

## STRATEGIES TO END HOMELESSNESS

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### Shelter Diversion in Cincinnati

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## Overview




- Homelessness in Cincinnati
- Shelter Diversion Theory
  - Eligible vs. Priority
- Shelter Diversion Program

Overview

- New(ish) Initiatives

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## Homelessness in Cincinnati/Hamilton County

**On the night of January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019...**


*Sheltered:*



865 people slept in Emergency Shelters  
155 people slept in Transitional Housing  
15 people slept in Safe Haven beds

*Unsheltered:*

31 people slept in a place  
not meant for human habitation



**In 2018...7,036 people experienced homelessness**

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**POLL:**

**Does your Diversion program have Rental Assistance funding attached?**

a. Yes, we have a dedicated source of funding with Rental Assistance attached

b. No, we have a services only program with no Rental Assistance attached

c. We don't have a Diversion program in our community (yet!)

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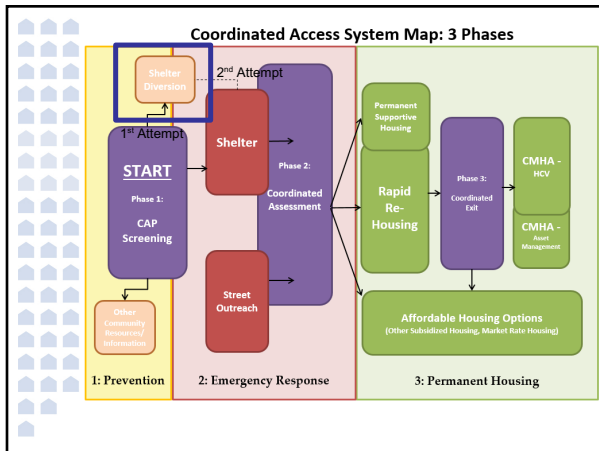
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**Shelter Diversion Eligibility**

Homelessness Prevention Minimum Eligibility	
Household must meet all of the following criteria:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	At imminent risk of homelessness:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Losing primary nighttime residence within 21 days
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No subsequent residence identified
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lacks financial resources/support networks needed to obtain other housing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Income below 30% AMI
<input type="checkbox"/>	Currently living in Hamilton County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Must have place to stay while working with program to secure other housing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is willing to participate in case management

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## Shelter Diversion Targeted Prioritization

**A. Household Income** (Check ONE that applies to the household.)

☐ No Income.....

☐ Income at or below 15% AMI.....

Chart is income per month

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
25% of AMI	\$685	\$783	\$881	\$979	\$1,058	\$1,138	\$1,215	\$1,294

SCORE

**B. Re-Housing Challenge Factors** (check all that apply to any adult household member.)

☐ Eviction in last five years.....

☐ Convictions likely to impact housing (drug, sex crime, arson, etc).....

SCORE

**C. High Risk of Homelessness Factors** (check all that apply to any adult household member.)

☐ Have stayed/slept in two or more places in last 30 days.....

☐ Have not been employed in last 6 months or are currently receiving SSDI/SSI for self or minor child.....

☐ Have children under two years of age and/or pregnant.....

☐ No high school diploma/ GED.....

☐ Have 4 or more total household members.....

☐ Head of household is age 24 or under.....

SCORE

**C. Eligibility Determination**

☐ Approved: score of \_\_\_\_\_ points or more

☐ Not Approved

Staff Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Override Approval** I approve override for this household. Justification is attached.

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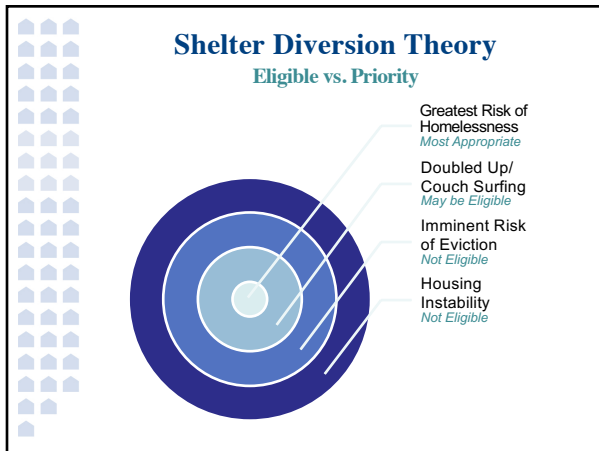
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## Cincinnati Shelter Diversion Program Model

- Housing Search (30 day max)
  - Employ FT Housing Specialist
- Wrap-around Case Management
  - Housing First
  - Focused on increasing income, connection to mainstream benefits
- Rental Assistance (up to 6 months)



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Interfaith Hospitality Network  
of Greater Cincinnati  
The Community's Interfaith  
Response to Family Homelessness



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## Cincinnati Shelter Diversion

### Funding Sources

- 2 Full Time Case Managers
- Rental Assistance
- One-time moving costs
- Utility assistance
  - Current and Arrears




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## Cincinnati Shelter Diversion

### Program Outcomes

Metric	2018 Outcome
# of Households Served	225
# of Youth served	69
Exits to Permanent Housing	88.9%
Increased Income	78.4%

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