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COMMON TERMS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), affordable housing is generally thought of as housing for which an individual or family is paying no less than 30% of their income for housing costs, including utilities.

CONTINUUM OF CARE

A system that guides and track patients through time over an array of services.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Violent or aggressive behavior within the home.

EMERGENCY SHELTER

Any facility that provides a temporary place to live for those experiencing homelessness. Does not involve a lease or rental agreement.

FAMILY HOUSING HUB

Through the Family Housing Hub (FHH), families are screened for shelter and placed on the service priority list.

HOUSING INVENTORY COUNT

An annual report that gives a snapshot of housing available to people experiencing homelessness and of those in permanent supportive housing. Administered through HUD (the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.)

HOMELESS

An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence. It includes people living in place not intended not meant to be housing – a car, for example. (HUD)

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Illegally transporting people from one area to another (or one country to another), typically for the purpose of forced labor or sexual exploitation.



PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Permanent supportive housing (PSH) provides long-term rental assistance and supportive services to homeless individuals and families with chronic illnesses, disabilities, mental health issues, or substance use disorders.

PIT (POINT IN TIME) COUNTS

A PIT Count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons, conducted on a single night every January. *(View the most recent PIT counts available for Maricopa County.)*

RAPID RE-HOUSING

Rapid Re-housing is a concept in use nationwide. It provides short-term rental assistance and services intended to help people obtain housing quickly, increase self-sufficiency and remain housed.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

A social enterprise is a business that makes money, but uses its profit to make the community a better place.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Transition housing is a means for moving people experiencing homelessness from shelter to permanent, affordable long-term housing.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Typically, an effort to enhance economic stability within a particular region. It has at least two components: helping people acquire job skills or other training; and matching skills to employer demand.

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