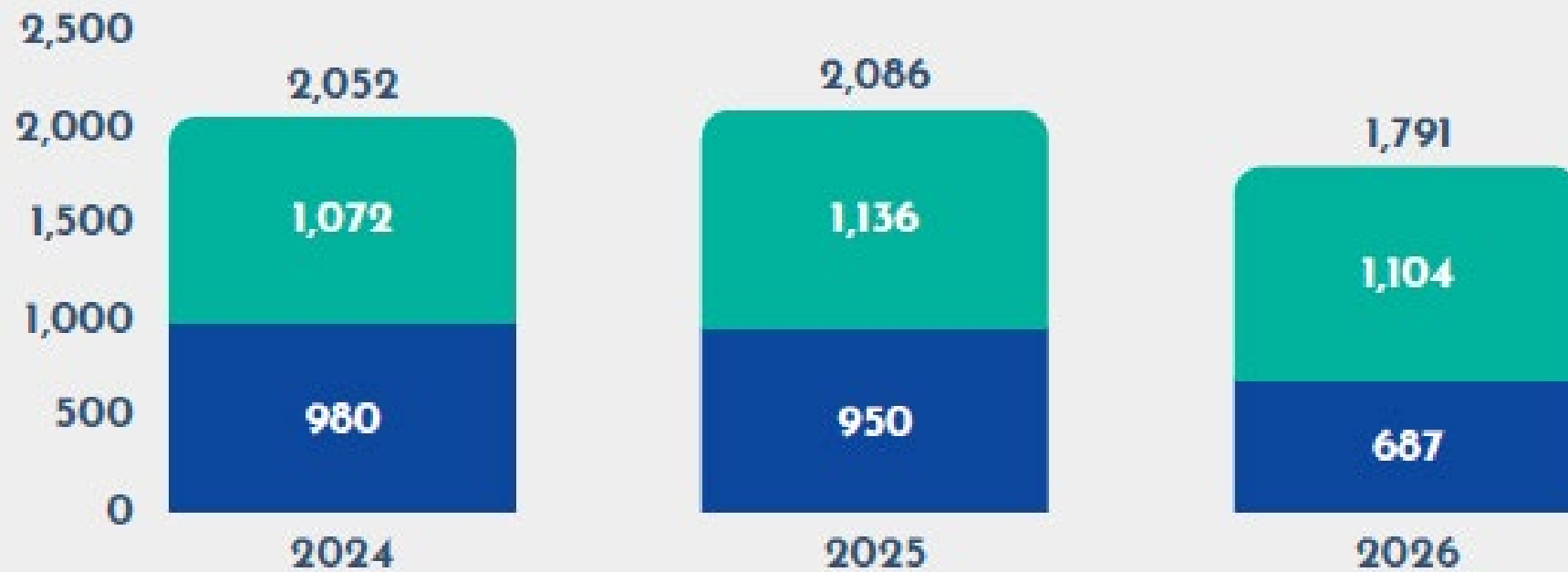


Results Overview



CENSUS POPULATION TREND

● Unsheltered ● Sheltered



Preliminary Factors In Reduced Numbers

Preliminary Observations

These combined factors may have contributed to the lower reported unsheltered count.

- Increased law enforcement activity in usual encampment areas may have displaced individuals or reduced visibility.
- Some individuals avoided engagement due to concerns about government or immigration-related activity.
- Volunteers observed several individuals actively avoiding contact.
- Volunteer participation dropped by approximately 44% compared to the previous year.

Counts By City

City	Total
Ceres	15
Crows landing	1
Empire	66
Modesto	1428
Newman	1
Oakdale	17
Patterson	37
Riverbank	42
Salida	1
Turlock	182
Waterford	1
Total	1791

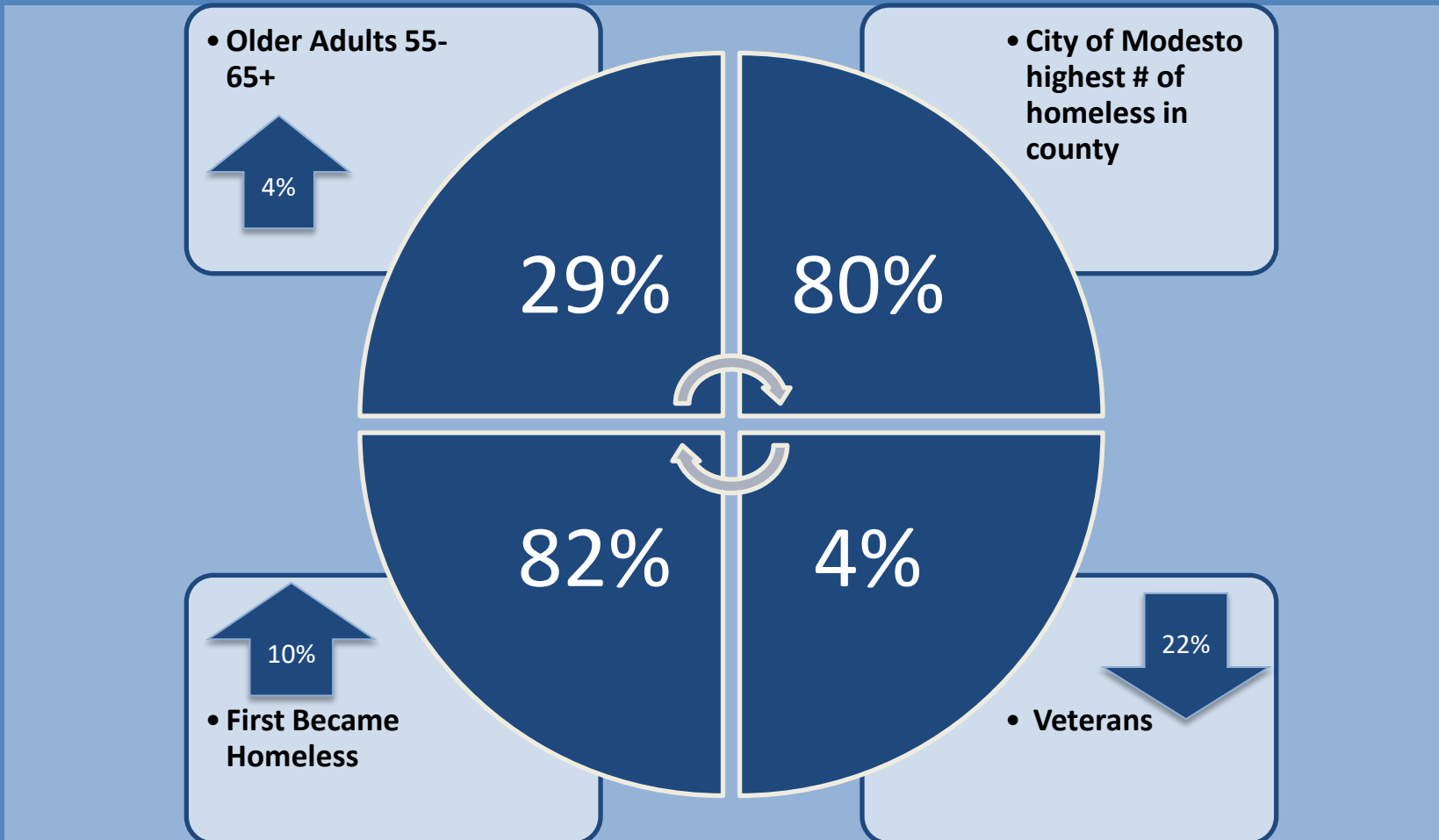
Volunteers

Trained 261
Volunteers

Participated
30%

 44% last
year

Interesting Facts



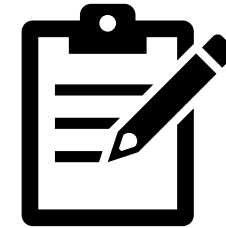
2026 Key Findings

Need for
investment in
homeless
prevention

Increased shelter
capacity

Significant service
barriers

Notable health and
disability
challenges





"These numbers are not just data points; they represent our neighbors, our friends, and our community members. Behind every statistic is a human story. Let us remember that a house provides shelter, but it is compassion and community that make it a home."

Agenda Item IV (b.) – Informational Items

Transitional Rent

***Guest presenter:** Casey Armstrong, Director of Enhanced Care Management and Community Services, TPCP*

TRANSITIONAL RENT:

TPCP Enhanced Care Management & Community Supports

Casey Armstrong, Director of ECM & CS
Marta Gomez, Program Director ECM & CS
Stanislaus County
Isaura Griego, Office Manager



TRANSITIONAL RENT

| **TRANSITIONAL RENT** is a housing stabilization benefit under California's CalAIM initiative, designed to support Medi-Cal members who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and have significant clinical needs. The benefit provides up to six months of rental assistance for eligible members who meet specific criteria. As a CalAIM Community Support, Transitional Rent goes beyond temporary housing assistance and serves as a critical bridge to long-term housing stability, helping reduce health crises, prevent costly institutional care, and improve overall health outcomes.

- **RENTAL ASSISTANCE:** Covers the full cost of the rent for permanent settings (apartments, shared housing, ADUs) or interim settings (motels, SRO units).
- **ANCILLARY COSTS:** Includes storage fees, amenity fees, and landlord-paid utilities if they are bundled into the total rent payment.
- **LIMITATIONS:** It does not cover "board" (food/meals) for board and care units.



**TRANSITIONAL
RENT INCLUDES**



SCOPE OF SERVICES

| **TRANSITIONAL RENT SERVICES:** TPCP will support the member, directly and in partnership with other housing and social support providers, to:

- **Identify appropriate unit/setting:** Help member identify and secure housing.
- **Inspect units to ensure habitability:** Perform inspections to ensure that dwellings meets HUD habitability standards and that it is open and available for move-in.
- **Support with lease agreements:** Help the Member review and understand.
- **Issue monthly rent payments:** Structure rent payment agreement with landlord and issue timely payments to the landlord or housing provider.
- **Coordinate with supportive service providers:** Work with other social supports to help individuals obtain and remain in their housing.

ALLOWABLE HOUSING SETTINGS

PERMANENT SETTINGS:

- Single-family and multi-family homes (e.g., duplexes)
- Apartments
- Housing in mobile home communities
- Accessory dwelling units (ADUs)
- Shared housing—where two or more people live in one rental unit
- Project-based or scattered site permanent supportive housing
- Single room occupancy (SRO) units
- Tiny homes
- Recovery housing
- License-exempt room and board

INTERIM SETTINGS:

- Single room occupancy (SRO) units
- Tiny homes
- Hotels/motels when serving as the Member's primary residence
- Interim settings with a small number of individuals per room (not large dormitory sleeping halls)
- Transitional and recovery housing with no lease agreement, including:
- Bridge, site-based, population-specific, and community living programs that may or may not offer supportive services and programming
- License-exempt room and board
- Peer respite



SERVICE ALIGNMENT

ECM & CS

ENHANCED CARE MANAGEMENT (ECM): Most Transitional Rent members have complex health and social service needs. ECM provides the "boots-on-the-ground" support to ensure these members are connected with the services and supports necessary to help them sustain their housing and improve their health outcomes.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS HOUSING TRIO: Transitional Rent complements the Housing Trio of Community Supports.

- **Housing Transition Navigation Services:** Help finding and securing a home.
- **Housing Deposits:** One-time assistance for security deposits.
- **Housing Tenancy and Sustaining Services:** Support to help individuals remain in their housing

Eligible high-need Medi-Cal beneficiaries enrolled in Health Plan of San Joaquin or Kaiser Permanente Managed Care Plans may be eligible for up to 6 months of Transitional Rent (TR) if they meet the following criteria:

MEET CLINICAL RISK FACTORS

- Meet the access criteria for Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS),

OR

- Meet the access criteria for Drug Medi-Cal (DMC),

OR

- Meet the access criteria for Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery Systems (DMC-ODS)

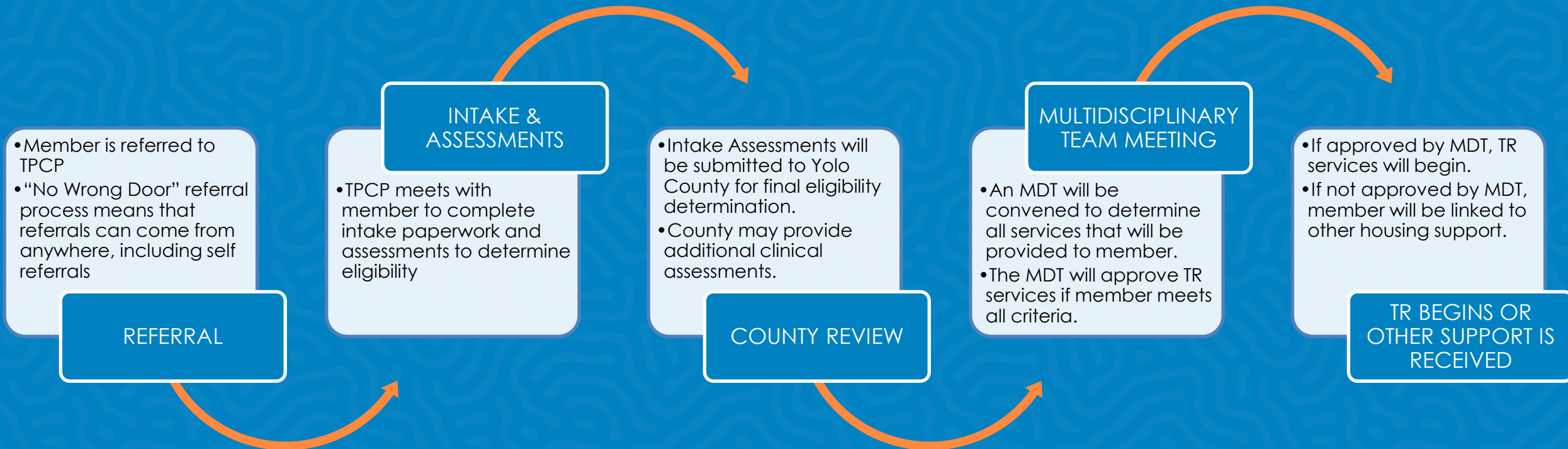
EXPERIENCING OR AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS

- As defined by US Dept of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) current definition as codified at 24 CFF part 91.5, with certain modification

MEET CRITERIA FOR SPECIFIED "TRANSITIONING POPULATIONS"

- Transitioning out of an institution or congregate residential setting, or
- Transitioning out of a carceral setting, or
- Transitioning out of interim setting, or
- Transitioning out of recuperative care or short-term post-hospitalization housing, or
- Transitioning out of foster care, or
- Unsheltered homeless, or
- Eligible for Full-Service Partnership

ENROLLMENT PROCESS



THANK YOU

Transitional Rent is a new service in California so the enrollment process may change over time as new guidelines are received from DHCS and as lessons are learned. We welcome your feedback and appreciate your patience and partnership.

Casey Armstrong, Director of ECM & CS

Turning Point Community Programs

ECM & Community Supports

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Agenda Item IV (c.) – Informational Items

Community Report on Homelessness

Guest presenter: Brad Hawn

Agenda Item V (a.) – Shelter Updates

Sierra House Day Center Update

***Guest presenter:** Julia Hernandez, Sierra House Enterprise RESTART Facilitator,
Cambridge Academies*

SIERRA HOUSE

ENTERPRISE RESTART PROGRAM



2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Sierra House

RESTART Program:

- 6 month life transformation program
- Daily coaching classes
- Developing self-control, healthier mindsets, and life and job skills
- Goals of becoming self-sufficient



Sierra House

Day Use Facility:

- Open Mon-Fri weekly
- Showers
- Meals
- Hygiene products
- Clothing
- Connection to outside organizations/ services/resources

2025 OVERVIEW

In **2025**, our day center provided:

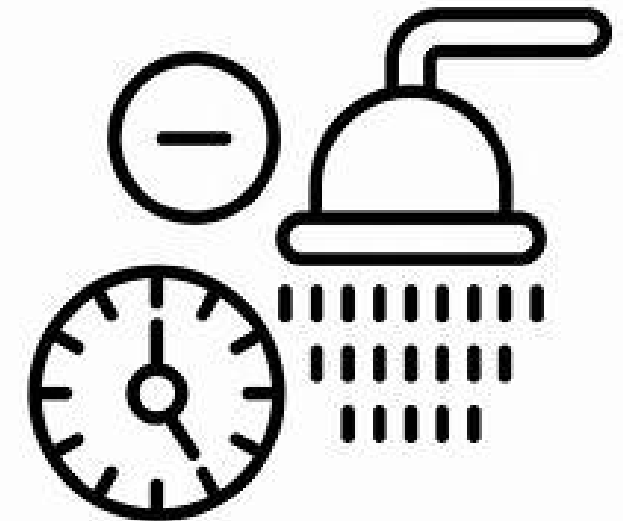
- **1,968** showers
- **2,528** meals

Of the **1,968** showers provided:

- **1,121** were men
- **857** were women

New Clients Served:

- **63** new individuals, **58** of whom were experiencing unsheltered homelessness



COHORTS 1 & 2

In **2025**, 2 cohorts completed the RESTART Program:

- **7** graduates
- **6** employed
- **6** transitioned into stable housing

Cohort 1

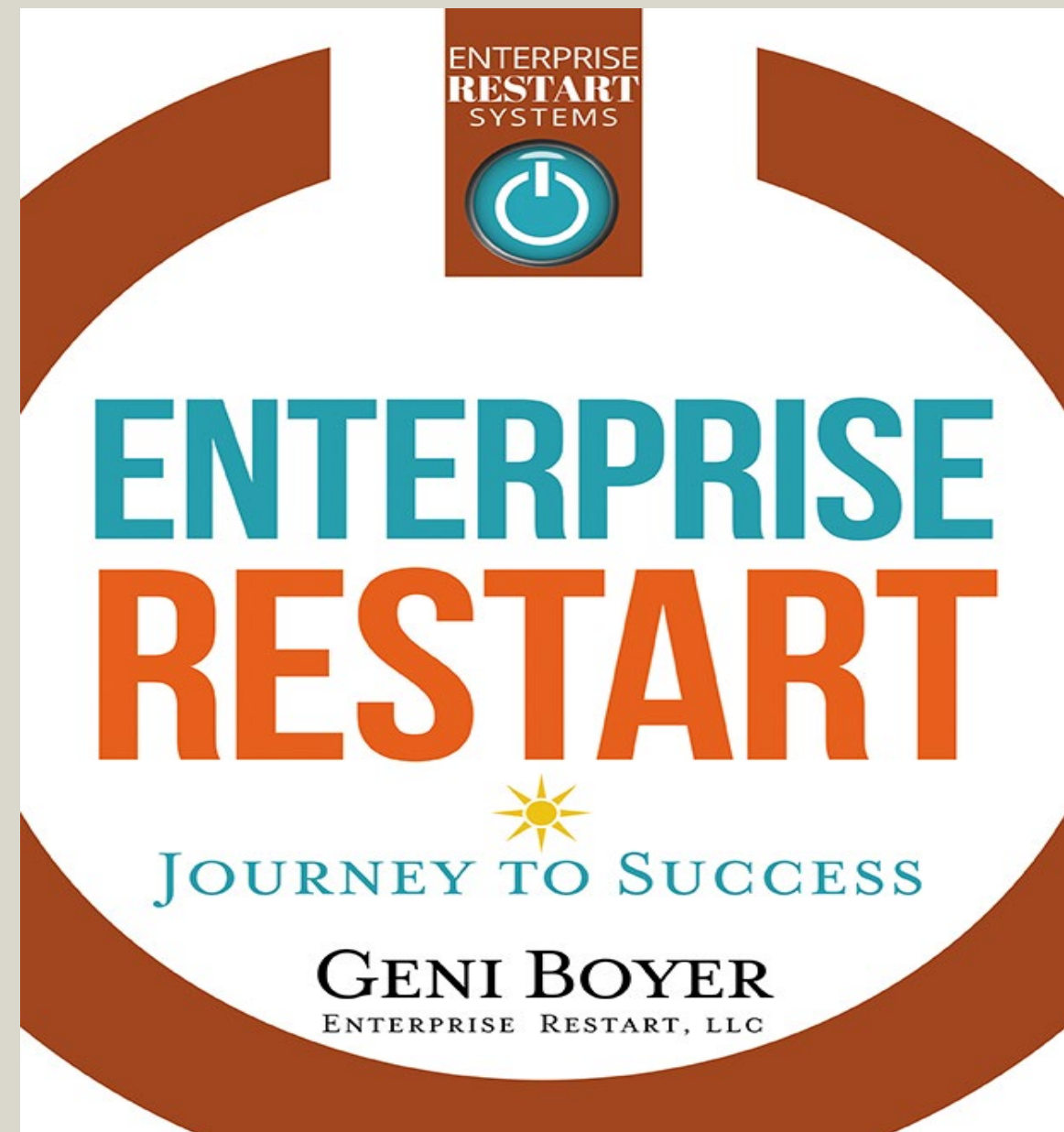
(11/2024-07/2025):

- **3** graduates
- **3** employed
- **3** in stable housing

Cohort 2

(08/2025-04/2026):

- **4** graduates
- **3** employed
- **3** in stable housing

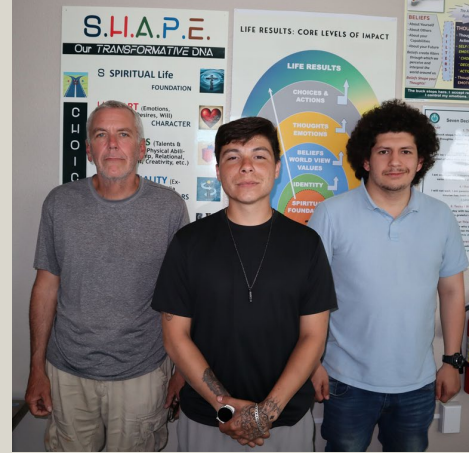


INDIVIDUAL OUTCOMES (COHORT 1)



Participant DH:

Graduated and secured employment at Sierra House as our day-use facility manager. He has done an excellent job in this position and takes pride in serving those in need.



Participant JM:

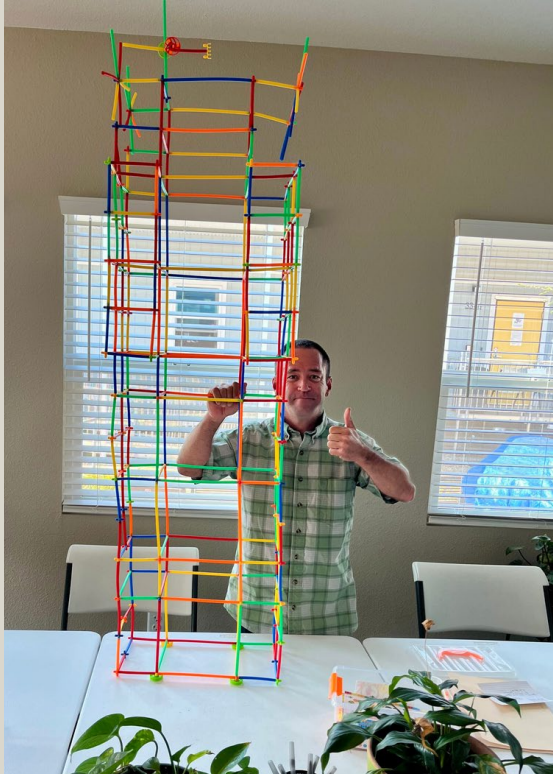
Graduated the program and also with his GED, and secured a vehicle, a job, and a place to live in New Mexico.



Participant SD:

Graduated and secured a part-time job and housing.

INDIVIDUAL OUTCOMES (COHORT 2)



Participant DC:

Graduated and secured employment in Modesto. Worked on solving legal issues and studied for and completed a course and training to become a peer support person.

Participant ZP:

Graduated and secured employment locally, moved into an apartment in Modesto with a friend after working hard and saving money. He grew substantially in mindset and maturity, including reconciling with his family.

Participant KA:

Graduated and secured employment as a long-haul trucker and is now residing out of state, traveling across the country in his red Kenworth truck. He learned to open up and address health concerns, which enabled him to secure full-time employment.

Participant JT:

Graduated and entered directly into a drug rehab facility to continue working on transforming his life.





ZP Testimonial

Graduate of Cohort 2



THE FUTURE OF COHORT 3

4 participants began the program on March 30th, 2026

Cohort 3 Focus:

- Community Engagement
- Mindset Development
- GED Education
- Living Sober Lives
- Healthy Habits
- Life transformation



THANK YOU, CITY OF RIVERBANK,
AND OUR LOCAL PARTNERS!



**Oakdale Shelter
Pet Alliance**



We are stronger **together!**



**Kaiser Permanente
- Modesto**

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT



IN THE CITY OF ACTION!

Agenda Item V – General Membership Announcements





Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 9, 2026

If you have any questions or comments, please contact CSA-SHA_Email@stancounty.com