

A Sustainable Approach to Statistics Keeping Families Housed 🐴 Jamboree Joyce Paraico

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Introduction

Jamboree Housing Corporations seeks to deliver high quality affordable housing and services that transform lives and strengthen communities throughout California. As Orange County's largest developer of supportive housing, Jamboree fosters strong, health sustainable communities of every individual and family who experience homelessness. For over 30 years, Jamboree prides itself in providing more than a shelter, by providing more affordable housing through integrity, accountability and respect for the community. Jamboree Housing has partnered with housing developers, cities, lenders and contractors in an equitable manner. This ripple effect of equity has improved individual's overall quality of life. A new wave of opportunity has given every resident at Jamboree the opportunity to live in a strong, healthy and sustainable community.

What is Permanent Supportive Housing?

"Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) combines affordable housing with voluntary supportive services (i.e. case management, physical, and mental health services, substance abuse treatment services) to address the needs of chronically homeless individuals" (Raven et al., 2020). Housing plays as an essential platform for human and community development. Stable housing is the foundation on which stable lives are built. Jamboree Housing Corporation has created more than just housing as a shelter but also safe, nurturing, and cohesive community with responsive on-site residential services. Their Permanent Supportive Housing program seeks to foster strong, health sustainable communities of every individual of all ages. Jamboree seeks to provide measurable outcomes based on Social Determinants of Health (SDOH).





Summary of the Need

Research shows the severity of homelessness nationwide as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) estimated that 610,042 people were homeless on a single night in January 2013 (Benson, 2015). Similarly, there are barriers face are incessant. Chronic homelessness is tied to an increase of morbidity, mortality, and victimization. Studies have shown that homeless individuals with a diagnosis of concurrent mental and substance use disorders have more frequent use of emergency department and inpatient hospital services. "The rate of mental health illness in the homeless population is higher than that in the general population" (Benson, 2015). PSH is targeted to those who face the most complex challenges of homelessness, low-income, or diverse disabilities. Considering this, part of the cost of supportive housing may be offset by relieving the cost burden of homeless adults with disability on public health systems of care.

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Project Overview

- Acquire an understanding of urban health planning assist with PSH program implementation and evaluation
- Review and update PSH program model and theory of change
 - Literature review on various state and nationwide policies and procedures for PSH methods
- Assist in drafting models for PSH and services
- Assist with drafting a yearly calendar of events Assess effectiveness of program model by review
- data outcomes
- Ouality of Life Survey
- Update performance metrics
- Present data outcomes for program
 - Run data outcomes for quantitative and gualitative data
 - Provide a one page handout of recommended delivery of outcomes

Recommended Practices and Approaches

Annual review of PSH program models and performance metrics

Identify areas of improvement

Create a standardize procedure for future assessments

Report findings, share the results with shareholders and lamboree residents

Conclusions

Recommended Practices and Approaches to effectively evaluating Jamboree's Permanent Supportive Housing program will be implemented in setting the foundation for future assessments. This includes an annual review of performance metrics as well as standardizing the question format to better address improvement of residents Social Determinants of Health.



