

Johnson County Homeless Service Center

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ending homelessness.



Johnson County Homeless Services Center History and Vision

- 2021-UCS Housing Study, identified “unseen homelessness” as a housing challenge
- July 2023-Study and Report from The Dignity Project recommending 50 Bed Non-Congregate Shelter and Transitional Housing for Adults
- Late 2023, RFP Issued; Selection Committee of 16 selected; UCS ran the RFP process
- April 2024 reStart unanimously selected as the provider, owner, operator
- May 2024: Study Session with BOCC

Homelessness in Johnson County



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2024 PIT Snapshot

ON JANUARY 24TH

250

people in Johnson County were experiencing homelessness

TRANSITIONAL



10.5%

UNSHELTERED



23%

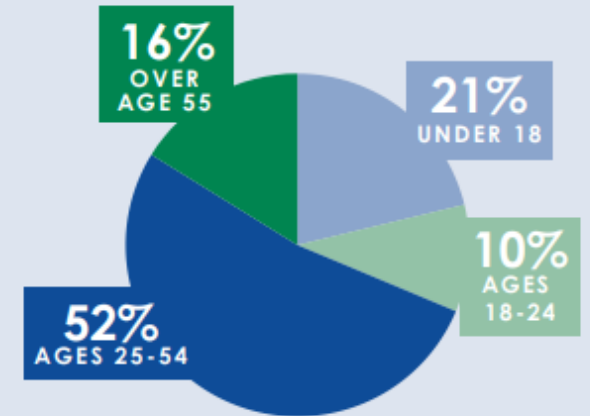
SHELTER



66.5%

**percent of those counted on January 24th

PIT COUNT BY AGE



85%
OF HOUSEHOLDS
COUNTED WERE
ADULTS-ONLY

Who is reStart?

Mission

To empower all people facing or experiencing homelessness by providing housing services that inspire hope.

- Established in 1980
- Serve over 1,400 people per year
- 80 Employees
- Work in Jackson, Wyandotte and Johnson Counties
- **90% of people exit out of homelessness and into safe, stable housing**

reStart Programs

▪ Youth

- ✓ Interim Housing (12-17yr) 30 days
- ✓ Transitional Living (16-21yr) 12-18 mo
- ✓ Maternity Group Home (16-21yr) 12-18 mo
- ✓ Street Outreach (12-21yr)
- ✓ Older Youth (18-19yr) 90-120 day
- ✓ Rapid Re-Housing Program (18-24 yr) 24 mo
- ✓ reTreats Employment Program

▪ Veterans

- ✓ Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)
 - Rapid Re-housing and Support
- ✓ Homeless Veteran Rehabilitation Program (HVRP)-Employment

▪ Families

- ✓ Family Interim Housing- 90-120 days
 - Partnership with Avenue of Life and KCPS
- ✓ Prevention
- ✓ Permanent Housing
 - Housing Counts
 - Rosehill Townhomes
 - Linwood Gardens

▪ Adults

- ✓ Street Outreach
- ✓ Outreach Interim Housing
- ✓ Next Step-Partnership with ReDiscover
- ✓ Special Populations
 - Transitional Living Program-24 mo

How Will People Come Into HSC?

Coordinated Entry/Referral System

How does Coordinated Entry Work?

1. Anyone experiencing homelessness starts with an assessment and resource connection at one of 4 HUBS in JoCo:
 - Catholic Charities of NE KS, Overland Park
 - Catholic Charities of NE KS, Olathe
 - Johnson County Mental Health, Shawnee
 - Salvation Army, Olathe
2. Households assessed and diverted, if possible
3. If shelter still needed, placed on the **By Name List**
4. When housing units they qualify for become available, household referred to provider
 - **HSC will operate as a referral-based provider**



Homeless Services Center (HSC)

Key Features and Services

The Lodge

- 50 individual rooms w/private bathroom
- Non-congregate shelter, no shared rooms
 - 30-90 day stay
 - Referred to shelter, enter program
 - No requirement to leave daily (no line ups, no waiting, no walk ups)
 - Laundry and food provided
 - Security: only people enrolled in program allowed on-site
 - Case management and wrap around services available
 - Johnson County Mental Health Clinician/Outreach Workers

The Residences

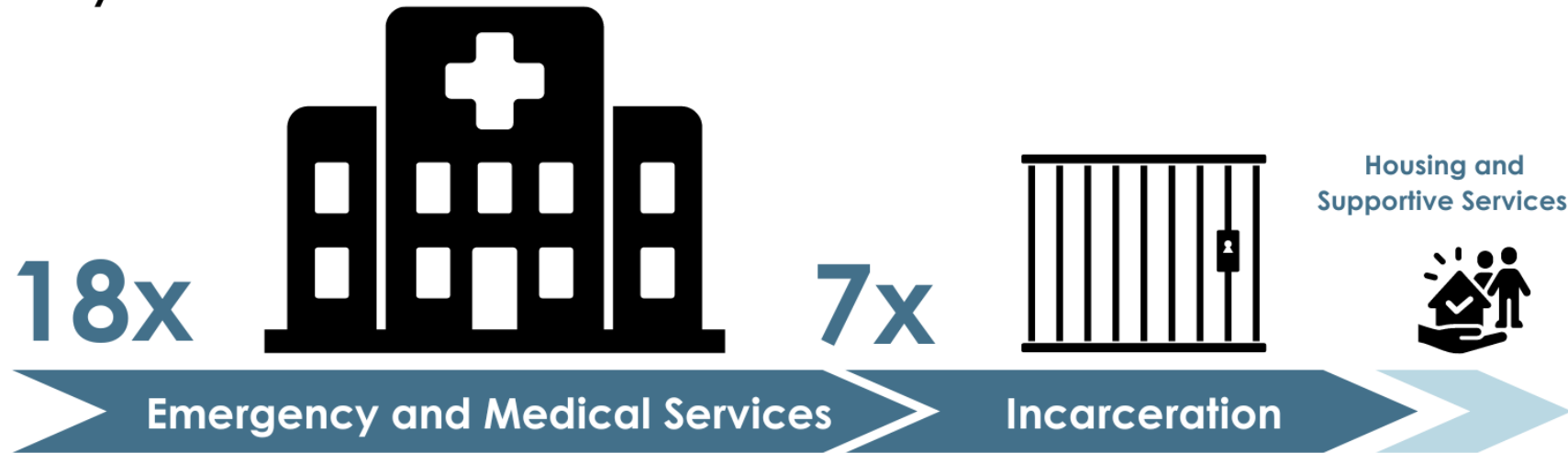
- 25 studio apartments for transitional living with supportive services
 - Supportive housing for low-income adults.
 - Referrals from The Lodge
 - “Next step” housing when person ready for more independence, can still benefit from on-site services
 - Voucher-based housing (residents pay 30% of income for rent)
 - Case management and wrap around services available on-site
 - Generates revenue for HSC

Community Benefits

Providing housing and supportive services is the least costly option to meet the needs of the unhoused.

A 2023 study published by the New York City Comptroller found that the daily cost of ambulance and hospital services was 18x more expensive than providing housing and supportive services while the daily cost of law enforcement and incarceration was 7x more expensive than providing housing and supportive services [1].

Daily Cost of Interventions



[1] https://comptroller.nyc.gov/reports/housing-first/#_ftn4

Public Private Partnership

Public-private partnerships (PPPs) can significantly enhance the sustainability of non-profits by leveraging the strengths and resources of both the public and private sectors.

- Provides Diversification of Revenue
- Resource Sharing
- Enhance Capacity
- Increased Visibility
- Stronger Advocacy
- Operational Efficiency
- Long Term Impact

reStart 70%

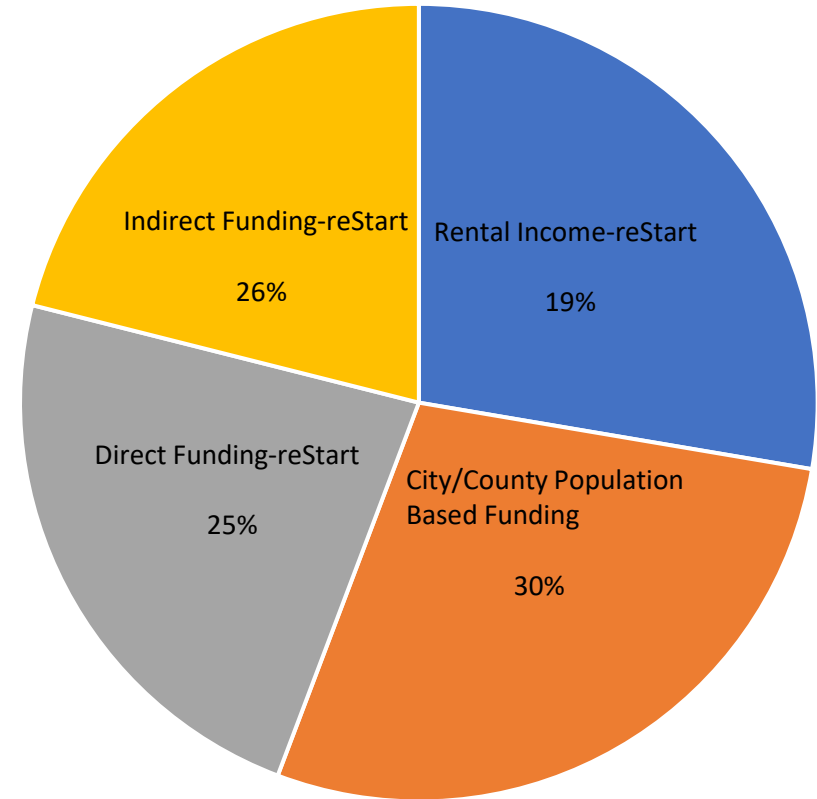
City/County Contribution 30%

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HSC Revenue Sources



■ Rental Income-reStart

■ City/County Population Based Funding

■ Direct-Indiv, Foundation, Faith Based, Corporate-reStart

■ In-Direct-Grants-reStart

Homeless Services Center

Where Are We Now?



Questions?

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Current Resources for Johnson County Community

Street Outreach

- Street outreach teams identify and engage with people who are unhoused to:
 - ✓ Build trust/relationships
 - ✓ Assess needs and barriers
 - ✓ Connect them to services
 - Homeless Services Center is one resource, could be others
- reStart has one street outreach worker in Johnson County
- Johnson County Mental Health has two street outreach case managers
 - ✓ Creation of additional community resources underway

Co-Responders and Mobile Crisis

- The Mental Health Co-Responder Program embeds a mental health clinician from Johnson County Mental Health Center (JCMHC) within police departments within Johnson County.
- The goal of the program is to provide the right intervention at the right time in an effort to prevent unnecessary arrests, decrease trips to the emergency rooms and reduce repeat calls for service for our law enforcement partners.
- The Co-Responder's primary responsibility is to respond on scene with a law enforcement officer on calls when behavioral health is identified as a possible contributing factor.

Next Steps

Project Milestones

- Board of County Commissioners - Assignment Agreement & construction funding
 - ✓ July 25th
- Apply for Special Use Permit from Lenexa
 - ✓ Application submitted July 22nd
 - ✓ Planning Commission Aug 26th
 - ✓ City Council Sep 17th
- Operations funding commitment requested
 - ✓ From cities Aug 20th
 - ✓ BOCC Aug 22nd
- reStart meeting with local funders
- Closing on building end of October
- Renovations
 - ✓ Nov 2024-Aug 2025
- Opening Sept/Oct 2025
 - ✓ Contingent on final renovation schedule, supplies

Community Engagement

- Sessions for nearby neighbors and businesses July 24-29th
- Lenexa Planning Commission public hearing Aug 26th
- All-Community meetings planned for August 21st and 22nd
 - ✓ Open to anyone interested in learning more about HSC